

# PRAYING FOR YOUR MISSIONARY

*You play a vital role in your missionary's life and ministry through your prayers. In order to pray on target, here are two suggestions:*

- *Write your missionary and ask to receive his or her regular prayer letters. These will give you current items for prayer.*
- *Use the following guidelines. These will add depth to your prayers.*

1. Pattern your praying after biblical examples Use these passages to inform and stimulate your prayers: Eph 1:15-19, 3:14-21, 6:18-20 Phil 1:9-11 Col 1:9-14, 4:2-4 2 Thes 3:1-2 1 Tim 2:1-4
2. Many of your missionaries' needs will be much like your own. Think of areas in which you'd like prayer, and pray accordingly for your missionary.
3. Pray for your missionaries' family — for their health and for family harmony.
4. Pray for your missionaries' children — that they would follow the Lord wholeheartedly.
5. Pray that your missionaries would learn the language well and adapt willingly to their host culture. Ask God to give them loving relationships with nationals and fellow missionaries. Pray that they would develop a genuine appreciation and love for people of their host culture.
6. Pray for your missionaries' spiritual health:  
— that God would help them to live and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit, and  
— that they would become more and more like Christ. Ask God to develop the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.
7. Ask God to help them persevere. Pray that they would be faithful in basic spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, worship and witness.
8. Pray that God would give them opportunities to share the gospel, and that they would be faithful, bold and tactful in doing so.
9. Ask God to encourage them — to refresh them emotionally and spiritually, and to stimulate them toward greater godliness.

