

## Praying with Purpose: Prompts from Proverbs

Thank you for joining with me in the journey to pray with purpose. As we pray these specific God-focused and God-glorifying prayers for those serving around the World, let's also pray these same truths for Jerusalem – for these same prayers to be lived out in our in our lives.

God has given me a specific assignment: to encourage women to love Him and to love His Word. Therefore, my heart is joyful as I see this opportunity to pray with purpose for our missionaries, but also to entrench ourselves in His Word.

Whether you are a seasoned woman of the Word or just beginning to cultivate this daily discipline, you will be blessed by devoting yourself to the practical daily wisdom served up in these 31 chapters – one for each day of the month.

Women of God, let's ask God to show us how to pray with purpose!

Here's how to get started:

1. Print the daily prompts to follow.
2. Spin a globe or refer to a map of the world and fill in the names of countries in each of the 31 blanks.
3. Read the Proverb of the Day. (If today is October 1, read Proverbs 1, etc.)
4. Pray with purpose, using the prayer provided as a prompt.

Feel free to use this resource as best works for you and adapt as God leads.

I'm praying for you today, my friend, that God will use this resource to renew your prayer life, enable you to pray His Word back to Him, and glorify Him in all as we pray with purpose.

To HIM be all the glory, as we pray our way around the world in 31 days!

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## Day 1

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...” Proverbs 1:7

*Lord, stir up a sense of holy fear in \_\_\_\_\_. Use our faithful missionaries there to cultivate a reverence, awe, and respect for you – the living God. Give the people there a heart to receive instruction, to hear the truth of who you are. A focus on You reminds us of who You are and who we are not. A humble heart is a teachable heart. In order to receive knowledge, we must acknowledge we have none of our own. You alone are the source of all knowledge. Stir the hearts of the people of Indonesia to fear you, desire you, and want to know the truth.*

## Day 2

“My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you...and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding...then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.” Proverbs 2:1-5

*Lord, create a hunger and thirst for your Word in the people of \_\_\_\_\_. Let nothing else satisfy. Create an intense longing for You that prompts them to call out and cry aloud for insight and understanding that will lead to You alone, O God.*

## Day 3

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

*Lord, thank you for those who serving faithfully in \_\_\_\_\_. Let each trust you above all human logic and plans. Let each decision, action, thought, and ministry plan be completed by first acknowledging You, seeking Your direction, and with the purpose of making much of You.*

#### Day 4

"Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live ..." Proverbs 4:4

*God Almighty, thank you for sending Jesus – the Living Word of God through whom You communicated Your great love to a sinful world. Thank You for the Bible – your Holy Word to guide and sustain, encourage and convict, reassure and comfort us. Use your Word to do all this and more for those who seek to make you known in \_\_\_\_\_. May your servants there lay hold of your word daily and with all their hearts. May it truly be their daily bread.*

#### Day 5

"May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth." Proverbs 5:18

*God, I ask blessing upon the marriages of those serving you in \_\_\_\_\_. I pray their marriage and their home would be a refuge for all, but especially for themselves and their children. Make them a family of friends. Let even the difficulties they experience in marriage and family be a testimony to your greatness and your power. Give them joy in their marriage.*

#### Day 6

"...the corrections of discipline are the way to life..." Proverbs 6:23b

*Lord bless our faithful missionaries who are serving faithfully with their families in \_\_\_\_\_. As they work to spread your gospel to the people there, stir their hearts to remember their families and particularly their children are their first focus. Let even their parenting bring glory to you. I pray that our missionaries would love their children and also discipline their children – all in a way that honors your name and your word.*

#### Day 7

"Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye." Proverbs 7:2

*May each day find those serving you in \_\_\_\_\_ more in love with you and more in love with your word. Give each of your servants a specific verse or passage to commit to memory, to hide in their heart. Holy Spirit, bring that passage to mind when it is needed most.*

### Day 8

*“For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord.” Proverbs 8:35*

*God, I pray that you would bless and use our missionaries in \_\_\_\_\_ in a mighty way for your glory. Give each opportunity to point the way to you today. Let their passion be to help others find the way to real life – life that is only found in you. Let these servants sense your presence and your favor.*

### Day 9

*“Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars.” Proverbs 9:1*

*Lord, impart your great wisdom to our missionaries serving in \_\_\_\_\_. Let them be respected by the local people. Give them practical opportunities to walk in wisdom. Let them be sought out by the indigenous people for advice and counsel. Let them be known as wise, trustworthy, and as one to go to when crisis comes.*

### Day 10

*“Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.” Proverbs 10:4*

*Thank you for the ministry opportunities you have given to those serving in \_\_\_\_\_. Let their work ethic be a testimony to your faithfulness in all they do. I pray their diligence would be an example and an encouragement to those that look on. We thank you that wealth is defined differently in your economy.*

### Day 11

*“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2*

*God, I pray abundant fruit for those serving you in \_\_\_\_\_. As you bless their labor, let each humbly acknowledge your blessing and your provision. Protect each heart from pride by keeping thankfulness on each tongue.*

### Day 12

*“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.” Proverbs 12:25*

*God Almighty, I pray that our missionaries in \_\_\_\_\_ would daily present their cares and burdens to you. Thank you that you carry those things that would weigh us down. I ask that you bring a kind words to bless each missionary today. Give each opportunity to “pay forward” those kind words and honor you with their conversations.*

