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EMPOWERING THE UNREACHED: EDUCATION, LITERACY, AND ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL

In this month's Prayer Focus, we highlight the significance of education and literacy as a tool to open doors and further access to the Gospel. Global workers engaged in these types of initiatives have an integral role in breaking down barriers, dispelling darkness, and nurturing a hunger for the redemptive truth of God's Word. **Here are 5 ways to pray for literacy and education ministries:**

1. Pray for open hearts and receptive minds among the communities served by global workers.

In communities where the Gospel may be relatively unfamiliar or met with skepticism, global workers face the challenge of sharing the Good News in a culturally applicable manner. Pray for the softening of hearts and the opening of minds, so that the message of Christ's love and salvation can take root and flourish.

2. Pray for the development and implementation of Gospel-centered curriculum in literacy and education programs.

Global workers understand that true transformation goes beyond academic knowledge. Pray that they can integrate biblical principles and values into their educational initiatives, fostering an environment where students can learn not only to read and write but also to encounter the life-changing message of the Gospel.

3. Pray for global workers to have opportunities for discipleship and mentorship, fostering a deeper understanding of the Gospel among their students.

Beyond providing basic literacy skills, global workers have the privilege of nurturing personal relationships with their students. Pray that they can act as mentors and disciples, guiding learners in their spiritual journeys.

4. Pray that the efforts of global workers to share the Gospel through education will lead to community transformation.

Education and literacy can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond the individual. Ask God to bring positive changes in social dynamics, economic opportunities, and overall well-being, knowing that these changes not only transform lives in the temporal sense but also opens doors for the eternal Gospel message to reach hearts and souls.

5. Pray for the safety and protection of global workers as they navigate unfamiliar territories and cultural sensitivities.

Working in unreached and often challenging environments can expose global workers to various risks and adversities. Ask God to provide for their physical needs, emotional resilience, and spiritual stamina. Pray for divine connections and support networks that will uplift and sustain them as they persevere through difficult circumstances to share the hope of the Gospel with those who do not yet know it.