

HIS MASTERPIECE

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Ways to Pray for our International Workers **by Terri Groh, District Alliance Women's Director**

Prayer is such a vital part of what we do as Alliance Women and I want to share some specific ways you can pray for our international workers and how to support those who share the gospel around the world.

1. Pray for Spiritual Strength

Ask God to give our workers deep faith, wisdom, and courage. Pray for their spiritual nourishment, protection against discouragement, and guidance in all decisions.

2. Pray for Physical Health and Safety

Our international workers often face challenging environments, unfamiliar situations, and limited healthcare. Pray for good health, safety in travel, and protection from harm or danger.

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3. Pray for Cultural Adaptation

Adjusting to a new culture, language, and customs can be overwhelming. Pray for patience, understanding, and the ability to build meaningful relationships with local people.

4. Pray for Fruitful Ministry

Ask God to bless their outreach efforts. Pray for open hearts among those they serve, effective communication, and lasting fruit from their ministry.

5. Pray for Family and Relationships

International Workers are often separated from family and friends. Pray for strong marriages, relationships with children, and support for loved ones back home.

6. Pray for Emotional Well-being

Mission work can be lonely and stressful. Pray for joy, resilience, peace in the midst of struggles, and encouragement from others.

7. Pray for Provision and Resources

Our international workers rely on financial support and resources for their work. Pray for steady provision, generous donors, and wise management of all resources.

8. Pray for Team Unity

Many of our international workers work in teams or partnerships. Pray for unity, healthy communication, and the ability to resolve conflicts in love.

9. Pray for Opportunities and Open Doors

Pray for new opportunities, favor with local authorities, and open doors to share faith in challenging places.

10. Pray for Endurance and Perseverance

International Workers may face setbacks, opposition, or slow progress. Pray for endurance, perseverance, and hope to continue their calling.

Your prayers matter. By lifting up our international workers in these specific ways, you support their ministry and help bring light to places around the world.

Conformed to His Image

By Windie Her



Have you ever been in a situation where you felt afraid or as if things were happening beyond your control?

Read Romans 8:26-29

When each of my children turned eight years old, I had them read a little book called *The Crying River* by Yee J. Lo. It is a story about war through the eyes of a child. Here's an excerpt:

Around us, people prayed to their ancestors, their gods of the mountains, rocks, and trees. Calmly, Mother gathered us close and prayed. "Heavenly Father, you have brought us this far, but now we're about to cross the Mekong River. Please watch over us. Whatever happens, we are in your hands, Amen."

After Mother prayed, we climbed down a cleft into the cold water. As the water came to Mother's chest, Leng was placed on her shoulders. She was meant to carry Keng, while Kong Ming carried Leng, but Keng wanted to be with his big brother. He's strong, he can take care of me . . . Kong Ming lifted Keng over his head and sat him on his shoulders. We walked into the water, farther from shore. It seemed like no one knew how to swim. How could they? They were just farmers.

We were floating slowly. The river lightly took us farther away. BAM! BAM! BAM! Suddenly the sky was exploding, bursting with rubble and smoke – gunfire! The screaming grew louder and scarier. Water splashing wildly around me, into my face and back.

I looked back to find the river bank lit up with fire. Bullets flew past me, whizzing loudly. The dark sky filled with red streaming lights. The water continued to splash all over my face until I couldn't see or hear much of anything.

"Everyone, swim harder!" Kong Ming yelled. And then WHUD!

"I'm hit!" my brother Kong Ming went under with Keng on his back.

The reason I had my children read this short but meaningful book is because this is their story, their history. In this book, they see pictures of their grandpa and grandma. They see the hand of God and His deliverance for our family.

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." —Romans 8:26–27

I can't imagine what my grandmother went through. Losing her husband and then having to make a scary, life-altering decision to save her children, then to lose her two sons along the way. I can only imagine her cries to Christ, the prayers that were lifted, the waiting on the Lord on her knees. God knew her struggles and challenges even when she couldn't utter a prayer.

