How to pray for a Missionary

1 Corinthians 16:9

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

There are MANY ADVERSARIES to any opened door to the Lords work...

James 5:16-18

- 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The <u>effectual</u> fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
- 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

We often talk of fervent prayer as we should...but × effectual prayer is needful as much...

Sensible targeted specific prayer...

How to pray for a missionary

Pray he gets a good night's sleep

Pray God will lead him to people ... Divine appointments

Pray for his language ability

Pray his marriage will be preserved

Pray for his families health

Pray God would enlarge the light and expel the darkness around the missionaries work, and church

Pray for his patience and endurance. That when he goes down, he will not go out.

Pray for God to protect him against those who conspire to hurt him

Pray God will preserve him in travelling (often dangerous on the field)

Pray he will have some or one good friend somewhere on the field. We all need friends.

How to pray for saved nationals

Pray that they will not go back (persecution, family disapproval, leaving their national religion all affect them)

Pray when culture clashes with God they will learn Gods ways

Pray they will be patient and understanding in working with their missionary (His ways can frustrate them)

Pray that they will be able to understand their Bible

Pray that they will have wisdom and boldness in reaching their own people.

Pray that they will have a job or be able to get income from somewhere. (Helps them, the church, the missionary)

Pray that they can meet good partners and have good marriages

Pray that they will be faithful to church services. (they are often not used to regular scheduled meetings)

Pray that they will be able to reach their families (very important for them)