



PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

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“Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” Col 4:3,4 NIV

Leaders may look strong, but they are often insecure and uncertain and under heavy pressure from events and people both internally and externally. Timothy is told that praying for them pleases God, and opens doors for the Gospel.

Let's pray

- for local church leaders and believers in the region to be sustained and not overwhelmed by the needs as they reach out to refugees around them.
- J O Fraser (1886 – 1938), missionary to the Lisu people, South West China sent this plea to a prayer group in the UK: “I am not asking you just to give ‘help’ in prayer as a sort of side line, but I am trying to roll the main responsibility of this prayer warfare on you. I want you to take the burden of these people upon your shoulders. I want you to wrestle with God for them.” Let's wrestle.
- for good relations and teamwork between national workers, local believers and those coming in to the Middle East from outside.
- for those studying Arabic in order to be effective workers. These conflicts will not be resolved quickly, and people will be displaced for a long time to come. Reaching them in their heart-language is best. May workers grasp language and dialect, understand its nuances and grow in communication. Pray against setbacks and discouragement.
- for expatriate Christian and NGO workers to listen to local advice and take necessary precautions to minimise the risk of abduction.
- for mental and physical health, and strength to face the demands on them.
- for workers who are single; they can be vulnerable, and feel lonely and isolated. Pray for good friendships and clear perspective, to achieve a reasonable balance under pressure.
- for cultural sensitivity and wisdom in sharing the Gospel, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. There are many misconceptions about Christ, the Gospel and Christians. May the seed of God's word be sown with love and prayer, and the expectation of His harvest in His time.

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