My grandmother passed away over 20 years ago, but I was blessed to be with her in some of those last days. I remember asking her if she was scared of death and she said, "No. Why would I be? I'm going home to my Heavenly Father and to be with Grandpa." Until her dying breathe, she stayed faithful and ran the good race.

Verse 28 states, "and we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose." Sometimes, in the tough moments, like my grandmother, we may not know what to do or where to turn—even who to trust. But when we have faith and hope in a higher being, in our God, He will reveal His plan.

Verse 29 states, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." Before my grandfather passed away, he chose to bring our family to Christ against the will of his extended family. God foreknew the great work he had predestined for our family. Four generations since our family came to Christ, it has come full circle. This past Christmas, we had an opportunity to go back to a Hmong village in Thailand with our children to share the gospel. The image of Christ continues to live in us through all of the trials and tribulations.

Our God's sovereignty is so amazing. No matter what circumstances or challenges you are facing, no matter what you are going through, God hears you and He is with you. His hands are holding you. He has you just as He did my family. His plans will unfold before you, for His purpose as He has been predestined. You are loved and a child of God, conformed in His image.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever have times of feeling like you are alone in a crisis or difficult situation?
2. How do you get through those times and still have faith to know that God is with you?
3. What are 2–3 specific action steps you can take when facing a challenge that threatens to derail your faith?

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for loving me so much and for hearing my cries. Thank You for knowing what I need even before I do. Time and time again, You have shown up. You have never let me down and will never let me down. Thank You for Your sovereignty and Your faithfulness. Amen.

Author Bio:



Windie is humbled and honored to serve as the director of the Alliance Women's Ministries of the Hmong District. She is a passionate servant leader who believes, gives hope, and empowers all those she encounters. Windie graduated from Walla Walla College School of Nursing with a bachelor of science in nursing and holds a master of arts in leadership from Denver Seminary. Windie and her husband first met each other at Hlub Bible camp when they were 13 years old. Ten years later, God brought them back together and they have been happily married for 20 years. She enjoys reading, the outdoors, and traveling with her husband and their four beautiful children



2025-2026 National Project

District Goal - \$18,000

Year-to-Date Giving (July-Sept.) - \$155.00

NORTH AFRICA–Women’s Bakery Initiative

Pray for the launch of a bakery that will provide at-risk women with employment, vocational training, and mentorship. This will offer them a pathway to a sustainable income and a restored sense of dignity that can change the trajectory of their lives, not just for the short-term, but ultimately for eternity.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

ASIA–Cambodia Medical Project

Pray for the primary medical project in Stung Treng, Cambodia, focusing on strengthening the nursing school, developing a lab technician training program, and improving the provincial hospital.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

MCA–Amman Medical Outreach

Pray for support of various medical outreach efforts in Amman, providing compassionate care, prayer, genuine relationships through follow-up visits, and long-term health education and referrals to both Jordanians and refugees from across the Middle East.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Bongolo Hospital

Pray that the Bongolo Hospital is able to continue to provide medical care for the Gabonese, even those that cannot afford it.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

BURKINA FASO–Widows Ministry

Pray that the widows can receive spiritual encouragement and experience a personal relationship with Jesus while they learn a new trade. Pray for opportunities for young widows affected by displacement and military widows to access counseling and support.

OUR GOAL: \$10,000

UNITED STATES

Pray for non-majority, next generation leaders being trained through spiritual formation retreats.

OUR GOAL: \$25,000

Pray for the Alliance Women Leadership Scholarship recipients participating in leadership development opportunities.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Pray for the financial needs of our international worker candidates as they prepare to go where the Lord has called them and serve in different regions of the world.

OUR GOAL: \$5,000

Pompidou Guest House Libreville, Gabon

Our district Alliance Women continue to have the Pompidou Guest House in Libreville, Gabon, Africa as our district overseas project.

Thank you for your continued support to help these projects happen. All money should be sent to our district Alliance Women treasurer, Peg Kelwaski, earmarked “Pompidou”.

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Our district Alliance Women leadership team voted to raise \$1,500 in 2025-2026 for ongoing repairs and updates to the home.

Amount brought in to date (July-September) - \$ 0.00

