

# Prayer Guide

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Praying for our Neighbors  
Praying for the Nations



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*We Glorify God by Making Disciples of All Nations!*





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# Welcome Message

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***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***

**Matthew 28:19-20**

Moments before Jesus’ ascension, He commissioned His disciples to bear witness to the world about Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). It was about a year earlier, however, that Jesus taught the disciples a related truth. Before sending them out into towns to testify ahead of Jesus’ ministry there, He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2). Then, He called them out to be the laborers unto the harvest by saying, “Behold, I am sending you” (v.3). They were to be the answer of their own prayers! Here, too, is the truth they learned: Prayer is the engine that drives the Church toward the mission.

You have in this resource a prayer guide that will bend your heart toward the heart of the God who is on mission. Pray. Pray for the mission. Pray for those yet to be reached with the Gospel. Pray for those who have answered the call to go already. Yes, and pray for how you can join them as a Gospel laborer. Let us pray and then let us go, because Jesus is worth it and those for whom He’s died are worth it, too.

You are Sent!  
Pastor Darren





# Introduction

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## Introduction

This prayer guide is designed to help set the tone for prayer for the unreached people of the world. We should be encouraged as we read God's word and understand we have a part to play in bringing the Glory of God to the ends of the earth.

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19

As believers, we have confidence that when we pray for the lost and those without hope, God hears our prayers and moves on our behalf. Strongholds are broken, doors are opened for gospel conversations, visions and dreams are seen, and the Glory of God is realized. We have been given the keys to Heaven and we get to stand in the gap between Heaven and Hell for those who have not heard the gospel.

Thank you.....

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## What is a people group?

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### A people group or “ta-ethne”?

People groups are a large number of people who have a common history, language, customs, belief/religion, identity, ethnicity, and more. Language is the most common identifier of a people group. People groups are also known as “ethnic groups.” The term “ta-ethne” in the Bible is often translated as “the nations” but actually refers to ethnic groups or people groups. There are more than 17,000 people groups that live throughout the 196 countries that make up the world today.

### What does it mean to be an unreached people group or UPG?

A people group is considered to be unreached when less than 2% of the population is evangelical Christian. This means there are too few believers to evangelize the rest of the people group. Of the more than 17,000 people groups worldwide, there are 7,220 people groups that fall into the category of being unreached. There are over 3 billion people who do not have a relationship with Jesus and have little access to the Gospel. 42.6% of the world’s population is considered an unreached people group.

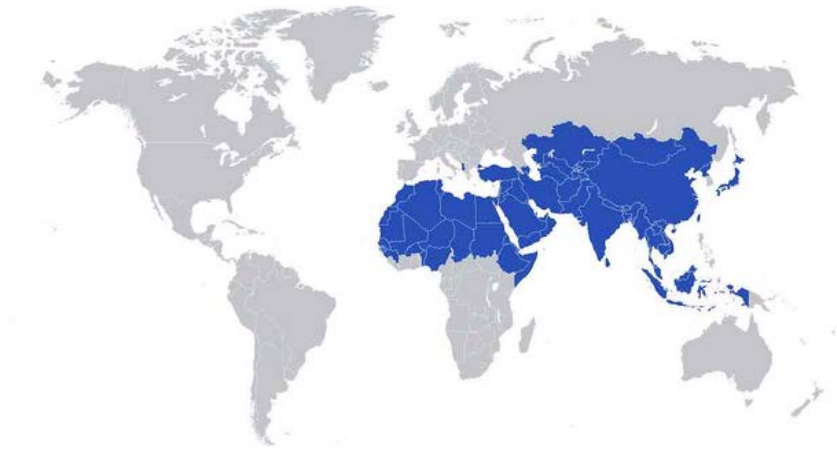
95% of the world’s UPGs live in what we call the 10/40 window. The 10/40 window stretches from North Africa to Southeast Asia.

UPG example - Most people consider Pakistan to be “one nation.” In reality, Pakistan has over 400 nations or people groups living within its borders.



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

It is estimated that over 350 unreached people groups live in the United States as immigrants, refugees, and international students.



## **What is a UUPG or unreached unengaged people group?**

To be considered an unreached unengaged people group, you would live in a country that has:

- No active church planting efforts
- No Christ followers actively working to reach the people
- No missionaries actively engaging the people

There are approximately 3,000 people groups that are considered UUPGs.

