



# ***New Mexico Singing Churchmen and Friends***

## **Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

### ***Prayer Partners' Prayer Guide***



Please feel free to share this with your prayer partners!

#### **8 Prayers You Can Pray for Your Friend on Mission**

It is awesome to witness the power of God on numerous mission trips. There can be no doubt that prayer is the primary ingredient for spiritually successful mission trips. Here are some prayers to pray for our mission team.

- 1. Pray that the mission team will not let the platform take the place of the mission.** In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commissioned us to make disciples. That's our mission. Oftentimes, compassion ministry, construction and concerts (or other ministries) are the "platforms" that give opportunity for mission trips. But success in meeting these needs is not our "mission." Our mission is disciple-making (evangelism, teaching, baptizing) connected to a local church. It is easy to let the need (platform) become the focus. Pray that this mission team will not forget the "mission" in lieu of meeting the need.
- 2. Pray for the spiritual preparation and development of the mission team.** There's a reason Paul's prayer for spiritual boldness in proclaiming the gospel (Ephesians 6:19) followed his treatment of Christian armor and spiritual warfare. Mission trips are not for the spiritually weak—they require recognition of the spiritual war we are facing. Pray that this team will be spiritually prepared for the work and war they are sure to face.
- 3. Pray for the flexibility of the mission team.** Sometimes our mission plans require revision and flexibility. Acts 16:6-10 records Paul's prevention by the Holy Spirit of going into Asia and the Macedonian call. Mission teams must learn to trust God's plan, not their own and be spiritually discerning. Pray that this team will be flexible in their planning and discern what God wants to accomplish on the mission trip.
- 4. Pray for the financial support of the mission team.** When Jesus sent out his witnesses, he told them to trust the provision offered in the villages for their wages and sustenance (Matthew 10:9-10; Luke 10:4-8). Mission trips cost

money! And we believe in a God who owns everything. Pray that God would meet the financial obligations of each team member and the mission trip.

5. **Pray for the health, safety, and travel of the mission team.** Traveling to mission destinations and encountering new bugs and bacteria can drastically affect the health and strength of mission team participants. Getting sick is just a normal part of international travel. However there is precedent for praying for the health and safety of mission teams in travel. Acts 27 records the storm at sea and shipwreck of Paul and his captors. Yet Paul prayed, and God protected all on the ship (Acts 27:24). Pray that this team will experience safe travel and health protection while on the mission trip.
6. **Pray for the spiritual wisdom and loving service of the mission team.** One of Paul's prayers for the Ephesian church was that they would grow in spiritual wisdom and depth of love (Ephesians 3:14-20). Mission team members need an abundance of wisdom and love, and God desires to provide it. Pray that team members will be abundantly wise and discerning as well as filled with love for those whom they will serve and share with.
7. **Pray for the Spirit to open blinded eyes and that unbelievers would see Christ in all of His glory.** Satan blinds the eyes of unbelievers to the truth of the gospel and the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4-6). It is the Holy Spirit's role to convict and bring to light the truth and power of the gospel (John 16:8-11). Pray that the Holy Spirit would go ahead of this team and prepare the hearts of the lost to respond to Christ and that the Spirit would draw unbelievers to Christ through the sharing of the gospel in any form.
8. **Pray for the spiritual development, strength, and growth of the partner churches and missions that this team will work with.** Paul encouraged, commended, challenged, and prayed for the churches, elders and leaders of the Ephesian church before he finally parted ways with them. (Acts 20:17-38). Mission teams are only a part of God's ongoing work in the world. Churches, organizations, pastors, and believers across the globe will continue God's work far longer than a mission team serves on a mission trip. Pray for the partner churches, pastors, and organizations to have strength, growth, and success in fulfilling God's disciple-making mission in their context.

**Please also pray for some of our Puerto Rican hosts:**

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we will be in two schools:

- Torres Escuela in Villalba, Principal **Mrs. Rios**
- Kindergarten through 8th grade school in Ponce, Principal **José Ojeda**

Wednesday Evening Church Concert:

- Bautista Bethel in Ponce, Pastor **Gerardo Luis Rivera**

Thursday Afternoon School Concert:

- Torres Escuela in Villalba; Host Church: Oasis de Amor, Pastor **Isaí Alvilés**

Friday Evening Church Concert:

- Iglesia Bautista Glenview in Ponce, Pastor **René Pereira** & Co-Pastor (our trip host) **Joel Martínez**

Saturday Morning Clinics/Conferences and Sunday Morning Worship:

- Instrumental and Vocal: Iglesia Bautista de Aquilita, Pastor **José Juan Rodríguez**
- Women's Ministry: Iglesia Bautista Raham de Guayama, Pastor **Javiar Reyes Rivera**
- Women's Ministry Oasis de Amor Church in Peñuelas, Pastors **Raúl Torres & Alexis Lugo**

Saturday Evening Church Concert:

Oasis de Amor Church in Peñuelas, Pastors **Raúl Torres & Alexis Lugo**

Sunday Evening Church Concert:

Iglesia de la Gracia in Yauco, Pastor **Junior Martínez**

**Here are some things (date specific) you might pray over:**

Monday, September 25

Safe travel, and good health to airports, flights, and to hotel; good rest overnight

Tuesday, September 26

Good group organizational meetings; safe travel; good ministry work (4 groups); good health; good rehearsal in preparation for concerts (evening); good rest overnight

Wednesday, September 27

Good ministry work and opportunities; safe travel; good health; great concert at Bethel Baptist Church in Ponce (evening); good rest overnight

Thursday, September 28

Good ministry work and opportunities; safe travel; good health; great concert at Torres Eschuela School in Villalba (evening); good rest overnight

Friday, September 29

Rest, relaxation, and safe travel on sightseeing trips; good health; great concert at Glenview Baptist Church in Ponce (evening) [Glenview is helping with our planning]; good rest overnight

Saturday, September 30

Good conferences and ministry opportunities; safe travel; good health; great concert at church in Peñuelas (evening); good rest overnight

Sunday, October 1

Good worship and worship leading at various churches; safe travel; good health; great closing concert at church in Yuaco; good rest overnight

Monday, October 2

Pray for all alarms to go off on time (early morning); safe travel and good health to flights, on flights, and drive home; also for smooth connections (on time flights)

“I will pray for my friend as they prepare for the mission trip. I will pray that God will use my friend in a mighty way to reach unsaved people during their trip. I will pray that God will use my friend to encourage believers during the trip. I will pray that God will protect them and their family during the trip. I will pray that my friend will allow God to speak through them as they witness. I will pray that my friend will honor and glorify God in everything they do.”

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Date