

# **Surely, Father**

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*(Three people representing missionaries - can use costumes)*

*(Use 3 levels: 1-standing and praying, 2-possibly kneeling in prayer, 3-sitting at desk as though going over bookkeeping records, stops to pray)*

**#1:** Father, I know you've called us all to be missionaries wherever we are. Some are in schools, in businesses, in homes, some in our homeland, and some on foreign soil. Father, you've opened doors for us that have long been closed. Doors into places where people are hungry to know your love, your peace, and your salvation. As in Luke's day, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers seem to be few. Surely Father, if you call them, they will serve.

**#2:** For some food is hard to get, good water is practically nonexistent in some places. There are language and cultural barriers to overcome and then there is the barrier of ignorance, where we must teach survival before we can teach of your love. Some of us are living in the midst of civil wars, but we are all in the midst of a war not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil. In this war, Father, we need your full armor to stand firm and we need the prayer support of Christian people. As Paul said, "Pray for me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel." We need courage, strength and protection, but the needs of the people we are here to serve are so great. Surely Father, if they realize, they will pray.

**#3:** I know that people everywhere are struggling financially due to troubled economies. But Father this is the second time in three years that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has dropped from the year before. This year the offering was three million dollars less than expected. Giving through the Cooperative Program has dropped the last two years, that's going to affect missions work at home and abroad.; I know that when Satan throws out a stumbling block, you, Almighty Father can turn it into a stepping stone. You can take the gifts that are given and use them in a miraculous way. Our faith is strong Father, but the needs are so very great. People are dying and they are dying without Christ. Surely Father, if they know, they will give.

Resources: Luke 10:2, Ephesians 6:12-19, and "The Commission" August 1993 Issue *(Stats on Lottie Moon Offering)*

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