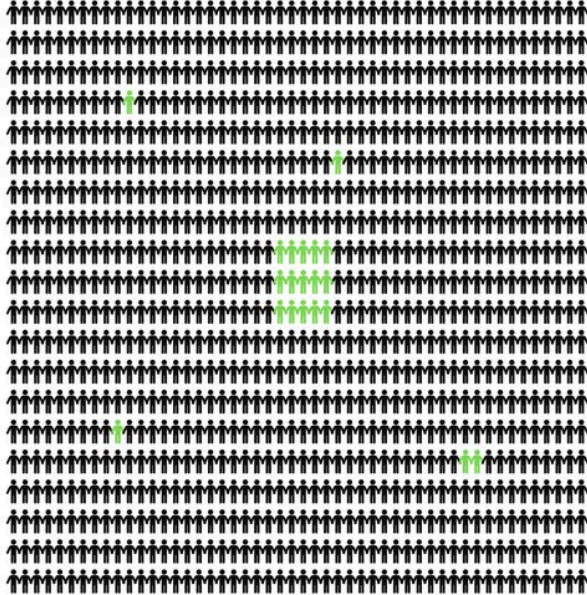
## **What is a FPG or frontier people group?**

Frontier people groups are a subset of unreached people groups. FPGs are isolated and require pioneer cross-cultural workers to reach them. This people group is a particularly challenging group, due to the lack of any Christian community to build on, with less than 0.1%.

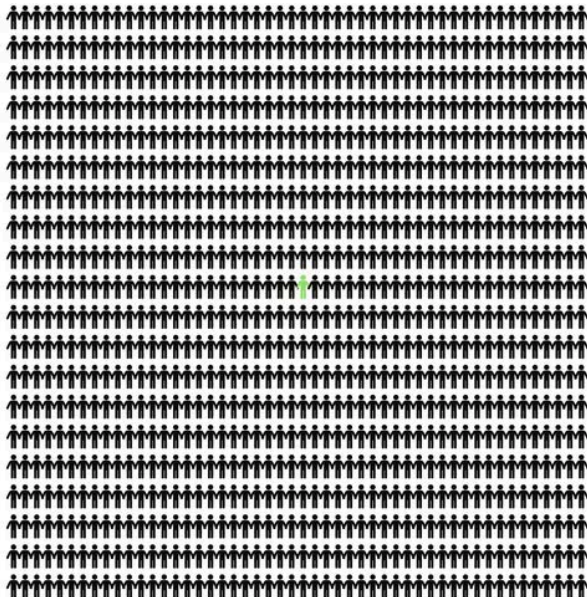
There is virtually no Christian adherence among this people group. Many who fall into the FPG do not have a Bible translated into their language or audio recordings of the Bible; virtually nothing points them to Christ.

There are approximately 1,000,000 FPGs located in the 10/40 window. India alone is home to over  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all frontier people groups.

## The Green People Represent Christians in an Unreached People Group



## The Green Person Represents the One Christian Among Frontier People Groups



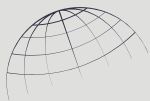
# The Need

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## Two out of five

Two out of every five people on Earth have never heard the name of Jesus and have no access to the Gospel.



## 3.1 Billion

That means 3.1 billion people are unreached and living in total darkness. Many of the 3.1 billion have no Bibles, no churches, and no Christian to share the love of Jesus with them.



## Less than one cent

Interesting fact: Less than one cent out of every dollar given to fund missions around the world goes toward reaching these 3.1 billion people with the gospel.

**But there is hope...and it all starts with prayer.**

# The Power of Prayer

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Prayer changes lives. It changes our own lives as we seek to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God. By humbling ourselves before God, He can more effectively use us to accomplish His Great Commission. Prayer also radically changes those for whom we are praying.

*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

Prayer is a powerful weapon against the kingdom of darkness and foundational in the life of a believer.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.....And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

Ephesians 6:12, 18

So, today you are invited to pray for the unreached, so the Gospel may reach them, change their hearts, their lives, and the Glory of God may be seen among all nations.

