

# The "How To" And "What To" Of Praying For Missionaries

## 1. Thumb

Since your thumb is nearest to you, begin by praying for those missionaries closest to you. They are the easiest ones to remember. C.S. Lewis said that praying for those we love is a "sweet duty."

## 2. Index or pointing finger

Let your "pointing finger" remind you to pray for missionaries who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and evangelists. They need support and wisdom for pointing others in the right direction.

## 3. Middle finger

Our tallest finger reminds us of our church leaders. We can never pray too much for them. Pray for those who supervise and direct missionary outreach.

## 4. Ring finger

Surprisingly, the ring finger is our weakest finger (as any piano teacher will testify). This weak finger reminds us to pray for those missionaries who are discouraged, in trouble, or in pain.

## 5. Little finger

Our little finger is the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place our individual wants and desires in relation to world evangelism needs. The Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for the people of the world who have the greatest need to find Jesus. Pray that they will open their eyes and see Him.

--Author unknown

*The EFFECTUAL fervent PRAYER of a righteous man availeth much.*

James 5:16

Pray that the missionary and his ministry of the Gospel will be:

Equipped with sound doctrine

Flexible in service

Fortified against evil doers

Examples of holy living

Courageous witnesses

Tools constantly submitting to the Master's plan

Unified under God's Word

Accepted by the lost

Looking to the Cross with a Vision Until Eternity

Physically strong

Resistors of the temptations of jealousy, pride, and bitterness

Aided by consistent financial and prayer partners

Yearning to know God more

Encouraged by other believers

Rejoicing in God's daily blessings



## Nuggets of Gold

1. You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving. -- Amy Carmichael
2. God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him. -- Hudson Taylor
3. Sympathy is no substitute for action. -- David Livingstone
4. We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first. -- Oswald J. Smith
5. If ten men are carrying a log -- nine of them on the little end and one at the heavy end -- and you want to help, which end will you lift on? -- William Borden
6. When James Calvert went out as a missionary to the cannibals of the Fiji Islands, the ship captain tried to turn him back, saying, "You will lose your life and the lives of those with you if you go among such savages." To that, Calvert replied, "We died before we came here."
7. The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.
8. The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.
9. The Church must send or the church will end.
10. It's amazing what can be accomplished if you don't worry about who gets the credit. --Clarence W. Jones