### Day 13

*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.” Proverbs 13:12*

*Jesus, let the chief hope of every heart serving in \_\_\_\_\_ be to make you known. Fulfill this great longing in their life and in their ministry by allowing them today to see fruit from their labor. Bring blessing and encouragement to those who are hoping and serving faithfully. Let the fulfillment of their hope bring glory to your name!*

### Day 14

*“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs 14:21*

*Dear God, please protect the hearts of those who are serving in \_\_\_\_\_. As they encounter evil, let each missionary be able to supernaturally “hate the sin but love the sinner.” Whether rich or poor economically, let our missionaries see each person who does not know you as “needy” spiritually. Give a specific opportunity today to demonstrate kindness to these needy ones.*

### Day 15

*“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1*

*Lord, we pray great blessing over our missionaries serving you in \_\_\_\_\_. We pray their passion and enthusiasm for making you known would be tempered by the leading of your Spirit. Holy Spirit, guide and direct their hearts and minds-- directing them when to speak and when to be still. Unleash the power that comes with a gentle answer in their lives and in their ministry. Be glorified in each conversation.*

#### Day 16

*"In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9*

*God we pray our missionaries serving in \_\_\_\_\_ would devote careful thought, prayer, and preparation to each ministry endeavor. As they make their plans, let each be so in step with your leading that they are submissive to a course alteration as you offer redirection. Let even closed doors be viewed as opportunities for you to work.*

#### Day 17

*"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children." Proverbs 17:6*

*God, thank you for the joy and delight that children bring into our lives. Surely this joy transcends language, culture, and traditions. Give our missionaries serving you in \_\_\_\_\_ insight into how ministry to children can open the hearts and minds of parents and grandparents to the truth of the gospel. Thank you, Father, that children were your idea.*

#### Day 18

*"He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame." Proverbs 18:13*

*Lord, we pray you would plant a deep and abiding love for the people of \_\_\_\_\_ in the hearts of your servants. Let this love fuel a desire for understanding, compassion, and genuine listening. Let each response be a prayerful response. God, bring glory to yourself in everyday conversations.*

#### Day 19

“A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.” Proverbs 19:11

*God, by your grace, enable those serving you in \_\_\_\_\_ to overlook any real or perceived offense. Let your glory overflow in their hearts, their minds, and on their tongues with wisdom and patience.*

### Day 20

“Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.”  
Proverbs 20:15

*Almighty God, we know you have blessed the people of \_\_\_\_\_ with great natural resources. On a per capita basis, theirs is the richest nation in the world. Despite their physical wealth, please fill the people of that country with a sense of their own spiritual poverty. Enable our missionaries there to speak powerful truth and share the love of Jesus. Let this be a rare jewel to this wealthy nation.*

### Day 21

“There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD.” Proverbs 21:30

*Jesus, I pray encouragement for those who may feel discouraged as they serve in \_\_\_\_\_ today. Stir up their hearts to realize that no wisdom, no insight, no plan can succeed against you. It is in your strength that we go and for your glory that we serve. Give our brothers and sisters an eternal perspective.*

### Day 22

“A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.”  
Proverbs 22:3

*Thank you, Lord, for those committed to serving you in \_\_\_\_\_. Let each daily abide in your love and walk by your spirit. I pray that your protection and provision would be a testimony to your sovereignty and greatness.*

### Day 23

“Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.” Proverbs 23:12

*Lord, thank you for those you have called to serve you in \_\_\_\_\_. Impress upon your servants the importance to apply their heart daily to your word. Give them a teachable spirit. Fill them up daily so they can pour out for you.*

#### Day 24

“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3-4

*Though the house in \_\_\_\_\_ may not look like the one at home, I pray the missionaries serving there have a home that is built on wisdom and understanding. Though simple by the world’s standards, I pray the presence of your Holy Spirit makes it filled with beauty and love. May those in their community be drawn to you, as they sense this place is holy ground.*

#### Day 25

“A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” Proverbs 25:11

*Lord, I pray today for those serving you in \_\_\_\_\_. I asked that you place your words on their tongues. Let the words they speak be words of life and love to those who hear.*

#### Day 26

“Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.” Proverbs 26:20

*Gracious God, protect your servants in \_\_\_\_\_ from the temptation to gossip. Stir up their hearts to refrain from gossiping with or about colleagues, family, friends, or prospects. Spur them on to stay focused on their call and may their lives be devoted to shining brightly for you.*

#### Day 27

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17



*Dear God, I ask blessing upon those who have answered your call to share the gospel with the people of \_\_\_\_\_ . I ask that you provide each missionary there with an accountability partner to meet with, pray with, and encourage.*

### Day 28

*“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Proverbs 28:13*

*Jesus, how grateful we are at the mercy and grace that is ours because of your sacrifice. I pray that those serving you as missionaries in \_\_\_\_\_ would practice continual confession and enjoy the freedom that comes from walking in forgiveness/*

### Day 29

*“Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 29:20*

*Lord, we pray for wisdom, patience and discretion for those living and serving in \_\_\_\_\_ . Let each of your servants there think and pray before speaking. May your Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and their words and may you be glorified by their words.*

### Day 30

*“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.” Proverbs 30:5*

*Father, thank you for our missionaries who labor to share the gospel with the people of \_\_\_\_\_ . Give each a passion for knowing and studying your word. May the words of Scripture be a refuge to each in the storms and daily challenges they face.*

### Day 31

*“Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:9*

*Jesus, thank you for those who have answered your call to serve in \_\_\_\_\_ . Bless and empower our missionaries there as they work to defend those who are poor and needy physically as well as spiritually. Bless each with the joy that comes from bringing great glory to your name!*