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. Revelation 7:9*



# How to use this Prayer Guide

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As you flip through the pages of the prayer guide, our hope is that you will be filled with a desire to pray for those without the hope and assurance of an eternity in heaven. This prayer guide is just that—a guide. We have provided you with basic information, statistics, and prayer prompts to get you started. We have included a Local section that is specific to Marion County, a Domestic section that is specific to the United States, and an International section.

This guide can be used in many ways. For example, it can be used in a group setting like your Sunday morning Community Group, your mid-week group, with your family or spouse; you can start a monthly prayer group; or it can be used during your daily devotional or quiet time.

Be creative! Pray that the Spirit of God will use you, the information in this book, and your prayers to change lives.

*For the Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the  
Glory of the Lord as the water covers the sea.*

Habakkuk 2:14



# Local

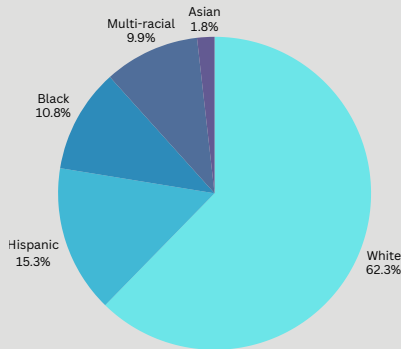
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## DEMOGRAPHICS

Did you know Marion County's estimated population is 427,973, and we are projected to reach 462,000 in the next few years. Marion County is one of the "Fastest Growing Counties in the US."

Demographics -

- White – 69.46%
- Hispanic – 17%
- Black – 12%
- Multi-racial – 11%
- Asian – 2 %



Ocala is also known for its many retirees and retirement communities, so it is not surprising that Baby Boomers take the lead in this area. Here is how the generation groups stack up:

- Baby Boomers (1946-64) - 120,762
- Millennials (1981-98) - 74,001
- Gen X (1965-80) – 71,461
- Gen Z (1999-2016) - 71,277
- Greatest Generation (1945 and earlier) - 37,790
- Generation Alpha (2017 or later) - 29,056

# Local

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## *REACHING OUR COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST*

While most of these stats are interesting to look at, we know our community needs Christ more than ever. And while there are some 394 congregations in Marion County, only 38 percent of the population consider themselves adherents to any religion, with 62 percent proclaiming no religious affiliation.

The top five religious congregations in Marion County are Catholic, Non-denominational, Southern Baptist, United Methodist and Jehovah's Witnesses.

- 38,372 – Catholic Church
- 30,340 – Non-denominational
- 18,015 – Southern Baptist
- 7,730 – United Methodist
- 7,288 – Jehovah's Witnesses

But these numbers do not tell the whole story. While Marion County may be one of the fastest-growing cities in the US, we have not had a large influx of "nations" knocking at our door. But they are here. Ocala has an Islamic Center, a large Hindu Temple, and several Jewish synagogues.

Although Marion County is not a large melting pot of ethnicities like Orlando, Tampa, Miami, and Jacksonville, we still have many opportunities to share the gospel cross-culturally. Next time you go to the grocery or the mall, visit a college campus, or look for a new place to eat out, take a few minutes to look at who is behind the register. Listen to the languages being spoken, and notice what ethnic restaurants are popping up. You will see many opportunities for cross-cultural gospel conversations. Consider this: you may be the only person to ever tell them about Jesus.

### Prayer Prompts

- Pray for the spiritual awakening of Marion County's residents, that they would come to know and follow Jesus Christ.
- Pray for healthy, vibrant discipleship communities within local churches.
- Ask God to open doors for cross-cultural gospel conversations.
- Pray for godly leaders within the church and community.

# Horse Industry and Farm Ministry

Ocala is known as the Horse Capital of the World! Its warm climate and rich soil are ideal for raising healthy, strong horses. Marion County is home to about 75,000 horses, the largest single county equine population in the U.S.

Many of those who work in the local equine industry are immigrants from Mexico. Ocala Farm Ministry, located in Northwest Marion County, also known as "Little Mexico," ministers to immigrant workers. The estimated 3,000 horse farm workers speak little to no English and have very limited resources, with incomes ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.

Ocala Farm Ministry-led by Chaplain Bob Miller and his wife, Dolores-runs an after-school program for the children of the horse farm workers. Dolores and volunteers help with reading and math three days a week. Both Chaplain Bob and Delores are passionate about sharing Christ with the families of Little Mexico. You may be encouraged to know that the children who attend the after-school program hear the gospel every day before leaving to go home.

