

San Antonio Mission Trip Prayer Guide

Pre-Trip Prayers

As your missionary prepares for their trip, they may experience different obstacles that try to keep them from going. These are some specific things you can pray to stand in the gap for them.

- **Against a Spirit of Fear** that would try to cause anxiousness or doubt about God's calling for them to go or fear about confronting the darkness in San Antonio. *2 Timothy 1:7*
- **Provision** for funding, God to provide from unexpected and unusual places. *Philippians 4:19*
- **Boldness** to ask people to partner with them to pray, give financially, and boldness to share the gospel. *2 Corinthians 3:12*
- **Creativity** in fundraising and scheduling to be gone from work, home, and family. *Ephesians 2:10*
- **Prepared Heart** for God to reveal in their hearts any unconfessed sin, they would have a willing spirit, and be teachable. *Mark 4:25*
- **Against a Spirit of Procrastination** in the details of trip deadlines that could prevent them from going. *1 Peter 5:8*

Day 1 & 2 Drama Training

Your missionary will spend countless hours on these two-day learning counts, expressions, sword fights, and everything related to the 18 – minute pantomime/drama he or she will do on the streets in parks, plazas, & among the homeless in San Antonio.

Begin by praying for your missionary to have a **Heart ready to worship and learn.**

As the group gathers for discipleship and training, ask that God would create a pure and clean heart within them. That they would be ready to do whatever is asked of them in the name of Jesus.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me” – Psalm 51:10

- **Attentiveness** to leadership as they teach and train the drama and other ministry skills. *John 13:13-17*
- **Spirit of Unity** over every team member and leadership. *Colossians 2:2-3*
- **Boldness and confidence** as your missionary is commissioned to be sent out. *Matthew 28:18-20*
- **Renewed Passion** for the local workers, church partners, and team as they minister in the streets of San Antonio. *Isaiah 40:31*
- **Fearlessness** to step into the unknown, uncomfortable, and unfamiliar to boldly proclaim the Gospel. *2 Timothy 1:7*

Lastly for the **Spirit of Salvation.**

Like the seeds that fell on fertile soil in the Parable of the Sower, ask the Lord to make fertile ground and prepare hearts to receive the gospel.

“I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.” – Jeremiah 24:7

Day 3 Travel/Ministry

Begin by praying for your missionary for **Travel Mercies** as they drive to San Antonio early in the morning.

“For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.” Isaiah 52:12

- **Favor** as the team travels, for the drivers to have quick eyes and sharp minds. *Psalms 90:17*
- **Protection** from any traveling issues with transportation, weather, covid-19, or vehicle breakdowns. *2 Thessalonians 3:3-5*
- **Connection** with team members as they arrive. *1 Thessalonians 5:11*
- **Divine Encounters** with people at the rest stops, gas stations and restaurants. *Acts 8:26-39*
- **Focus** on the mission ahead and not distractions from home. *Matthew 6:33*

Lastly, for the **Spirit of a Renewed Mind.**

That their thoughts won't hold them back from what the Lord has called them to do.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.” – Romans 12:2

Day 4 Ministry / Discipleship

Begin by praying for **Divine Appointments**.

Ask God to set up divine appointments and open doors for ministry that only He can make possible. To prepare the hearts of those that will come to the parks & plazas. That hearts would be softened and receptive to the gospel.

“Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” Colossians 4:3-4

- **Anointing** that will break the yoke of darkness as team members boldly proclaim the gospel. *Luke 4:18*
- **Boldness** to confront darkness and overcome feelings of inadequacy. To step out in prophetic evangelism. *Acts 28:31*
- **Release of Control** and an embracing of God’s power to direct steps. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- **Spirit of Encouragement** to fill each team member as they walk door to door and break strongholds over the oppressed. *Psalms 112:6-7*
- **Open Doors** for gospel conversations and with people as the team canvasses Eagle Pass. *Colossians 4:3*

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DAY 5 Ministry / Discipleship

Begin praying for a **Willing Spirit** Pray against a tired or lethargic spirit. Ask the Lord to strengthen their spirit to push through tiredness and give them a spirit that is willing and their flesh to follow.

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.” Psalms 51:12

- **Stand Firm** against the opposition of the enemy and stand in their spiritual authority. *Ephesians 6:11*
- **Satan’s Opposition Would Be Stopped** and the darkness would be disrupted. *Isaiah 54:17*
- **Clarity** in Communication, direction, and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. *James 1:19*
- **Sensitivity** to the Leading and Direction of Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:17*
- **Tear down walls** in their heart, against a resistant spirit. *1 Peter 5:8-9*
- **Salvation** Your missionary would lead someone to Jesus. *Revelation 3:20*

Lastly, **Darkness Would Be Pushed Back.**

Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can’t imagine. Working among the homeless, praying for the trafficked, orphaned, lonely, broken and walking the areas of a city that are filled with oppressive darkness. Darkness is so thick that the oppression can feel overwhelming. Pray the light of Jesus would shine through each team member, intimidating the darkness and releasing captives from oppression as they share the Gospel.

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” Isaiah 61:1

DAY 6 Travel Home

Begin praying for **Bold Words and Continued Action** They have experienced a lot of things on this trip. Pray for God to help them articulate all the amazing things God did and to process all the pain they saw. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help your missionary boldly share all the ways they saw the Grace of Jesus and bring home continued bold obedience to their own city.

“My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.”
Psalms 71:15-16

- **Travel Mercies** as they return home from San Antonio. They will start at 5 am. *Isaiah 52:12*
- **Spiritual Growth and Knowledge** would increase, deepen and enlarge in every area. *Colossians 1:9-10*
- **Mind of Christ** would be given to interpret every experience, encounter, and relationship. *Philippians 2:5*
- Each team member would become a **Window to the World** from this experience. *Matthew 5:16*
- **Behaviors of Old to be Changed** and each team member would walk renewed and transformed. *Romans 12:2*
- **Boldly Proclaim and Focus** on sharing the Great things God has done. *Psalms 66*
- **Spiritual Pride Would be Broken and Humility** would clothe each team member. *Proverbs 16:18-19*
- **Fearlessness** to boldly take the Gospel back home and continue living the Missionary Lifestyle. *2 Timothy 1:7*
- **Connection** would grow into accountability with Christian friends who have experienced the AWE of God with them. *Proverbs 27:17*

Lastly, Pray for their **Return to The Mission Field**.

Each student has a unique calling giving them influence in their home, among their peers, community, culture, sport teams, and church. Pray that God continues to call them to invest their holiday breaks, summers, vacations, and future in the furtherance of the gospel to all nations.

Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

As They Return Home

When your missionary returns home, they will experience many different things. They experienced and witnessed God move in mighty ways on their trip. They were part of a united community together for one goal. Ask them to share stories with you. Pray for them, encourage them.

- **Steadfastness** to stay on the course God set before them. *1 Corinthians 15:58*
 - **Faithfulness** to remain in the AWE FACTORS. *Acts 2:42-43*
- **Boldness and Fearlessness** to share all God has done on their trip. *2 Timothy 1:7*
- **Divine Encounters** and the eyes to see them and to walk with a heartbeat of obedience. *Acts 28:31*
 - **Lasting Fruit** to continue as they go home. *John 15:16*
- **Eyes to See Divine Encounters** in their sphere of influence, workplace, friendships, and family relationships. *Matthew 13:16*