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Hebrews 10:23-24



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Barr, Burns	Oct 20	June 21
Barr, Linda	July 22	June 21
Barredo, Ben	June 19	Feb 10
Barredo, Cora	June 8	Feb 10
Beattie, Genovieva	May 17	Nov 16
Beattie, Stephen	Apr 20	Nov 16
Bollinger, Joe	Mar 9	Apr 18
Bollinger, Keijo	July 10	Apr 18
Bollinger, Salvador	Feb 21	
Bollinger, Samuel	Feb 20	
Bollinger, Tavi	July 30	
Bollinger, Willow	Apr 25	
Browning, Isabel	Oct 15	
Browning, Richard	Aug 15	July 23
Browning, RJ	Dec 17	
Browning, Ruth	Oct 10	July 23
Burchell, Janet	Aug 4	
Burge, Alice	Sept 21	June 19
Burge, Gene	Sept 11	June 19
Carter, Dave	Aug 22	June 9
Carter, Glenda	Nov 19	June 9
Chandler, Jan	Apr 29	Dec 23
Chandler, Mark	Feb 18	Dec 23
Dayton, Bob	Dec 18	Feb 7
Dayton, Sabina	Dec 21	Feb 7
Demott, Pam	Aug 31	
Diller, Jeff	Feb 27	

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Garber, Linda	Nov 1	Feb 14
Garber, Tom	Jan 14	Feb 14
Gardner, Dan	Aug 6	Feb 7
Gardner, Terri	Aug 16	Feb 7
Garrison, Jeff	Sept 28	June 16
Garrison, Traci	Nov 15	June 16
Gibbs, Adam	May 6	Aug 5
Gibbs, Bethany	Sept 21	Aug 5
Gibbs, Kolette	Feb 15	
Gibbs, Michaela	Apr 24	
Gigante, Cheryl	Sept 23	July 3
Gigante, Rocco	Sept 5	
Gigante, Spencer	Mar 31	
Gigante, Will	Sept 28	July 3
Gravley, Becky	June 5	Dec 2
Gravley, Kara	May 23	
Gravley, Samuel	Dec 17	
Gravley, Travis	Sept 5	Dec 2
Hague, Caleb	Nov 30	July 29
Hague, Chloe	Aug 4	
Hague, Elijah	Apr 11	
Hague, Lydia	Aug 26	
Hague, Krystie	Dec 5	July 29
Harris, Alan	Feb 28	Aug 4
Harris, Angie	Sept 22	Aug 4
Henson, Ricky	Oct 8	
Holland, Doris	Nov 3	June 24
Holland, Rudy	Dec 13	June 24
Hossack, Elyane	June 2	June 23
Hossack, Eric	June 30	June 23

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Hossack, Susan	Nov 17	
Hott, Alexandra	Aug 7	
Hott, Christian	Jan 27	
Hott, Kenneth	Oct 25	
Hott, Regina	Aug 26	
Hott, Stan	Feb 15	
Hummell, Dan	Sept 16	June 5
Hummell, Dee	Apr 12	June 5
Hummell, Doug	Feb 28	Apr 30
Hummell, Janice	Oct 16	Apr 30
Ishler, Alexis	June 28	
Ishler, Darin	Jan 21	May 17
Ishler, Gabriella	Feb 15	
Ishler, Kathy	Nov 13	May 17
Ishler, Tyler	May 28	
Joines, Judy	July 5	
Martin, Becky	June 3	June 3
Martin, Rick	July 28	June 3
McHugh, Kelsey	Sept 25	
Melton, Debbie	Oct 18	Dec 18
Melton, Phil	Nov 29	Dec 18
Newell, Delia	Feb 12	
Olmstead, Steve	Mar 25	
Pedrone, Bobbi	Sept 19	July 22
Pedrone, Dino	Feb 26	July 22
Raber, Ben	Aug 23	July 24
Raber, Ezekiel	Oct. 27	
Raber, Malakai	Aug 23	
Raber, Stephanie	June 4	July 24

