

HERE I AM

Joining God's Work
Through Bold Prayers

INTRODUCTION

In our quiet moments of prayer, how many times do we find ourselves whispering small, carefully crafted requests? Prayers that are "safe" or "reasonable", prayers designed not to offend. Yet, throughout Scripture, we encounter a God who not only delights in our fellowship but also in answering bold, uninhibited prayers. We're talking about prayers that stretch far beyond our limited imagination and comfort zones - prayers that align with His divine purpose and rely on His supernatural power.

Our Heavenly Father invites each of us to pray audaciously for His Kingdom's continual advancement. He is eager to mobilise His people to accomplish His mission: saving the lost. When Jesus tells us to pray for workers, He's not making a casual suggestion. He's actively

calling us to partner with Him in heaven's agenda.

The truth is hard to believe but remains simple: bold, Kingdom-focused prayers can unlock divine provision, mobilise God's people, and advance His mission in ways that often exceed our expectations.

Within the pages of *Here I Am*, we invite you to pray alongside us as we seek the face of our omnipotent Creator. Will you join us in boldly praying for His provision to and through Mission Aviation Fellowship as we pursue His heart for the nations? Together, may we rediscover a Father who delights in answering the prayers of His children, in ways that will soar far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine.

DAY 1

The Prayer That Sends

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field "-Luke 10:2 (NIV)

Scripture is clear: a day will come when all of humanity - past, present and future - will kneel at the feet of Jesus. What's more, our eternity will hinge on our response to His offer of salvation.

The harvest challenge isn't a question of whether people are ready to hear the gospel and be saved. It's a matter of having enough laborers responding to the call, faithful workers who won't hesitate to surrender their will, comfortable life, or future plans to step directly into the fields the Lord has prepared for them.

Jesus was precise with His words. He wants us to ask the Father to call the laborers, but with that comes an expectation that they will be fully equipped to do the task at hand. God is seeking servants filled with the Holy Spirit, who reflect His love and make Him known with compassion and boldness. He challenges every one of us to see ourselves as His workers right where we live, as well as remain active supporters of those called to forsake everything for His glory.

Will you take a few moments right now to pray for missionaries, pastors, pilots, teachers and everyday believers to be empowered to share God's love? Pray that they will be fully equipped to do the work He has put in their hearts to accomplish, focused not on the fading distractions of today, but on the eternity of tomorrow.

DAY 2

Sent with Purpose and Promise

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
-Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Jesus' command in Matthew 28: 19 to "go and make disciples of all nations" is both a mission and a promise. It's a mission because He sends us into a world that is desperately hungry for hope and truth. But it is also a promise, because He assures us in the very next breath that, "I am with you always".

His instruction to "go" is not a quiet suggestion or whispered whim. It's a bold call to action, a

call backed by the authority of heaven itself. Too often, we hesitate to respond to His leading in our lives, hiding behind our emotions or how we feel unprepared or inadequate. But we forget that it's not all about us. Jesus Himself is the one who equips us with His presence and power.

When we decide to step out in faith, sharing the love of Christ through our daily words and actions, we'll soon find ourselves participating in something eternal. We are planting seeds deep into the hearts of those who are hurting - bringing forth hope and healing when and where it's least expected.

Like a single seed, our individual efforts may seem limited or insufficient. Together, however, they create something

extraordinary. When we work alongside each other for the common goal of His glory, we will find we have more than enough. We are all able to share what little we have to offer, knowing He will accept and amplify our unique gifts to meet the needs of those in the field, spreading His love.

However God has prepared you, whatever He has placed in your humble hands, you are divinely commissioned and positioned to impact this world. Pray today for a fresh infusion of courage, listening for His leading, and trusting that the One who spoke the universe into being is with you always, empowering your every step.

DAY 3

The Courage to Say “Send Me”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” —Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

Isaiah’s response, “Here am I, send me,” is one of the most powerful declarations of surrender in Scripture. It’s a pivotal moment of obedience and commitment. He did not hesitate; he did not carefully calculate or prepare extensively. Instead, he took a simple act of faith in a Heavenly Father.

Have you ever felt that gentle, unmistakable nudge in your heart to follow His leading? While it might not be as dramatic as Isaiah's smoke-filled temple with flying angels, God's call in our lives can be just as real today as it was to Isaiah. Saying “yes” to the Lord looks

different for each of us. Some are called to step directly into the unknown, while others transport them there. Behind the scenes, a multitude of believers provide the prayer, encouragement, and support necessary. While every role is equally critical and the harvest is ripe, those willing to do work are in short supply.

The question isn't whether we're called, but how we will choose to respond. As part of an intricate tapestry in the making, your "Yes, Lord, here I am!" has the power to change the course of history. You don't have to physically go to the ends of the earth yourself to make a difference. If your calling isn't to go, you can still partner with those who have been called to go and play a vital part in establishing His Kingdom here on earth.

It's not about having all the answers or being fearless; it's about trusting that God will equip each and every one of us for whatever He calls us to do. May we follow Isaiah's example as we choose to live with courage and faith, praying for the boldness to respond to God's call.

CONCLUSION

From Calling to Commission: Our Response

Having reflected on these three foundational verses, we see a powerful progression in God's call to mission. Beginning with Jesus' urgent appeal for workers in Luke 10:2, we come to understand the pressing need in God's harvest field. This awareness leads us to Matthew 28: 19, where we receive clear directions and encouragement for our mission - to go and make disciples of all nations.

Finally, in Isaiah 6:8, we witness the personal transformation that occurs when we truly encounter God's heart for the world: a willing surrender that declares, "Here am I, send me." Together, these verses form a complete picture of His calling in our lives: we see the need, align ourselves with the mission,

and respond with wholehearted surrender.

This kind of surrender opens the door to experiencing God's limitless provision. We serve a Father who delights in providing abundantly more than we could ask or imagine when we pray according to His will. He doesn't turn away from our bold prayers but, instead, eagerly awaits them to prove His faithfulness.

As we enter this coming year, the questions before us are clear:

Will we dare to pray audacious prayers?

Will we raise our voices - boldly and consistently - for more workers, open doors, and hearts ready to say "yes" to wherever He leads?

Will we respond to His call?

Each of us has a vital role to play in God's grand mission. The same Father who responded to the faith-filled prayers of Moses, Elijah, and Daniel is ready to receive our prayers today.

May these verses continue to echo in our hearts this year, stirring us to action and reminding us that we can all be a part of something far greater than ourselves - the eternal purpose of bringing God's love and truth to a world still waiting for Good News.

