



Praying For Laborers

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus says, “The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” The Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to plead with God to call, equip, and send laborers into the harvest. The nations must hear the gospel. Yet, this can happen only as people go out and proclaim the gospel to the nations. It is our responsibility then to pray for laborers who will do this.

The following prayers can help you follow Jesus’ command to pray for laborers. You can use these prayers to pray for God to raise a generation of laborers who will evangelize the world. You can also use these prayer requests to pray for God to call and send laborers into a particular country or people group.

Father, I plead that You will raise up believers who have a heart for church planting. I ask You to call and equip believers who have the skills and determination to plant godly, growing churches (Acts 13:1-3, 26-28).

Lord, I ask You to raise up evangelists who can preach the gospel powerfully and clearly on the mission fields around the world. Mold and shape evangelists who can communicate the gospel to all the cultures of the world (Acts 6:10).

God, I pray that You will raise up believers with the gift of teaching. I plead that they will be sent into all the nations to teach believers the Word of God and how to put into practice its teachings (Ezra 7:10).

I ask You, the Lord of the harvest, to raise up believers who will have a burden about and a call to translating the Bible into the languages of the peoples of the world. Call and equip believers so that the nations can read and hear Your Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Father, I pray that You will call and equip believers who are trained in medicine, agriculture, and business. Let them enter the nations of the world, minister to their needs, and share the gospel with them (Matthew 20:28).

Lord God, I plead that You will burden and convict college and seminary students about surrendering their lives to Your call to missions (Proverbs 3:5-7). I pray that You will:

- Enable them to have a deep and intimate relationship with Christ;
- Mold them into powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ;
- Grant them spouses that have a clear and definite call to missions;
- Train them through college and seminary for their work on the mission field.
- Removal of anything that would hinder their service for Jesus Christ.

Father, I ask that You will convict churches about missions and that You will give them a burden for missions. I pray that they will have a “Great Commission Church” that is conducive to people being called to the mission field (Matthew 28:19-20).

Lord, I pray that You would enable Christian groups in other cultures and nations to develop and send missionaries to their own people in both their native land and around the world (Acts 21:37-22:21).

Father, I pray that You will burden believers to be involved in all facets of missions. Give Your people a heart to support missions. Burden them and move them to be involved in mission trips (Matthew 28:19-20).

Father, I ask that You would bless the groups and organizations in the churches that encourage and teach people about missions. Bless their labors. Give them fresh and relevant ideas to motivate believers to be on mission. Cause the young people who come through these groups or organizations develop a consuming passion for missions (Acts 13:1-3).

God, You are the Creator and owner of all things. All the money in the world is Yours. I pray that You would cause money to flow into the missions agencies and organizations of Christianity. Move upon the hearts and the minds of people to give generously, joyously, and sacrificially to the cause of the gospel across the world (Proverbs 21:1).

Father, I ask You to raise up churches that will have a burden to pray for the harvesting of the nations. Mold and shape churches so that they will be houses of prayer for the nations. Grant them an unceasing burden to pray for missionaries and the nations of the world. Give them insight and understanding how to seek You for the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).