



Importance of Prayer

We all know the importance of praying daily and spending time with God while facing the joys and trials of everyday life in our home countries. However, when we travel, we are taken to new and uncomfortable places that will undoubtedly challenge us. The importance of prayer is heightened during Ambassador Trips as you are inundated with new experiences and cultures. Spiritual warfare, jet lag, foreign languages, unfamiliar foods, and more could present challenges. Thus, it is vital to invite God into this experience.

"Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day."

- Joyce Meyer -

Before the Trip

Prayerfully preparing for the trip can properly align your mind, heart, and emotions prior to arriving in Asia. Below are some different topics you can consider and pray through in preparation for your upcoming trip.

Emotions:

Traveling can bring up different emotions like anxiety, fear, and excitement. Experiencing some strong emotions before traveling is completely normal and expected. Identifying how you feel about the trip and praying through the emotions is an important step of preparation. Communicating these feelings with your Trip Leader and teammates can be helpful as well.

Expectations and Hopes:

Praying about what you are expecting and hoping to get out of the trip is another way to prepare for your trip. Consider processing this through writing as a proactive strategy to maximize your trip experience. You may choose to share these goals, hopes, and expectations with your teammates, especially as you move through your pre-departure meetings.





Relationships:

Begin praying for the PV media teams and the relationships you will build on your trip. This is a great way to initiate a deeper love and affection for God's people and their work within their communities and cultures. As part of this, you may also spend this time researching the culture and the challenges faced both by the ethnic team specifically and the people group at large. Use the [Ethnic Team](#) guide to help.

During Trip

Trips can be ruined by a brief moment and overshadow 14 days of God's amazing work. While you are traveling Satan might also use these moments as opportunities to distract and deter you and the Ambassador Team. You might experience fear, discomfort, sickness, or even spiritual warfare. However, reaching out to God in prayer is the most effective way to protect and keep the trip focused on God's purposes and plans.

Fear can be something you experience because of the new experiences: the local religion, new foods, or even just an unexplainable fear. Praying and asking God to bring you peace and rest is so important. Knowing that Jesus has overcome the grave and the enemy is the Truth we can pray and speak out loud. Reaching out to team members is important so they can pray for you and encourage you.

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and overall the power of the enemy and nothing will injure you."

Luke 10:19

Everyday asking God to show you His heart for the people you are visiting and the country as well. God might want to reveal a new part of His character, a ministry or even how to be a prayer warrior for people. Journaling or just writing down what God is showing you and what you are experiencing can be a great way to process and remember what you are feeling is being put on your heart.

"Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays."

- Soren Kierkegaard -





Post Trip

After you have returned home, you can still be an Ambassador by continuing to pray for those who you have a relationship with and have encouraged.

Relationships:

Pray for those who you have met and been encouraged by, maybe remembering something that they needed prayer about or for the projects they are working on. You can connect and keep up with Ethnic team members on social media and with the ministries they work with as well.

Continuing Ambassadorship:

You can continue to pray and update people in your church about what is going on with the team you empowered. Continuing to keep people in the loop and lifting the team in prayer can encourage the team and encourage your church by hearing about how the gospel is being shared. Project Video can supply you with videos and other forms of media that you can share and distribute to church members.

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Philippians 1:3-6





Devotional and Prayer

Week # 1 The Great Commission is what Ambassador trips are all about! In the Great Commission, there are many working parts to spreading the Gospel. Think about the different parts like financial supporters, prayer warriors, on-the-field workers, those who disciple new believers and so many more. This week the readings will be focused on the Great Commission and praying for the Ethnic Teams.

Day 1	Matthew 28:16-20	Pray for those who are learning about media
Day 2	Philippians 1:3-11	Pray for those who are persecuted
Day 3	Romans 10:14-20	Pray for ethnic teams' finances
Day 4	Matthew 9:35-38	Pray for teams' film showings & outreach efforts
Day 5	Luke 19: 1-10	Pray for ethnic team members' health
Day 6	Matthew 25:35-40	Pray for evangelistic opportunities
Day 7	Mark 16:14-19	Pray for abundant media creativity



Week #2 The Great Commandment is mentioned in Matthew 22: 37-39:

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

This week’s meditations focus on centering our hearts on God and His call to love those around us. Take time to focus on what it means to love God and His people. Think about the people that are hard to love around you. Think about the people that are easy to love. Think about the people you want to show more love to. Prayer points for this week are related to traveling mercies and favor on the upcoming Ambassador trip.

Day 1	Matthew 22:36-40	Pray for flights and arrival times
Day 2	John 15:1-17	Pray for favor with drivers
Day 3	1 John 3:11-24	Pray for wonderful exposure to culture
Day 4	1 John 4:7-21	Pray for favor at immigration/security
Day 5	Romans 13:8-10	Pray for good weather every day
Day 6	Luke 6:27-36	Pray for safety
Day 7	John 13:31-35	Pray for a good witness with all you come in contact with





Week #3 The Great Collaboration is how people come together to further the gospel. This is expressed in many ways in missions with media, medical, education etc. Collaborating with our strengths, resources, knowledge and passion can be so beautiful and effective for the Kingdom of Heaven. When you read in Acts 8: 26-40:

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked, “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

*“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth.”*

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.





Philip is who we as Christians want to be. Someone who at any moment, overseas or in our home country, is ready to talk about the gospel. Philip, listening to God, met this man who had so many questions about what he was reading. The man was open and ready to learn more. Using the knowledge that he had, Philip was able to share what he knew and baptized the eunuch. This man was overjoyed to know the Truth and then went home to share this Good News. Without even intending to do, these two collaborated to share the gospel in faraway places. Think about how you are collaborating on this Ambassador trip with other Christians in Asia. Think about past collaborations you have had in the Kingdom of Heaven. Can you think about who collaborated to lead you to know God?

This week's prayer topics are centered around praying for yourself and your teammates to prepare your hearts, minds and bodies for the trip ahead of you.

Day 1_ John 1: 35-42	Pray for your time on the trip
Day 2 Acts 9:1- 31	Pray for your teammates
Day 3 Acts 9: 32-43	Pray for the PV staff preparing
Day 4 Joshua 2	Pray for new insight into God's character
Day 5 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Pray for good sleep for everyone
Day 6 1 Corinthians 12:12-31	Pray for personal growth for everyone
Day 7 John 5: 1-15	Pray for great connections with new friends





Week # 4 The Great Multiplication could also be phrased as the Great Impact. This Ambassador trip is an opportunity to impact you as individuals, your church, the ethnic teams, current believers, and new believers. When we read Matthew 14: 15-21,

“As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were leftover. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

We see Jesus take a small amount of food and multiply it to feed more than 5,000 people. Uncounted women and children were fed as well. In this great multiplication, there was still an abundance of leftovers. When Jesus calls us to give to others and to reach out, He will multiply it more than we can imagine. We may hear reports about it but we might not hear about it till we get to heaven. Stepping out in faith to do something uncomfortable or at a great cost can have long-lasting effects that impact a person, group, generation, and the world.

As you prepare for this trip, pray for the great multiplication for ethnic teams to share the gospel. Pray for the great multiplication with your church and you as an individual.

Day 1_ Acts 2:1-41	Pray for the impact of the media
Day 2 John 4:1-42	Pray for the ethnic team evangelism
Day 3 Acts 9:32-43	Pray for the new believers
Day 4 Philippians 1:12-26	Pray for online engagement of media
Day 5 Matthew 8:1-4	Pray for provision for future projects
Day 6 Matthew 10	Pray for safety and proper functioning of equipment
Day 7 John 21: 25	Pray for future opportunities

