



Things to Pray About for Cross-Cultural Missions

As you prepare yourself for this time of prayer, first spend some time focusing on the Lord. Remember His attributes that are meaningful to you and worship Him for it. Ask Him to show you His glory that you might live to glorify Him. Invite Him to work in your life and pray for His glory and Kingdom to grow in you, through you, and through our church. You may also want to spend some time confessing sin to Him, thanking Him for the forgiveness and grace that we have in Christ.

If you run out of things to pray about during your 30 minutes, pray for boldness and power in ministry in a general way. There may be people in our church that you want to pray for - do that. There may also be people you know, love, or live among who don't know Jesus - pray for their salvation. Ultimately, we want to pray that God would be glorified and that His kingdom would grow, so pray as He leads you. Pray for His Spirit to move in us and through us and pray that we would have open minds and ready hearts to follow Him as He leads.

Thank you for joining us in this.

Pastor Matt

1. **A Holy Spirit-Led Ministry**

Pray that every aspect of CAC's Missions Ministry would be led by the Holy Spirit. May our leadership continually seek God's direction through prayer, listen attentively for His voice, and have the faith and humility to follow where He leads. Keep our hearts surrendered to Your plans and united in seeking Your will above our own preferences. Give us hearts that are quick to listen to one another, recognizing that You often speak through each member of the team. May we discern Your will with wisdom, unity, and grace so that everything we do brings glory to You.

2. **The Persecuted Church**

The Persecuted Church is a term referring to Christians who face consistent and intense hostility for their identification with Jesus Christ. They experience a lack of freedom or other governmental restrictions, loss of jobs, other forms of social or economic discrimination, imprisonment, and even death. The biggest areas where you will find the Persecuted church are in the Middle East/North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, South/Southeast Asia. In the CMA, we call these "the hard and dark places."

Pray for the Alliance workers and families in the hard and dark places of our world as they seek to courageously spread the gospel in risky environments by church planting and discipleship, relief and development, and marketplace ministries ("tentmaker" ministries). Pray for receptive hearts in their communities, in addition to safety, boldness and wisdom as they navigate complex social, governmental, and personal realities as they work to spread the gospel in dangerous places.

3. **Local Missions**

Pray that CACers would grow in our individual understanding and commitment to a great commandment heart (to love God and love others) and great commission lifestyle (to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching people to follow Jesus). Pray that the Holy Spirit would renew each of us, grow us in knowledge and love for him, and extend love, hospitality, & patience to those who don't yet know Jesus. May we cultivate the ground around us well.

4. **CAC's Four Fields of Focus – *The Orrs (Area Directors: the Middle East & Central Asia)***

Pray for wisdom and discernment as they provide leadership to a number of smaller teams in these 2 regions, some of which are either onboarding new team members or beginning a new ministry opportunity unique to that area.

Pray for Don's transition as the new pastor of their international church (Don's visa platform) and their continued ministry in preaching and service.

Pray for stamina for the work the Lord has before them as it involves a lot of international travel.

5. **CAC's Four Fields of Focus - *Peru (AIDIA ministries)***

Pray for vision, wisdom, clarity and drive for Luis Cervantes, director of AIDIA, as he leads his team in the present and towards what God has for them in the future.

AIDIA's ministry spans a wide and difficult geographic area – they travel to many remote places, using a variety in modes of transportation (boat, bike, truck, foot), through all kinds of weather. Pray for traveling mercies and favour in rural villages.

Pray for AIDIA leaders as they train pastors and church leaders to teach the truths of Scripture and develop Sunday school to use AIDIA materials for children, youth, and families.

6. **CAC's Four Fields of Focus – *Mexico (One Life One Chance; Pastoras)***

Pray for continued unity among the leadership on One Life One Chance as they work together to serve the communities of the San Quintin Valley. Their work is to bring unity to the churches of that region, while also supporting their work and providing for the needy members of the community (house builds, food programs, etc.).

Pray for the pastors and pastoras in San Quintin as they lead their communities to grow deep and reach wide.

As a church, CAC is looking to expand and develop our relationship with OLOC. Pray that the Lord would open eyes and doors to the future that He has for us with them.

7. **CAC's Four Fields of Focus - *Quebec (Rimouski Alliance Church)***

The leadership of this church has been shattered and scattered for years, but God has brought together a new and wonderful team led by Pastor Ruben and elders Giles and JP. Pray that the Lord would use them to bring stable, sound, spiritual leadership and care to this congregation.

Their theme for the coming months is the Deeper Life in Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead both the leadership and the congregation into this deeper life.

This church is a mix of Quebecois and many international French speakers (Africa, Caribbean), which creates cultural pieces that they need to sort through. Many members transition in and out of the city in search of work. Pray that God would envision them with how to work well given these realities.

Pray for Funding. This is a smaller church that has struggled financially in the past. As such, we help to provide for Pastor Reuben's salary and will continue to do so for two more years. Pray that the Lord would fill our hearts with love for this church and people, and that He would motivate us to continue in our support this work.