

Praying For Laborers

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus says, "The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." The Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to plead with God to call, equip, and send laborers into the harvest. The nations must hear the gospel. Yet, this can happen only as people go out and proclaim the gospel to the nations. It is our responsibility then to pray for laborers who will do this.

The following prayer can help you follow Jesus' command to pray for laborers. You can use these prayers to pray for God to raise a generation of laborers who will evangelize the world. You can also use these prayer requests to pray for God to call and send laborers into a particular country or people group.

Heavenly Father, we plead that You will raise up believers who have a heart for church planting. We ask You to call and equip believers who have the skills and determination to plant godly, growing churches.

We ask You to raise up evangelists who can preach the gospel powerfully and clearly on the mission fields around the world. Mold and shape evangelists who can communicate the gospel to all the cultures of the world

We pray that You will raise up believers with the gift of teaching. I plead that they will be sent into all the nations to teach believers the Word of God and how to put into practice its teachings.

We ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to raise up believers who will have a burden about and a call to translating the Bible into the languages of the peoples of the world. Call and equip believers so that the nations can read and hear Your Word.

We ask that You will convict churches about missions and that You will give them a burden for missions. We pray that they will have a "Great Commission Church" that is conducive to people being called to the mission field .

We ask that You would bless the groups and organizations in the churches that encourage and teach people about missions. Bless their labors. Give them fresh and relevant ideas to motivate believers to be on mission. Cause the young people who come through these groups or organizations develop a consuming passion for missions.

We plead that You will burden and convict college and seminary students about surrendering their lives to Your call to missions. We pray that You will:

- Enable them to have a deep and intimate relationship with Christ;
- Mold them into powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ;
- Grant them spouses that have a clear and definite call to missions;
- Train them through college and seminary for their work on the mission field.
- Removal of anything that would hinder their service for Jesus Christ.