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## PRAYER FOCUS

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### SEASONS OF MISSIONAL LIFE

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Some global workers enter the mission field as a single person, some as a family, and some even venture out after retirement. Some embark from western nations like the US or Canada, while others are called from all over the globe to bring the Gospel to the least reached. Regardless of their background or stage of life, they need our daily prayers. Here are 6 ways to pray for our global workers in various stages of their missional journey:

*1. PRAY for the children (“missionary kids”).*

Pray for adaptability and joyful relationships. Pray that they each have a relationship with Christ, independent of their parents. Pray for appreciation for their parents’ obedience and calling. Pray for friends and family members of these kids to display grace and sensitivity when needed to the upcoming challenges of transition. Pray for acceptable education opportunities.

*2. PRAY for the ones preparing to go.*

Pray for them as they wait for the timing and provision from the Lord. Pray for them to remain confident and that their calling to go only deepens. Pray for open hearts – for the people where they are going but also for the ones to whom they are saying goodbye.

*3. PRAY for the ones arriving in country.*

Pray they find a community of fellow believers (Acts 2:42). Pray that they feel the Lord’s presence amongst the unknown. Pray for them as they start operating in a new language. Pray for the people to whom they will be building relationships.

*4. PRAY for the ones on stateside assignments.*

Pray for their sending churches and/or families preparing to welcome them back. Pray for good use of time. They may need to see doctors, dentists, and financial advisors, as well as speaking at multiple churches and conferences. Pray for a good support system to receive them. Pray for them to encourage the ones considering missions or preparing to go.

*5. PRAY for the seasoned workers.*

They may be on their second term or 11th, but it is a guarantee that in a life of cross-cultural missions, there are seasons of fruitfulness and fruitlessness. Pray for these workers as emotional challenges come from isolation and discouragement. Pray for them to remain in the Word, regularly immersing themselves in it. Pray for encouragement and for them not to get caught up in distractions.

*6. PRAY for the ones retiring and leaving the field.*

Pray they set a time that allows them to “exit” well. Pray for healthy goodbyes. Pray for them packing up their second homes. Pray for restoration and assurance from the Lord as many return “home” feeling spiritually and physically exhausted. Pray for the adjustment to new realities and guidance for new routines with new friends in new locations.