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The Lord is sovereign in all things. Therefore, we need to ask him to providentially place us in the right place at the right time, with the right words and with the right people. We need to ask him to provide more opportunities for the harvest and to help us be more vigilant and responsive to the opportunities he does provide. All the while, we need to pray for his deliverance and protection from those who would oppose the advance of the gospel.

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK:

- Pray God will provide more opportunities to share the gospel.
- Pray the Lord will make us more intentional about seeking out those opportunities and more vigilant in recognizing them.
- Pray the God will grant you wisdom and discernment to know what to say, how to say it and when to say it.
- Pray the Lord will protect you from those who would oppose the advance of the gospel, and perhaps give you harvest opportunities with them.

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