

# Biltmore Church | Missions Missionary & Church Planter Prayer Guide

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At Biltmore Church, We **pray with expectation**. We believe that God not only listens to our prayers, but answers them according to His will. All throughout Scripture, God desires to see his name proclaimed among the nations. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be part of God's global mission to make disciples of all nations. While many of us may not be called to move overseas to serve as missionaries, we are all called to engage in the mission of God, and one of those ways is through prayer, supporting those who have answered the call to take the gospel to the ends of the Earth. Through prayer, we actually participate in the work God is doing around the world.

This guide is designed to help us focus on specific areas of prayer as you intercede for Biltmore Church's missionaries and church planters across the world. We hope this guide will stir in you a greater passion for missions and a heart that longs to see the gospel spread to the ends of the earth.

## 1. Pray for boldness in sharing the gospel.

"And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should."  
(Colossians 4:3-4)

- Pray that missionaries and church planters would have the boldness to share the Gospel even in hostile or difficult environments.
- Pray for clear communication of the Gospel and that the Holy Spirit would prepare the hearts of those hearing the message.

*Reflection tip: is there someone in your own life you need boldness to share the Gospel with? Take time to also pray over this person and boldness for yourself as you participate in advancing the Gospel with those around you.*

## 2. Pray for Protection and Safety

"The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."(2 Thessalonians 3:3)

- Ask for God's protection over missionaries and their families from physical harm, spiritual attack, and opposition.
- Pray for their mental and emotional well-being, especially in challenging or dangerous areas.

*Reflection tip: pray over any fears you may have with sharing the gospel in your workplace, school, or family.*

### 3. Pray for Wisdom and Discernment

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)

- Pray for wisdom in decision-making, relationships, and understanding the cultural context in which they are ministering.
- Pray for discernment in dealing with new believers, local leaders, and the issues that arise in church planting.

*Reflection tip: pray for wisdom and discernment as you engage with those around you who may not have the same views or values. Ask God to give you compassion for those who are lost like 'sheep without a shepherd'.*

### 4. Pray for Provision and Resources

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

- Ask God to provide for the practical needs of missionaries and church planters, such as finances, housing, transportation, and supplies.
- Pray for generous supporters, both locally and globally, to partner with them in prayer and financial support.

*Reflection tip: What provisions, resources, or time has God given you to be generous with right now? Ask him to give you guidance and lead you to serve those around you through generosity and intentionality.*

### 5. Pray for Spiritual Strength and Endurance

"Do not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

- Pray that missionaries would be strengthened in their inner man through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for endurance to press on, even in the face of discouragement or opposition.

*Reflection Tip: pray for your own spiritual strength and endurance to continue growing in your understanding of who God is, what He has done, and what He has asked us to participate in as followers of Jesus.*

## **6. Pray for Effective Discipleship and Church Growth**

"And he gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-12)

- Pray for the successful planting of churches that will grow and multiply in their communities.
- Pray for strong discipleship and the development of leaders who will carry on the work and build up the church for future generations.

*Reflection Tip: Consider Biltmore Church in your prayers as we strive to grow and deepen the discipleship of our people. Pray that the Lord would raise up not only church planters, but members who would go to be a part of a new movement.*

## **7. Pray for Unity and Relationships Among Local Believers**

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

- Ask God to foster unity among believers in the churches that are being planted.
- Pray for strong, supportive relationships between missionaries, local church leaders, and indigenous believers.

*Reflection tip: Pray for the people of Biltmore Church to also be unified in vision, strategy, and mission.*

## **8. Pray for Cultural Sensitivity and Effective Ministry**

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22)

- Pray that missionaries would have the cultural sensitivity needed to effectively minister to the local people.
- Ask God to help them communicate the Gospel in ways that are relevant and respectful of local customs, while remaining faithful to His Word.

*Reflection tip: What are the areas and views of our own culture in WNC that are repulsive to you. Ask the Lord to fill you with compassion for the lost before feeling indignation towards those who have no understanding of the Gospel. Ask the Lord to lead you in gentleness to*

*those around you who believe differently. Ultimately it is the kindness of the Lord that leads people to repentance. How can you show kindness to those who think differently?*

## **9. Pray for Hope and Encouragement**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

- Pray that missionaries and church planters would experience the joy and peace that come from trusting in God, even in difficult situations.
- Ask God to encourage them through His Word, through their fellow workers, and through the lives of those they are reaching.

*Reflection tip: Pray that God would fill you and the people of Biltmore with hope and encouragement and that these affections would lead to further participation in the mission of God.*

## **10. Ask God to send more laborers into the harvest.**

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" (Matthew 9:37-38)

- Pray for a great harvest of souls, that many would come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Ask God to raise up new workers for the harvest, both from within the local communities and from around the world.

*Reflection tip: Pray for Biltmore Church as we continue to grow our culture of sending. We know the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few. Pray to the God of the harvest to raise up laborers from within our church body.*