

Prayer and Spiritual Preparation



“Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.” Psalms 85:13

Begin your preparation with a time of spiritual self-examination. Examine the Scriptures and allow God to speak to you about any sin in your life. Does your life reflect the forgiveness and love of God found in Matthew 6:12-15 and John 13:35? Are you an article of gold and silver?

“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man

cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Each team member should try to have at least two prayer supporters. These individuals should begin praying for you now and should be committed to praying for you throughout your trip.

As we proclaim the gospel, we can expect spiritual opposition. The enemy wants to do everything possible to stop people from hearing the gospel (God’s Word does not come back void!). Please pray for both us and for those with whom we’ll speak:

Pray for us as we share the gospel:

- **That we may put on God’s full armour** (Eph 6:10-17...Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes...)
- **To proclaim it fearlessly** (Eph 6:19 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...)
- **For our personal conduct and team life** (1 Peter 5:8-9 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...)

Pray for those who will hear the gospel:

- **That God will remove their spiritual blindness** (2 Cor 4:3-4 ...The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ...)
- **That the Holy Spirit will convict them of sin** (John 16:7-11 ...he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment...)
- **That individuals will realize their need and come to know Christ** (John 20:30-31...But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in his name.)





We can proclaim the Good News by several methods: sketchboard and mime in open-air presentations, surveys, special evening presentations, children's programs, or literature distribution (outreach programme will be confirmed shortly before the start of the outreach). *Please pray for effectiveness in these activities—that we may clearly communicate the gospel through them.*



Please pray for the outreach coordinators and their preparations:

- For Spirit-inspired preparation of evangelism activities
- For permission from local authorities when necessary
- For good attendance at outreach events



We will most likely come into contact with Muslim immigrants during evangelism activities.

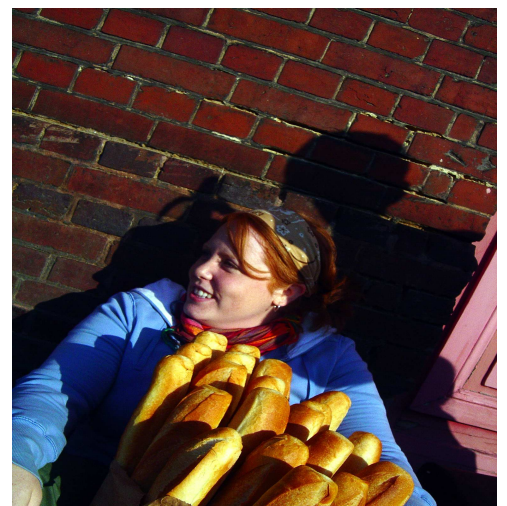
Please pray for sensitivity and cultural awareness as we share the gospel with those from a Muslim background.

Pray for God's wisdom as we share our faith with nominal Catholics, atheists, and agnostics. Pray most of all that God's love and the difference He's made in each of our lives will be apparent to everyone we meet.

Please pray for the practical aspects of the outreach:

- good weather for outdoor evangelism
- safety and efficiency in transportation
- health of team members

Finally, please pray for the local church(es). Outreaches are an opportunity for the church members to grow in their faith and in unity, as well to share the gospel themselves. *Please pray the Lord's blessing on them during their involvement with the outreach.*



What has God laid upon your heart to pray for this outreach?

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