



Global Point Men

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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Hand Praying

Have you ever considered using your hand to help you pray for missionaries? You can use your hand to know how to pray for those working to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission among those yet unreached. Your fingers can serve as memory aids when you pray for missions. Here's how those fingers become prayer points:

Thumb

Since your thumb is nearest to you, ask God to help them with what is burdening their hearts – with what is closest to their heart. Pray that God will meet the greatest needs of the missionaries. Intercede especially for their families on the field and the ones who are at home.

Your Index Or Pointing Finger

Let your "pointing finger" remind you to

pray for missionaries who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and evangelists. They need support and wisdom for pointing others in the right direction. Call on God to blessing their preaching and teaching.

Your Middle Finger

Our middle finger is our tallest finger. It stands high and firm above the rest. Pray that God will enable missionaries to stand firm in the midst of their work. Call on God to empower them to be faithful no matter what they have to face. Plead that they will be steadfast, immovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Your Ring Finger

Surprisingly, the ring finger is our

weakest finger (as any piano teacher will testify). This weak finger reminds us to pray for those missionaries who are discouraged, in trouble, or in pain. Pray that God will strengthen them and bless them with what they need in their

struggles. Plead that His power will be seen through their weakness.

Your Little Finger

Our little finger is the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place our individual wants and desires in relation to world evangelism needs. The Bible

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says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for the people of the world who have the greatest need to find Jesus. Pray that they will open their eyes and see Him. Ask God to make you a vessel in bringing many people to Jesus. Plead that you will decrease and that Christ will increase in your life.

“If you take missions out of the Bible, you won’t have anything left but the

Praying Against Satan’s Work In Your Area

Satan is real and at work in your area. As a believer, you can stand against this work and advance God’s kingdom through prayer. The Word of God reveals to us many of Satan’s deceptive and destructive actions. God reveals these things that we might not

be ignorant of his work and that we might pray against them. The following prayer guide can help you pray against his work in your area:

Satan wants to ruin believers (Luke 21:31-32; 1 John 5:18).

Father, protect the believers in this area from all the snares and traps of the enemy. Defend them from all his attacks.

Satan desires to hinder God’s work (1 Thessalonians 2:18).

Father, remove all the obstacles that Satan is using to hinder Your work in this area. Take these away that Your will and work would flourish in this area.

He murders (John 8:44).

Father, I plead that You will bind Satan’s murderous plans for this area. He wants to destroy life now and for all eternity. I pray that the people here will experience safety and eternal life.

He conquers (Acts 10:38).

Father, I ask You to deliver and heal all those who are under the power of the devil. I pray for You to set free all those who are in bondage. Send forth Your Word and power in this area and set the captives free.

He intends to establish his own kingdom (Matthew 12:25-27).

Father, by Your Word and power, destroy Satan's kingdom in this area. Dismantle and demolish everything that He has built and established in this area. Build up Your kingdom throughout this area.

He wants to destroy pastors (1 Timothy 3:7).

Father, I pray that You will strengthen and protect every pastor in this area. Thwart and destroy all the plans he has for discouraging and defeating the pastors in this area. Set the pastors in this area free from the bondage that evil one has placed in their lives.

He stalks (1 Peter 5:8).

Father, I plead that every believer in this area will be sober and diligent. Cause them to know that they have an enemy

that is stalking them and seeking to devour them. Grant them victory in the daily battles of their life.

He tempts (Mark 1:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 3:5).

Father, empower the believers in this area to say "No!" to Satan's temptations. Help them to fight against the evil inclinations that they find in themselves. Grant them the power to pursue holiness of life.

He steals the Word (Matthew 13:9).

Father, bind the work of the enemy in the lives of unbelievers throughout this area. I ask that the Word will penetrate their lives and bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ. Open peoples' hearts that they might receive the truth and be saved.

He deceives (Acts 13:10).

Father, I ask in Jesus' name that Your truth will fill this area. I ask that Your truth will expose all the lies of the evil one. I plead that the people of this area will hear and believe Your truth.

He afflicts (Luke 13:16).

Father, I ask You to heal everyone who is afflicted by the evil one. I pray for You to unleash Your power into their lives and set them free from his painful and pernicious work.

He lies (John 8:44).

Father, I pray that the people in this area will believe the truth. Deliver them from being ensnared by any lies of the enemy. Fill the lives of the people here with the truth of Your Word.

The Global God

Our God is concerned about all the nations. He has a heart for all the peoples of the world. He desires that His Word be proclaimed in all nations.

The Word of God is clear: God wants to make His glory and salvation known to all the peoples of the earth. This is His heart's desire and passion. If we love Him and desire to glorify Him, it should be our passion to pray for the nations of the world.

Listen to the testimony of God's Word. Take time to read these verses. Meditate on them let God speak to you; ask Him to create His heart in you. As

you read and meditate on these verses, ask yourself the following questions:

- What does this teach me about God?
- How should I worship Him on the basis of this truth?
- What is God calling on me to do with this truth?

“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD's and He rules over the nations” (**Psalm 22:27-28**).

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” (**Psalm 46:10**).

Insights:

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:13).

Insights:

“God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your

salvation among all nations” (Psalm 67:1-2).

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Praying Psalm 19 For A Nation

Psalm 19 teaches that God reveals Himself to sinful mankind. Man is under the darkness of sin. Yet, God has shined the light of His glory and greatness into this darkness. God has determined to make Himself and His will known to mankind. In this psalm, we see that God desires to reveal Himself to all the peoples of the earth. You can use this psalm to guide you in your praying for the nations. As you pray **Psalm 19**, you might consider using the following prayer pointers:

- *Pray that the people will pay attention to and respond to God's*

revelation (19:1-5). In these verses, God's declares that He is revealing Himself all over the world day and night. Plead that the people will take heed to this revelation and respond with belief. Ask God to do whatever He must to gain the attention of the people of a nation. In those nations that are bound by unbelief and false religion, plead that He will use whatever means possible—creation, dreams, and miracles—to speak to the people.

