



Worship Service
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Providing Gospel Support

CREATIVE ACCESS: Persevering to Advance the Gospel in Hard Places

Lesson Three • Romans 15:22-33

Paul's Passion Is for Local Churches to...

Provide gospel SUPPORT to those who are sent!

Paul's Travel Plans Picture What We Support and Why We Send

Jerusalem: PLANTING churches by evangelism.

Rome: ESTABLISHING churches by discipleship.

Spain: MULTIPLYING churches by missions.

Two Ways to Provide Gospel Support in Hard Times

1. GIVE Faithfully. (15:25-29)

Why Give Faithfully to World Missions?

➤ Gospel generosity is a DELIGHT. (v. 26)

➤ Gospel gratitude is a DEBT. (v. 27)

➤ Gospel advance is DESIRED. (v. 28)

➤ Gospel hope is DISPLAYED. (v. 29)

Romans 11:11-12, 25-36; Isaiah 2:1-4; 49:6-8; 60:1-3; 66:18-22; Revelation 21:24-26

We Give Faithfully to World Missions Because...

*We delight to pay our spiritual debt and desire to advance the gospel
as a display of our Kingdom hope!*

2. PRAY Fervently. (15:30-33)

How to Pray Like Paul for Our Global Partners?

➤ Pray with a warfare MENTALITY. (vv. 30-31)

Paul's Warfare Requests

*Be delivered from the hostility of unbelievers and
disunity between believers.*

➤ Pray to the Almighty TRINITY. (v. 30)

1. Under the LORDSHIP of God the Son.

2. With the LOVE of God the Spirit.

3. For LIFE from God the Father.

➤ Pray with gospel CERTAINTY. (vv. 32-33)

God's purposes are being fulfilled even in hard times.

REJOICE in Christ!

God's people are being saved even in hard places.

REFRESH one another in Christ!

God's peace will overcome in the end.

REST in Christ's ultimate victory!

*"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you."*

Romans 16:20

**This Gospel Certainty Is Guaranteed by the Almighty Trinity Who Enables Us to
Give Faithfully and Pray Fervently Even in Hard Times!**

If you haven't done so yet, you can hand in your **Faith Promise Commitment** in-person or online at WeAreLifeBridge.com. You can also pick up the handout with seven ways to "**Pray Like Paul for Our Global Partners**" in-person or on our website under ARTICLES.

Pray Like Paul for Our Global Partners

Here are seven biblical ways to pray for our Global Partners based on the prayer requests of the greatest missionary of all time - the Apostle Paul. Pray these requests one-a-day for whoever is highlighted in the weekly Global Partner Update or all of our partners on a systematic weekly basis.

1. PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message..." (Colossians 4:2-3 NIV).

Open doors can't be taken for granted. Many missionaries work in creative access countries or areas that restrict the Gospel. And even where there are open doors, hearts may still not be open.

- Pray that God will lead missionaries through the barriers to find hearts prepared to receive His Word.
- Pray that the Lord will open doors of ministry, blessing, partnership, and friendships.
- Pray that those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize these opportunities.

2. PRAY FOR BOLDNESS IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..." (Ephesians 6:19 NIV).

Missionaries need spiritual boldness to witness just like we do in our own culture but even more so in bridging the gap to another culture with the gospel.

- Pray they would overcome barriers and build bridges to effectively reach people who live in diverse cultures and speak different languages.
- Pray for boldness to overcome the opposition of evil forces.
- Pray for boldness to overcome the fear of man, the fear of embarrassment, and the fear of failure.

3. PRAY THAT THE WORD OF GOD WILL SPREAD FREELY.

"Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes..." (2 Thessalonians 3:1 NLT).

Obstacles must be removed if the Word of God is to flow freely. Remember that the struggle is against spiritual forces that can attack in any area (Ephesians 6:10-18).

- Pray that Satan, who is determined to hinder the spread of the Word, would be resisted (James 4:7).
- Pray that like Aaron and Hur supported the arms of Moses in the battle, our prayers would support weary missionaries in the spiritual warfare of life and ministry (Exodus 17:12).

- Pray that the preaching and teaching of the Bible would be received and honored for what it actually is - the very Word of God, which also performs its work in those who believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

4. PRAY FOR PROTECTION.

"Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord" (2 Thessalonians 3:2 NLT).

- Pray that God will keep the Christian workers safe from those who might seek to harm them.
- Pray that God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to His Word and those who share the gospel.

5. PRAY THAT THEIR MINISTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY BELIEVERS.

"Pray...that my service in Jerusalem will be acceptable to the saints there" (Romans 15:31 NIV).

Cooperation and partnership are essential to ministry and vital to the progress of the work.

- Pray that the missionary's ministry and attitudes will be worthy of acceptance.
- Pray that co-laborers and believers will be receptive, cooperative, and supportive.

6. PRAY FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE IN TRAVEL.

"Pray...so that by God's will I may come to you with joy" (Romans 15:32 NIV).

Many missionaries travel frequently and the mode of transportation varies. Traveling often involves stressful situations.

- Pray for the protection, provision, timing, and permission needed by missionaries as they travel.

7. PRAY FOR REFRESHMENT.

"Pray that...I together with you may be refreshed" (Romans 15:32).

- Pray that missionaries will seek and receive refreshment from the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that they will be disciplined in and rewarded through the study of God's Word and faithful prayer.
- Pray that they will experience rich, spiritual fellowship with other believers.

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