

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL TO MISSIONS

Discerning God's call to missions is one of the most significant decisions a believer can face. It requires careful prayer, Biblical reflection, and seeking wisdom from the Holy Spirit and mature believers.



These prayer points are designed to help you seek God's heart and will as you consider whether He is calling you to ministry in the mission field.

Approach each one with an open heart, ready to hear whatever God might say—whether that's "go," "wait," or "serve Me differently." He might not answer all of these directly or specifically, but pausing to listen will help you hear him more clearly if He is.

1 FOR CLARITY OF GOD'S VOICE—
Ask God to speak clearly through His Word, prayer, and circumstances, removing confusion and making His will unmistakable in your heart and mind.
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
(PROVERBS 3:5-6)

2 FOR CONFIRMATION THROUGH SCRIPTURE—Pray that God would highlight specific biblical passages that either affirm or redirect your sense of calling, giving you solid scriptural foundation. *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."* (PSALM 119:105)

3 FOR WISDOM IN TIMING—Seek God's perfect timing - whether He's calling you to go now, prepare for future service, or serve in a different capacity where you are. *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*
(ECCLESIASTES 3:1)

4 FOR DISCERNMENT ABOUT LOCATION AND PEOPLE GROUP—
Ask God to reveal where He might be calling you to serve and which specific people or communities He's placing on your heart. *"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"* (ACTS 16:9)



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Remember that God's heart for the nations is clear throughout Scripture, but His specific calling for your life will unfold in His perfect timing.

Trust that as you seek Him earnestly through prayer and His Word, He will faithfully guide your steps according to His good and perfect will. Him more clearly if He is.



5 FOR HONEST SELF-EXAMINATION—
Pray for insight into your motivations, gifts, weaknesses, and readiness, asking God to reveal any areas needing growth or healing. *“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”* (PSALM 139:23-24)

6 FOR CONFIRMATION THROUGH GODLY COUNSEL—Ask God to speak through mature believers, pastors, and mission leaders who can provide a wise, biblical perspective on your sense of calling. *“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”* (PROVERBS 15:22)

7 FOR UNITY WITH YOUR FAMILY—
Pray that God would give you and your family one heart and mind about this calling, working through any differences with grace and bringing clarity to both of you. *“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”* (ECCLESIASTES 4:12)

8 FOR FINANCIAL PROVISION AND PRACTICAL DETAILS—
Seek God's guidance on fund-raising and logistical preparations, trusting Him to provide what's needed. *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”* (PHILIPPIANS 4:19)

9 FOR COURAGE TO OBEY—Pray for boldness to say “yes” if God confirms the calling, and equal courage to wait or redirect if He leads differently. *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”* (JOSHUA 1:9)

10 FOR SURRENDER AND TRUST—
Ask God to help you hold this calling with open hands, fully surrendered to His will whether that means going, staying, or serving in unexpected ways. *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”* (ROMANS 12:1)



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