



PRAYING for Christar Workers

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”

—Ephesians 6:19, 20b



DEPENDENCE ON GOD

At Christar we recognize that the ministry we are called to do is God’s mission. It is a task we cannot accomplish in our own strength or wisdom, and we depend on Him for every aspect, of every activity, in every place, for every person. It is through prayer that we seek Him, and it is in the answers to our requests that we see Him glorified. We petition the Lord of the Harvest to continue to send out laborers. And, as we pray, we express our faith that He will protect workers and provide for their spiritual, physical, emotional and practical needs.

Because prayer is the critical tool for cultivating Christ-honoring transformation in communities where He is not yet worshiped, we seek others to join us in the ministry of intercession. We invite those who have the gift of faith, who value the hard work of prayer and who find joy in bringing the needs of others before God to partner with us.

As you pray daily, know that the Christar Mobilization Center U.S. staff is praying alongside you. In fact, we begin every day in corporate prayer, lifting up Christar workers around the world, church partners and least-reached people groups.

May we see God accomplish more than we could ask or imagine as we pray in unity and faith!

PRAYER GUIDES

As an expression of our dependence on the Lord through prayer, Christar workers are not sent to serve among the least-reached until they have built a team of 100 people committed to pray every day for them. Perhaps God is calling you to be part of this daily ministry. If you want to be a worker’s daily prayer partner, be sure to let them know you are praying with them! They will send periodic newsletters and updates on their needs to help you pray specifically and meaningfully.

This prayer calendar is a guide to help prayer partners lift up the various aspects of a cross-cultural worker’s life and ministry each day of the week. Christar also posts daily prayer items related to ministry needs on our website at christar.org/pray. These requests are collected into a monthly prayer calendar and mailed with receipts to donors and are also available by electronic subscription. (Sign up at christar.org/subscribe.)

For additional prayer guides, go to christar.org/prayer-resources.



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SUNDAY: *Spiritual Life*

A vibrant faith rooted in God's grace and goodness is vital for cross-cultural life and ministry. However, in isolated or stressful situations, maintaining a healthy spiritual life can be especially challenging

Pray for:

- Consistent times for prayer and Scripture study and meditation
- Meaningful worship and opportunities for fellowship
- An ongoing awareness of God's love, acceptance and presence
- Personal purity and increasing godliness
- Perseverance in times of spiritual drought or when fruit is not visible

MONDAY: *Cross-Cultural Living & Learning*

To present the gospel in relevant ways, workers must learn to live in cultures vastly different from their own. Often this involves learning a new language, wearing different clothing and eating unfamiliar foods.

Pray for:

- Sensitivity and insight into the local culture
- Humility and confidence in relating to those in the community
- Perseverance and progress in language learning
- Opportunities to build relationships with those who do not yet know Christ
- The ability to set realistic expectations and boundaries

WEDNESDAY: *Places of Service*

Many Christar workers live in areas of limited infrastructure, poverty, war or conflict. In many of these communities, foreigners are distrusted and Christians face persecution. Take time to learn about the history, culture and political situation of the country where workers serve so you can pray with these things in mind.

Pray for:

- Political and economic situations
- Growth of the national church
- That workers will obtain the visas needed to live and work in their places of service
- Safety for Christian workers
- Unity with national believers
- Effectiveness in setting up businesses, opening clinics, starting schools, etc.

FRIDAY: *Fruitfulness in Ministry*

Cultivating Christ-honoring transformation where Christ is not yet known can be a long and unpredictable process. Workers can become discouraged when they don't see answers to their prayers or fruit from their labors.

Pray for:

- Abiding relationships with Christ
- Abundant evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of workers
- Daily encouragement
- Many to come to Christ
- Successful church-planting efforts

TUESDAY: *Family & Team Relationships*

Living and working in community is a great blessing and encouragement to workers. However, building a shared vision, achieving unity in decision-making, maintaining clear communication and setting realistic expectations all take intentional focus and time.

Pray for:

- Strong and supportive marital relationships
- The educational and emotional needs of children
- Spiritual protection for families, especially for children
- A spirit of cooperation on each team
- Eagerness to submit to and learn from each other
- Resolution of conflict
- God to call additional workers to join teams

THURSDAY: *Support Teams*

Behind each person on the field is a team undergirding their efforts and participating in their ministry through prayer, financial support and administrative help.

Pray for:

- Individuals and churches to intercede daily for workers, their ministries and the people they are seeking to reach
- God's people to be blessed and able to give generously
- Extra funds for unexpected expenses
- Recruitment of short-term workers
- The support staff members at the Christar Mobilization Center U.S. as they process funds, oversee insurance, recruit and train more workers, provide spiritual and emotional support and promote the work of Christar

SATURDAY: *Physical Needs*

Workers have many of the same physical and practical needs as anyone does, but meeting them may be a bit more complicated in cross-cultural contexts or remote areas. There may be limited access to medical care or to places for retreat.

Pray for:

- Regular rest and times of relaxation
- Nutritious food and regular exercise
- Health and good medical care
- Freedom from depression, loneliness or anxiety
- Suitable housing and safe, reliable transportation