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Rice, Adele	Mar 15	July 22
Rice, Dawson	Apr 28	
Rice, Gavin	Mar 7	
Rice, Jason	Dec 1	July 22
Rice, Peyton	Mar 8	
Russell, Caleb	May 14	
Russell, Dan	Feb 1	June 11
Russell, Jacob	Apr 27	
Russell, Michelle	Jan 4	June 11
Russell, Olivia	Jan 29	
Shade, Bill	Aug 22	June 19
Shade, Ruby	July 24	June 19
Shank, Becky	July 21	Aug 26
Shank, Sonny	Oct 30	Aug 26
Sharp, Carolyn	Apr 9	
Shoemaker, Charles	Mar 3	Aug 4
Shoemaker, Sharon	Sept 28	Aug 4
Simmons, Jamie	Sept 8	Feb 8
Simmons, Lincoln	June 25	Feb 8
Smith, Andrew	Jan 8	Sept 8
Smith, Gabriel	Oct 21	
Smith, Kathy	June 5	Sept 8
Snyder, Barb	Nov 25	Dec 30
Snyder, Caleb	July 27	
Snyder, Dave	Sept 29	Dec 30
Snyder, Emily	May 4	
Snyder, Kyle	May 25	
Surrett, Amy	Sept 19	

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Surrett, Jeff	Dec 12	Dec 30
Surrett, Julia	Aug 24	
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Tica, Yoly	Mar 24	Oct 31
Traister, Jerry	Aug 16	July 11
Traister, Marie	Aug 22	July 11
Voss, Barbara	Jan 27	Aug 30
Voss, Wayne	July 16	Aug 30
Wilt, Alethia	Dec 16	
Wilt, David	Mar 12	July 4
Wilt, Elizabeth	June 4	July 4
Wilt, Hezekiah	May 9	
Wood, Debbie	Jan 24	May 30
Wood, Sam	Jan 12	May 30
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Newell, Delia (Philippines)

Tica, Pio and Yoly (Philippines)

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CANADA

Browning, Dick and Ruth

Sharp, Carolyn

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Hossack, Eric and Elanya (France)
Hossack, Susan (France)
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Snyder, David
Traister, Jerry and Marie
Voss, Wayne and Barbara
Wilt, David and Elizabeth
Wood, Sam and Debbie
Wright, Becky
Ziebarth, Aaron and Stephanie

30 WAYS TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

1. Focus on God

Pray for missionaries to stay focused on God and His plans above all else.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you (Matthew 6:33).

2. Faithful Bible Study

Pray for missionaries to spend much time in the Word and ask God to give them discernment.

Be diligent to present yourselves approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

3. Confession and Repentance

Pray for missionaries to regularly seek examination by God and to repent from any errors that have crept into their lives.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way (Psalm 139:23-24).

4. Humility

Pray for missionaries to have a spirit of humility and to willingly ask God for wisdom in carrying out their assignment.

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him (James 1:5).

5. Purity

Pray for missionaries to be so renewed by God's Word that no sin will have dominion over them.

Make my steps steady through Your promise; don't let sin dominate me (Psalm 119:133)

6. Boldness

Pray for boldness in the missionaries when they share the gospel or preach.

Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).

7. Rest

Ask God to help missionaries recognize their need for weekly rest away from ministry responsibilities.

He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest a while' (Mark 6:31).

8. Guard the Treasure

Pray for missionaries to stay focused on the gospel of Jesus Christ and not be distracted by issues of the day.

Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who lives in us, that good thing entrusted to you (2 Timothy 1:13-14).

9. Give Glory to God

Ask God to empower missionaries to point people to Jesus and not seek undue recognition for themselves.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

10. Dependence on God

Pray for missionaries to model a life of dependence on God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and he will guide you on the right paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

11. Gracious Speech

Ask God to give missionaries the grace to know how to respond to each person.

Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person (Colossians 4:6).

12. Spirit of Unity

Pray for a spirit of unity as missionaries work together and with other ministry partners.

Now may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you agreement with one another according to Christ Jesus (Romans 15:5).

13. Resist Temptation

Pray for missionaries to be quick to take the escape God provides when temptation sneaks up on them.

God is faithful and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so that you are able to bear it (1 Corinthians 10:13b).

14. Retreat with God

Pray for missionaries to take personal prayer retreats to get their direction from Him.

