



Prayer Propels
us forward.





PRAYING THROUGH *The Core Missionary Task*

*No Place Left:
Local Ownership
of the Core Missionary Task
For Every People and Place*

Entry

TO WHERE:

Pray for an “open door for effective work” in places and among people groups where there is little or no work.

“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 (ESV)

TO WHOM:

Pray for God to open a door of faith to the lost—in my circle of influence, local community, district, state, country and beyond—as He did in the early church.”

“And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.” Acts 14:27 (ESV)

Pray for God to do miraculous works that reveal His glory and lead the lost to believe.

“This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. ... Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.” John 2:11, 23 (ESV)



EV-Gospel Advance

PRAY FOR ALL BELIEVERS TO BE SOWERS WHO:

Abide daily

“And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach 15 and have authority to cast out demons.” Mark 3:14-15 (ESV)

Are sensitive and obedient to the Spirit

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ ... And the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and join this chariot’ ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ... And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.” Acts 8:26-40 (ESV)

Sow as much gospel seed as possible, because it’s urgent!

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 13:47-50 (ESV)

PRAY FOR HEARERS

For their hearts to be good soil, prepared by the Spirit drawing them

“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.” Luke 8:15 (ESV)

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:44 (ESV)

That repentance and faith would come to the lost as it did to Gentiles in the early church

“When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, ‘Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.’” Acts 11:18b (ESV)

That eyes blinded to the light of the gospel would be opened

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (ESV)

Disciple Making

PRAY FOR DISCIPLE-MAKERS AND DISCIPLES TO:

First and foremost love the Lord with everything they've got

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the most important of all?' Jesus answered, 'The most important is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Mark 12:28-31 (ESV)

Abide daily—live in relationship with God (John 15)

Love the Lord by obeying the Word personally—putting it in to practice

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17 (ESV)

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)

Deny self, take up our cross and follow Christ

"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?'" Matthew 16:24-26 (ESV)

Teach for obedience, for Spirit-led transformation and for disciples to become disciple-makers

"...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20a (ESV)

Pray for Scripture translation in all South Asian languages so that disciples can be rooted and grounded in the Word.

Other Prayers:

That God would show disciple-makers who to invest in—doing life side-by-side with them. (Luke 6:12-16)

That many believers would be trained in all components of the Core Missionary Task:

- Prioritizing new fruit in multiplying networks*
- Engaging pre-existing South Asian churches with training initiatives*
- Conducting Muslim-focused trainings to envision and equip Christian workers to more effectively engage Muslims*

Church Planting

PRAY THAT GOD WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH IN UNLIKELY PLACES AND AMONG UNLIKELY PEOPLES

**Maldives | Badhai Of India | Bhutan
Andaman And Nicobar | Jains
Nominal Christians | Sutradhar Of India
Hijra | Shina Of Pakistan | Kashmir
Bania Of India | Prayagraj | Noorbasha Of India**

Fill In The List With Peoples And Places In Your Work:

PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF CHURCHES IN

**evangelism | worship | preaching and teaching
| discipleship | fellowship | giving | membership
| prayer | accountability and discipline |
leadership | mission | ordinances of baptism
and the Lord's Supper**

*Matt. 16:13-20, 18:15-20; Acts 2:42-47, 4:23-37, 5:1-11, 6:1-7,
9:31, 11:26, 13:1-3, 14:23, 14:26-28, 15:41, 20:17-35; Rom. 16:1-23;
1 Cor. 3:1-16, 5:1-13, 6:1-11, 9:1-14, 10:14-22, 11:17-34, 12:1-14:40;
2 Cor. 4:1-6, 5:11-21, 9:6-15; Gal. 5:13-26, 6:1-10; Eph. 2:11-22,
4:1-16; Phil. 2:1-4; Col. 3:1-17; 1 Thess. 5:12-22; 1 Tim. 2:1-15,
3:1-13, 5:1-25; 2 Tim. 2:14-26, 4:1-5; Titus 1:5-9; Heb. 10:19-25,
12:28-29, 13:1-17; 1 Peter 5:1-7*

OTHER PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

For encouragement and perseverance

(Eph. 3:14-21; Col. 1:3-14)

To love the Word of God—"correctly handling the word of truth," and guarding against erroneous teaching

(2 Tim. 2:14-15; Titus 1:9)

Against tradition or cultural tendencies (caste system) that could cause believers to not live obedient to the commands of Christ

To be open to church planting, releasing leaders and giving biblical authority to make disciples and plant churches



Leadership Development

Pray that laborers would work with local churches and their leadership to invest in emerging pastors and missionaries

Acts 11:19–26, 15:36–40, 16:1–3, 18:24–28; Romans 15:14–29; Titus 1:1–5

Pray that leaders would:

- » *BE: The pastor/elder/overseer/missionary should model the character of Christ.*
- » *KNOW: “He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also able to rebuke those who contradict it.” Titus 1:9 (ESV)*
- » *DO: As indicated above, the pastor/elder/overseer/missionary must be able to teach the content of the Bible and sound biblical doctrine well ... detect and refute false teaching ... manage and care for God’s church (1 Tim. 3:5), and to equip the saints for the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12). As preparation for this, he must be able to lead his own household well. These are skills that need to be developed, not simply through the sharing of information, but through mentored practice as well.” (From Foundations, p. 97-98)*

Exit

Pray that God would lead laborers as they envision and equip the South Asian church to become the local owner of the Core Missionary Task by:

- » *Ensuring* that each component of the Core Missionary Task (Entry, EV, Discipleship, Church Planting, Leadership Development) is owned locally
- » *Safeguarding new churches* from unhealthy dependence on outside resources and influences for sustainability
- » *Being careful not to abandon but to stay committed* to walking alongside of the churches that have been empowered to sustain this work long-term.

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