



The Evangelical  
Covenant Church

# Praying for Missionaries



## **PRAY FOR:**

### **Relationship with God**

- Consistent time in prayer, in God's word, in discipleship
- A discerning spirit sensitive to God's call and leading
- Protection from the lure of temptation and sin
- Eyes that recognize God's power at work in people and situations

### **Physical and emotional health**

- Good health
- Freedom from loneliness, discouragement, and depression
- Protection and safety
- Consistent sabbath rest and vacation times
- Wisdom in personal and ministry financial management

### **Family life**

- Healthy relationships; open communication
- Peace regarding family left behind
- Wisdom in parenting; happy, healthy children

### **Communication**

- Sensitivity toward and healthy adaptation to different cultures
- Ever increasing language skills
- Understanding and open relationships with ministry partners

### **Effective ministry**

- Healthy time boundaries, knowing when to say "no"
- Awareness of where God is at work and courage to join God there
- Open doors for demonstration and proclamation of the gospel
- Responsive hearers

### **Relationship with co-workers**

- Honesty and openness with other missionaries, national colleagues
- Affirmation from and appreciation for others
- Submission to one another in love
- The ability to relax, play, enjoy, and laugh with one another
- Healthy collegiality with Covenant office staff

### **Country of service**

- Good cooperation with the national church/partner organization
- Relationship with government officials; needed documents
- Political peace and economic stability; use of money and power

# Praying for Missionaries' Children

## PRAY FOR:

### Relationship with God

- A relationship with God in Christ Jesus
- Consistent time in prayer, in God's word, in discipleship
- Sensitivity to God's Spirit and a desire to resist the temptation to sin
- Friendship with other children and adults who love Jesus

### Family life

- Acceptance of parents' call and ministry
- Open communication with parents and siblings
- Love, happiness, fun, and trust in the family
- Feeling affirmed and appreciated by parents and siblings

### Friends and school

- A good school situation (local school, homeschool, or boarding school)
- Dealing well with loneliness and homesickness, if away from family
- Ability and desire to learn and stay interested in studies
- Great friendships
- Fun activities (sports, music, drama, art, etc.)
- Opportunities to share the gospel with others

### Country where parents serve

- Ease in language learning
- Healthy friendships with national neighbors, classmates, and church members
- Appreciation for and adaptation to the culture
- Joy in church

### Safety and health

- Protection from danger, accidents, and disease
- Peace, stability, and integrity of local government
- Ability to trust God when difficult things happen

### Home assignment years

- Ability to deal with change and loss
- Ease in fitting into a new school and church
- Finding friends
- Accepting the differences between adopted country and passport country

### Re-entry to passport country after high school

- Wise mentors and advisors; supportive relationships when parents are absent
- The right job, school, or profession
- Wisdom about finances
- Help in overcoming loneliness

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