

# How to Pray for Missionaries and your Pastors

Romans 15:14 And I myself also am **persuaded of you**, my brethren, that ye also are **full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.** 15

Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, **because of the grace that is given to me of God,** 16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be

**acceptable,** being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. 17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

20 Yea, **so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest**

# **I should build upon another man's**

**foundation:** **21** But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. **22** For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. **23** But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; **24** Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, **I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*.** **25** But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. **26** For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. **27** It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. **For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.** **28** When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain. **29** And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the

fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. 30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that **ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;** 31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; 32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. 33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

- Paul fully preached Christ 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**
- Paul wanted to preach where no one else had preached 20 Yea, **so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

- Paul fully expected for God's people to help him keep preaching **24** *Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, **I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.***
- The ministry is give and receive. One gives spiritual things and the other gives carnal things **27** *It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. **For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.***
- Get in the battle through prayer *Romans 15:30* *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye **strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;***
  - Paul asks his brothers in Christ to pray for him

- It wasn't a selfish prayer request but for the cause of Jesus Christ our Lord and because of the love of the Spirit
- They could get really involved if they would pray for him
- Real prayer will be work
- To be disciplined to pray regularly
- To be dedicated enough to know what to pray
- To be interested enough to stay in touch
- To learn and really carry the burden of your laboring brother

1. Pray for protection [Romans 15:31](#) *That I may be **delivered** from **them that do not believe** in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be **accepted** of the saints;* [II Thessalonians 3:1](#) Finally, **brethren, pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: [2](#) And that we may be **delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.**

a. *There* are often great dangers on the mission field

- b. What causes more trouble is that the hatred towards a person is caused by the message and the person that they represent
- c. Satanic attack and oppression is a real thing
- d. Loneliness, isolation, strange customs, language etc will only be part of the enemies arsenal against God's man
- e. We are in a spiritual war [Ephesians 6:10](#) Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord**, and in **the power of his might**. [11](#) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be **able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. [12](#) For we wrestle **not against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. [13](#) Wherefore take unto you the **whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14](#) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15](#) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16](#) Above all, **taking the shield of faith,**

wherewith ye shall be **able to quench all the fiery darts** of the wicked.

2. Pray for an acceptable ministry **Romans 15:31** *That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be **accepted** of the saints;*
  - a. *Just* because you preach the Bible doesn't mean that it can and will get through
  - b. What you are doing needs to be done in a way that is acceptable
  - c. This is cross cultural ministry--it is removing all of the barriers you and your background might cause for the kingdom
  - d. Some missionaries never connect so let's pray that your missionary does and can really enter into their lives
  
3. Pray for success **32** *That I may come unto you **with joy** by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.*
  - a. When the missionary returns from the field pray that he can return with joy

b. Pray that he will know that God has used him and will have great testimonies of God's grace [Acts 14:25](#) **And when they had preached the word** in Perga, they went down into Attalia: [26](#) **And thence sailed to Antioch,** from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. [27](#) **And when they were come,** and had gathered the church together, **they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith** unto the Gentiles. [28](#) **And there they abode long time with the disciples.**

- c. You can be in the battle with all your missionary does
- d. You can stand with him as he preaches and teaches
- e. You can make a difference through prayer and add fruit to your account [Philippians 4:17](#) **Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.**

4. Pray that God will open doors for the gospel

[Colossians 4:3-4](#) *Withal praying also for us, that God would **open unto us a door** of utterance to speak the mystery of*



*Christ, for which I am also in bonds; That I May make it manifest, as **I ought to speak.***

- a. It is God that opens the doors for the preacher to preach
  - b. It is God that causes the people to hear
  - c. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts men of their sin and their need of a Saviour
  - d. Pray that your missionary will know what to say and how to say it
  - e. Crossing cultures makes that harder than ever and it is hard here
5. Pray that the Word of God might have free course and be glorified *II Thessalonians 3:1-2 Finally brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have **free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.***
- a. Satan will do all in His power to stop the spread of the Word of God
    - i. He will cause the missionaries to be afraid
    - ii. He will cause the believers to fear

- iii. He will multiply needs so that the missionary is too busy to do the work of God
- b. We want God to make His Word run unhindered through the people and culture
- c. We want the people to begin to glorify the Word of God with all that is in them.
- d. We want the people to learn and know the Bible truths like we do and practice them even more
- e. Your prayers can help as your missionary goes forward to do just this