

# PRAYER SERVICE

## Praying for our Mission Team

“Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”

“You will not know what prayer is for until you learn that life is war.”

– John Piper

**“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel” (Mark 16:15)**

## MISSION CALL

- ❑ Disciple-Making – “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you’” (John 20:21; cf. Matt 28:18-20).
- ❑ Sacrifice – “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church . . . to make the word of God fully known . . . Him we proclaim” (Col 1:24-29).
- ❑ Accountability – “If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand” (Ezek 33:2-6).

## MISSION PARTNERS

- ❑ Partnership – “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Phil 1:3-5).
- ❑ Encouragement – “I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts” (Col 4:8).

## MISSION TEAM

### *Their Life on the Field*

- ❑ Prayerful – “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Col 4:2).
- ❑ Godly – “Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work” (2 Tim 2:20-21).
- ❑ Humble – “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!” (Ps 34:1-4).

### *Their Teaching in the Field*

- ❑ Opportunity – “pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ” (Col 4:3).
- ❑ Boldness – “Pray ... also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel” (Eph 6:19)

- ❑ Clarity – “Pray also for us . . . to declare the mystery of Christ . . . that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak” (Col 4:4).
- ❑ Deliverance – “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men” (2 Thess 3:1-2).

## MISSION FIELD

- ❑ Openness – “they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11).
- ❑ Faith – “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 4:5-6).
- ❑ Maturity – “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Col 1:28).