

Harvest Mission International, Inc.

PRAYER LINES

'Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with perseverance, making supplication for all the saints and also for me, that utterance may be given in my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel.'
Eph. 6:18-20

We at Harvest Mission International have a special request of you. Will you regularly join us in prayer for specific needs of others?

Usually, requests are made by mission organizations to pray for their mission and missionaries—and such prayers are always needed. Harvest Mission International (HMI) also desires your prayers to God on its behalf.

But we also are aware that there are prayer needs of those who know about HMI and are supportive of it. We seek to be an instrument in gathering prayers, not just for us, but for **"all the saints."** We want to follow the call of the apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians as he requested prayer not only for himself and his ministry, but for fellow believers everywhere.

We now are asking you to join with us in praying for people who in specific situations desire prayer on behalf of themselves or those they know. We know that there are individuals who are facing spiritual, physical, and economic challenges and who cherish prayers for them in their daily struggles. We also know that others want prayers of thanks and praise as they come through difficult times.

In this ***Prayer Lines*** we ask you to be one of those who will join us in praying for others.

You will become involved by:

- ◆ Submitting your email address that we can use regularly to transmit to you the prayer needs of those from whom we receive requests.
- ◆ Faithfully praying in the Spirit to our heavenly Father that for the sake of our Lord Jesus the needs expressed will be met according to His gracious will.
- ◆ Joining us at HMI as our staff, during its work week, daily gathers to bring the same requests before God.

Here's how we'll then proceed:

- ◆ Future issues of ***Prayer Lines*** will offer our resources to anyone who desires prayer for themselves or some other person(s).
- ◆ HMI has a special email address dedicated to receiving prayers requests:
prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org
- ◆ For those who do not use email, **260-471-5129** will be available for phone requests.

We invite you to join us in prayer. Please send the following information to us by email at: **prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org** or use the form below and send to: Harvest Mission International, 1145 S. Barr St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

Yes! Trusting God's call for prayer and His promises, I want to pray for others.

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Our Mission: To equip and mobilize God's people to spread the Gospel across all cultures.

Yes, we continue to seek your prayers on behalf of HMI. Just as the apostle Paul asked the faithful at Ephesus to pray for him that he would boldly proclaim the Gospel, we also ask for your prayers that God would use us to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to the world in which we now live.

Our mission opportunities in the past weeks have been:

- ◆ A successful 3-day workshop at which participants learned how to be a friend to a person from another culture.
- ◆ Meetings with pastors from local churches to find out how HMI can help with their mission outreach efforts.
- ◆ Planning for participation in a Mission Festival in New York involving approximately 40 churches.
- ◆ Preparing to hold a 1-day cross-cultural workshop in New York.
- ◆ Planning a mission trip to Slovakia and Latvia to encourage and meet with Gypsy mission leaders.
- ◆ Editing articles for a Bible Study book entitled 'Missionaries Out of the Pew.' This book will be published by mid-August and we hope that it will be a blessing to encourage lay people for missions.

GOD'S PRAYER COMMAND AND PROMISES

We at HMI live in the conviction that prayer to the Triune God is His desire for us to do and, because of His promises, will bring His blessings.

It's instructive that Jesus speaks about prayer at quite some length in the Sermon on the Mount. "Ask," He says, "knock, and seek." But to those commands He adds the promises that the one who does so will receive and find and the door will be opened. He affirmed for us that prayer is a necessity in our relationship with God and that it is not just a useless exercise.

Martin Luther, in his explanation of the word "Amen" at the end of the Lord's Prayer, wrote "That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is Yes, yes it shall be so."

Buddhist priests utilize a wheel to which are attached prayers written on paper. As it is twirled, it is said by them that the prayers ascend. It's all rather mechanical and impersonal.

As God's people in Christ, we come as individuals, pray in the Spirit for individuals by name, speak our hearts' desires, and trustingly believe that the true God awaits our prayers to trustingly believe that the true God awaits our prayers to answer them.

For His is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever!

Yes, yes, it shall be so!