- *Plead that the Word would fill the nation and do its work among the people (19:7-9).*

-Restore the people to God (v.7)

-Making the wise simple (v.7)

-Rejoicing the heart of the people (v.8)

-Opening the eyes of the people to God and His will (v.8)

-Provide hope and stability to the people (v.9)

-Show the people how to please God (v.9)

- *Ask that the people will desire God's Word more than any thing in this world (19:10).*
- *Pray that the people will hear the Word and repent of evil; ask that they will experience freedom from sin through the Word (19:11-13).*
- *Plead that the people of the nation will obey the Word and live a life pleasing to God (19:14).*

“God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him.” Hudson Taylor

Dealing With Opposition To The Gospel

Acts 13:44-52

This text of Scripture reveals that the gospel will receive opposition. When you attempt to share your faith, you will have to deal with others who want to hinder you. They will seek to stop you from faithfully telling others about Christ. Read and meditate on this text. Ask God to teach you how to deal

with opposition. How can you deal with opposition to the gospel?

The Expectation Of Opposition

The first way to deal with opposition is to expect it. We will have to face this at some point in our lives. There is no way to escape it. Notice two things in this text:

- They rejected the gospel (13:45). The people in this text would not receive the gospel. They would not yield themselves to Christ or the good news of salvation.
- They rebelled against the gospel (13:45). The text tells us that they contradicted the teaching of Paul and Barnabas. They also blasphemed. Those who rejected the gospel rebelled against it. They would not receive it and they did not want anyone else to either (13:50).

Pray that God will prepare your heart to face opposition to the gospel. Plead that He will give you abounding strength. Perhaps you are discouraged

today about sharing your faith because of opposition. Ask God to renew your commitment to Christ and the gospel no matter what.

The Encouragement In The Face of Opposition

Even though Paul and Barnabas faced opposition, one truth encouraged them – the truth of the open door. When one door closes, God opens another. Some people rejected the gospel. Yet, others gladly received it (13:48). By His grace and power, He will save sinners. Some will reject. Some will oppose you. Yet, some will hear and believe. They will gladly receive the message that you have to share.

Ask God to encourage you with this truth. Pray that this truth will anchor you in the midst of your opposition.

The Endurance Through Opposition

How can you stay faithful in the face of opposition? The following are some principles you might want to consider as you deal with opposition to the gospel:

- (1) Commit people to the Lord.
When someone opposes you for

the gospel, commit that person into God's hands. Plead with Him to deal with them and to do a work of grace of their heart. Ask Him to hinder their efforts to

(2) ~~hinder you!~~ Continue to speak boldly. This is exactly what Paul and Barnabas did. They kept on spreading the gospel (13:46). Don't allow the opposition of some keep you from making the

(3) ~~good news of Jesus known.~~ Claim the principle of encouragement (13:48). Trust that God will work through your witness. Cling to the fact that He is the saving God. Believe that people will hear and respond to your presentation of the gospel.

(4) Confess your struggle to the Lord. I have no doubt that Paul and Barnabas confessed their struggle to God – the struggle to stay faithful in the face of opposition. Their faithfulness in the face of opposition testifies to

the power that they received through prayer. Tell God about your struggle. Confess your fear and your frustration. Ask Him to work in you through the opposition.

Ask God to empower you to stay faithful to Christ and the gospel no matter what you face. Plead that you will live a life that Christ can say to you one day, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

World Prayer Plan

May

1-Hungary-The Lost

2-Iceland

3-India-The Church

4-India-Spiritual Warfare

5-India-Mission Efforts

6-India-Bible Translation\Distribution

7-India-Massive Conversions

States of India:

8-Andhra Pradesh; Arunachal Pradesh

9-Assam

10-Bihar; Goa; Gujarat

11-Haryana; Himachal Pradesh

12-Jaamu; Kashmir; Karnatara

13-Kerala; Madhya Pradesh

14-Maharashtra

15-Manipur; Meghalaya

16-Mizoram; Nagaland

17-Orissa; Punjab

18-Rajasthan; Sikkim

19-Tamil Nadu; Tripura

20-Uttar Pradesh

21-West Bengal

22-The Seven Union Territories

23-Indonesia-The Church/Revival

24-Indonesia-Government

25-Indonesia-Lost/Mission Efforts

26-Indonesia-Young People

27-Iran-The Church

28-Iran-The Lost

29-Iraq-The Church

30-Iraq-The Lost

31-Ireland

5-Italy-Spiritual Awakening

6-Jamaica

7-Japan-The Church

8-Japan-The Lost

9-Johnston Island

10-Jordan

11-Kazakhstan-The Church

12-Kazakhstan-Mission Efforts

13-Kenya

14-Kiribait

15-North Korea-The Church

16-North Korea- Open Doors For
Gospel

17-North Korea-The Lost

18-South Korea-The Church

19-South Korea-Continued Revival

20-Kuwait

21-Kyrgystan-The Church

22-Kyrgystan-Mission Efforts

23-Laos

24-Latvia

25-Lebanon

26-Lesotho

27-Liberia

28-Libya

29-Liechtenstein

June

1-Israel-Mission Efforts

2-Israel-Peace

3-Italy-The Church

4-Italy-The Lost

30-Lithuania

Covering The Continents

EURASIA

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Byelarus

Georgia

Kazakhstan

Kyrgystan

Moldova

Russia

Tajikstan

Turkmenistan

Ukraine

Uzbekistan