



Praying For Those Left Behind

Missionaries do make sacrifices to pursue God's call. Yet, the families of missionaries make sacrifices also. Their sacrifice is often silent and painful. For this reason, they need the prayer covering of believers.

The following prayer guide can be used to aid you in praying for missionaries' families. You can use these Scripture prayers or develop your own from them. Also, pray about the particular needs of missionaries' families. You can powerfully intercede for them by combining Scripture prayers and intercession for particular needs.

Lord of the harvest, You called and have sent _____ to the mission field. I pray that You would give _____'s family understanding and strength to accept and rejoice in this call and their labors. I pray that _____'s family would offer them full support and encouragement (Matthew 9:38).

Father, I pray that You would grant _____'s family a peace that passes understanding about their call and service for you on the mission field. Let this peace protect them from anxiety and worry (Philippians 4:7).

Lord, I pray that You would give _____'s family a spirit of prayer for them. Cause _____'s family to pray and not give in to worry or fear (Colossians 4:2; Philippians 4:6).

Father, I pray that You would grant good health to _____'s family. Protect _____ from worry and anxiety concerning their health (Exodus 15:26).

God, I plead that You would raise up friends for _____'s that will help fill the void in their lives. I ask that these friends will be faithful, concerned, and prayerful. Let these friends minister encouragement and hope to _____'s family (Proverbs 17:17).

Father, I ask You to envelope _____'s family in Your love. Grant them a special sense of Your unconditional love for them (John 3:16, 1 John 4:8).

Lord, I ask that You would meet all the needs of _____'s family according to Your glorious riches and power. Whatever their needs are, pour out on them Your abundance and meet their needs. Deliver _____ from worrying about the needs of their family (Philippians 4:19).

Father, I pray that You would protect _____'s family from the attacks of Satan. Deliver them from his evil plans (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Father, I plead that You would grant _____'s family a hunger for Yourself and Your will. Let them thirst for You as the deer does the streams of water. Grant them a longing to know You and to seek You (Psalm 42:1-2).

God, I ask that _____'s family would cast all their cares on You because You care about them (1 Peter 5:7).

Father, You are the God of hope. As the God of hope, I plead that You will fill _____'s family with hope concerning their call and labors on the mission field (Romans 15:13).

Lord, I plead that You will grant _____'s family a servant's heart. Let them minister to others out of what You teach them through their experiences (Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Father, grant _____'s family a special sense of Your faithfulness. Cause them to know that Your compassion does not fail. Let them understand in fresh and profound ways that Your mercies are fresh and new every morning. Help them to know that they can entrust _____ and their labors on the field into Your faithful and powerful heart (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Father, I pray that You would meet the spiritual needs of _____'s family. You know their needs and I ask You to do whatever needs to be done in their lives. If they need salvation, bring them into a relationship with Your Son. If they know You, I plead that You would draw them into a more intimate relationship with Yourself (John 3:16; Psalm 42:1-2).