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of those who are instructed to know how to sustain the weary with a word...He awakens My ear to listen like those being instructed (Isaiah 50:4).

15. Stand Firm

Pray for missionaries to stand firm under affliction and to look forward to eternal glory.

For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17).

16. Daily Prayer

Ask God to help missionaries protect their time for prayer and personal mediation in God's Word.

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry (Acts 6:4).

17. Devotion to God

Pray for missionaries to maintain their devotion to Christ.

But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be corrupted from a complete and pure devotion to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3).

18. Hear God

Ask God to teach missionaries to hear His voice and follow Him.

The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice (John 10:4).

19. Boast in the Lord

Pray for missionaries to be quick to give God the credit.

So the one who boasts must boast in the Lord (2 Corinthians 10:17).

20. Direction from God

Pray for missionaries to get their direction from the Lord only.

I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for [your] benefit, who leads you in the way you should go (Isaiah 48:17).

21. Peace

Pray for missionaries to give all their anxious thoughts to the God and rest in His peace.

Don't worry about anything, but, in everything through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

22. Prayer Support

Pray for missionaries to enlist personal prayer support and ask God to call faithful intercessors to respond.

So Peter was kept in prison, but prayer was being made earnestly to God for him by the church (Acts 12:5).

23. Strong Marriages

Pray for marriages of missionaries to be strong and healthy.

Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives with understanding of their weaker nature yet showing them honor as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered (1 Peter 3:7).

24. Eyes to see like Jesus

Ask God to give missionaries eyes to see as He sees and empower them to love the unlovely, the rejected, and the outcasts as Jesus did.

Man does not see what the Lord sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart (1 Samuel 16:7b).

25. Express Love

Pray for missionaries to model loving God completely and others as themselves.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength (Mark 12:30).

26. Hunger for God

Ask God to give missionaries a hunger and thirst for Him and for His word.

But solid food is for the mature- for those whose sense have been trained to distinguish between good and evil (Hebrews 5:14).

27. Persistence

Pray for endurance, stamina, and pacing for missionaries to insure long-term, fruitful ministry.

I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).

28. Team Spirit

Ask God to build strong teams among missionaries working together so that He gets the glory.

So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth... for we are God's co-workers...(1 Corinthians 3:7-9).

29. Obedience

Pray for missionaries to love and obey God, and to be known for their dependability to obey regardless of outside pressure.

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments (John 14:15).

30. Sacrifice of Holy Living

Ask God to empower missionaries to be healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

...I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...(Romans 12:1-2).

HOW TO ENCOURAGE A MISSIONARY

- Write regularly. This can be email or regular letter. Include information, photos or news articles that might interest them. Don't bog down their email with large photos or attachments.
- Maintain a relationship with them. Be aware that they may not be able to write back regularly.
- Tell them you are praying for them and tell them specifically what you are praying for.
- Resist giving advice or ideas, or asking a long list of questions. Make the letter a blessing not a homework assignment.
- Remember them on birthdays or special holidays with a card or a small gift.
- Give them feedback about newsletters or information they may have sent. Missionaries love to know you read their newsletters.
- When emailing, consider the sensitivity of the area they are serving. If it is closed country, they may not be able to receive information that explicitly speaks of the Lord.
- Finally, consider visiting! A short visit may take planning but can greatly encourage a missionary.

**I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU.
ALWAYS IN EVERY PRAYER OF MINE FOR YOU ALL MAKING
REQUEST WITH JOY. FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE
GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW; BEING
CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH
BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE
DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

**According to the Joshua Project
(www.joshuaproject.net), of the 16,818
people groups speaking almost 7,000
languages in 238 countries on this globe
today, 6956 people groups remain without a
Gospel witness.**

**This represents 3.16 billion people
yet to hear.**

**THEY SANG A NEW SONG, SAYING: "YOU ARE WORTHY TO TAKE THE
SCROLL AND TO OPEN ITS SEAL, BECAUSE YOU WERE SLAIN, AND
WITH YOUR BLOOD YOU PURCHASED FOR GOD PERSONS FROM
EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION."**

REVELATION 5:9

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