ESL classes and medical clinics are needed, as well as more Christians sharing the gospel with these people.

Prayer Prompts for Ocala Farm Ministry

- Pray for open doors for gospel conversations with the children and their parents.
- Pray for future ESL classes.
- Pray for health clinics and health training.

# Caring for Our Widows

Did you know that Ocala has a large widow population, estimated to be around 72,000? And the Church has a responsibility to care for them.

1 Timothy 5:3 tells us that "we are to honor widows." Also, James 1:27 reminds us that "we're to visit widows in their distress."

Grief Share is an organized group that meets in many of our local churches, including at First Baptist. It's a safe place where widows can meet together to share their grief and also receive comfort from one another.

The deacons at First Baptist also minister to our widows, with each widow and widower of our church being assigned to a deacon.

Prayer Prompts for the Widows and Widowers of Marion County

- Pray for comfort in the Lord.
- Pray for their physical/spiritual needs to be met.
- Pray for Christian community.

## Help for the Homeless

According to the 2023 Point in Time Count, there are about 454 people in this area experiencing homelessness, but there could be more. You can see them almost everywhere you go. The Bible calls for us to be gracious to the poor (Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 14:31, and Deuteronomy 15:7,8) and to be generous to the poor (Proverbs 22:9).

Local organizations that help support the homeless include Arnette House, Inc, Marion County CoC, Interfaith, Salvation Army, Shepherd's Lighthouse, and Wear Gloves.

Prayer Prompts for the Homeless

- Pray that homeless individuals can receive help.
- Pray for these shelters to have adequate resources.
- Pray for opportunities to share the love of Christ with them.

## Foster Care

Like many other communities, Marion County faces the challenge of providing safe and nurturing homes for children who cannot live with their biological families. Foster care plays a vital role in ensuring these children have a stable environment where they can thrive. Florida ranks third nationwide with 16,940 children in foster care. As of August 2024, there were 701 children in foster care in Marion County and only 96 licensed foster families.

A staggering statistic reveals that one in four former foster care youth become homeless within four years of aging out. This alarming rate highlights the challenges these young adults face in transitioning to independence. Additionally, some foster placements can be worse than the situations children were removed from, leading to further trauma and instability.

Prayer Prompts for Foster Children

- Pray for safe Christian foster homes.
- Pray that the children in foster care will find loving forever families.
- Pray about becoming a trained volunteer or mentor for a foster child.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

# Local Action Steps

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## *Pray*

- Pray for those that do not know Christ.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith in our community.
- Pray for open hearts and ears.
- Pray for opportunities to share Christ with someone from another culture.

## *Welcome*

- Have conversations with your neighbors, especially those from outside the U.S.
- Ask questions that lead to learning more about their culture, family and religious beliefs.
- Invite your international neighbors into your home.
- Share a holiday meal with someone that does not celebrate as you do.

## *Send*

- Send financial support to local mobilizers working to reach and mobilize their community.
- Send believers to missionary training schools to learn how to live out their calling.
- Send laborers to the harvest field.

## *Go*

- Volunteer at a local shelter or food pantry, care for widows; offer to cut the grass for an elderly neighbor.
- Volunteer at the after school program in Little Mexico one afternoon a week.
- Go and share your faith with the lost in your city.



# Domestic

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## *REACHING OUR COUNTRY FOR CHRIST*

For centuries, America has been known for its wide range of ethnicities, religious freedoms, and cultural diversities. Today, this truth is realized in millions of ways.

### **Let's look at who makes up the melting pot known as America.**

The population of this county is estimated to be around 340 million, with more than 1,500 ethnic groups represented. The US is the world's third-largest country by area and population.

Over the past two years, the U.S. foreign-born population has grown at a record pace, reaching 51.6 million by March 2024 as people seek refuge from war, organized violence, political repression, and economic hardships.

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### Religious Affiliations

Did you know there are 356,000 religious congregations in the United States? That's about 113 churches per county in the nation, or about one congregation for every 1,000 Americans. For reference, there are only 13,400 McDonald's locations and about 16,000 Starbucks locations.

