

Be a Prayer Detective - Prayers from around the World

You can learn about Christians from all around the world by looking at the words they use in their prayers. What do these prayers tell you about the people and their countries?

We are going home
to many who
cannot read, so
Lord, make us to be
Bibles, so that
those who cannot
read the book can
read it in us.

China

Enjoy the earth gently,
Enjoy the earth gently,
For if the earth is spoiled,
It cannot be repaired,
Enjoy the earth gently.

Yoruba people of Nigeria

O, Jesus, be the canoe that holds me up in the
sea of life;
Be the rudder that helps me in the straight
road;
Be the outrigger that supports me in times of
temptation;
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me
through each day.
Keep my body strong, so I can paddle
steadfastly on in the voyage of life

Melanesia

O Creator and Mighty God,
You have promised
Strength for the weak,
Rest for the labourers,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.
O Creator and Mighty God,
Help us to continue in your presence.

Pakistan

Bagaetsho go in peace and may the rain go with you.
Amen
May the God of our ancestors; the God of Kgama, Sechele
and Bathoeng keep you safe. Amen
May the God of love journey with you
May the God of creation keep you
May the God of history dwell in your homes. Amen

Botswana