While the number of churches may seem high, church attendance has declined significantly since the turn of the 21st century, according to multiple surveys from several research institutions. The information below, from Gallup's recent survey, illustrates the trend:

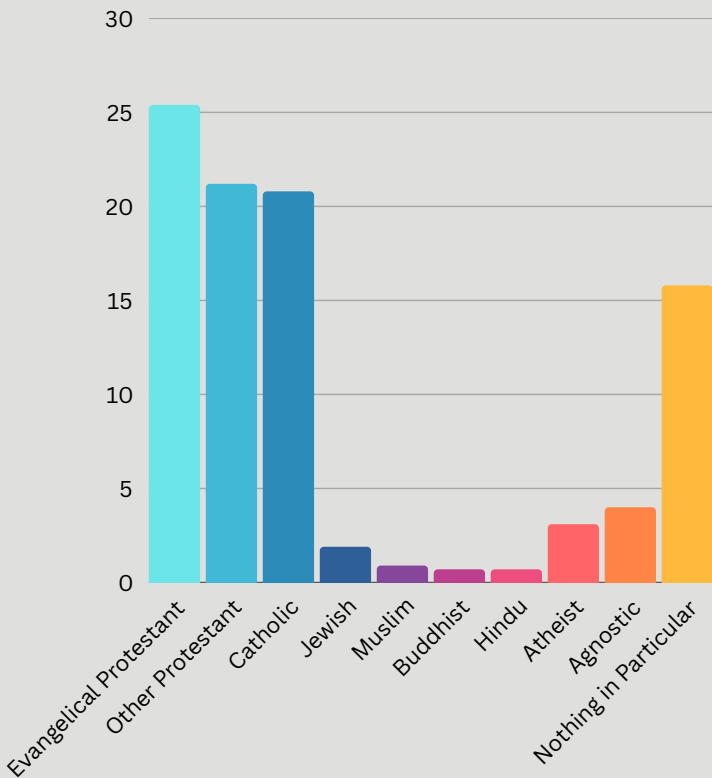
### Key Statistics:

- 20% of Americans attend church every week.
- 41% of Americans attend church at least once a month.
- 57% of Americans are seldom or never in religious service attendance.
- 39% of Millennials report attending church on a weekly basis.

Here is a breakdown of religious affiliation in America:

- Evangelical Protestant: 25.4%
- Other Protestant: 21.2%
- Catholic: 20.8%
- Jewish: 1.9%
- Muslim: 0.9%
- Buddhist: 0.7%
- Hindu: 0.7%
- Atheist: 3.1%
- Agnostic 4%
- Nothing in Particular: 15.8%

### Religious Affiliation in America



While the population has surged in some areas, the number of churches has not grown accordingly. The counties that grew the fastest over the last 10 years are most likely to have a very high ratio of people vs. churches. In other words, more church plants are needed. A church on every street corner is a kingdom outpost for the gospel!

# Unreached People Groups in America

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The USA is home to numerous ethnic groups with over 350 languages, including more than 80 unreached people groups or UPGs. These are ethnic groups not currently being reached with the gospel. This variety often creates linguistic and cultural barriers, making it difficult to communicate the gospel.

Common barriers to reaching the unreached include:

## ***Cultural Barriers***

- The cultural practices, traditions, and societal structures of the UPG often set them apart from those of the majority culture; therefore, it is essential to approach them sensitively and respectfully.

## ***Language Barriers***

- Language acts as a crucial bridge for effective communication and relationship-building. Linguistic diversity sometimes poses daunting challenges in engaging with UPGs. Understanding their native languages facilitates meaningful conversations and demonstrates a genuine desire to connect and learn from their culture.

## ***Legal Barriers***

- Certain UPGs may have legal issues such as undocumented immigration in the U.S. They may prefer to remain low key in their host communities and not venture out to connect with churches or missionaries. Members of churches and mission groups in some instances also may not prioritize these undocumented UPGs in their evangelistic ministries for fear of becoming embroiled in legal controversies.

## ***Geographical Barriers***

- Many UPGs in the U.S. are dispersed throughout urban areas, making it challenging to locate and reach them. Additionally, the physical distance between UPG communities can hinder efforts to establish and continue evangelical initiatives.

# Unreached People Groups in America

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## ***Competing Priorities and Interests***

- Churches and individuals in the U.S. have many competing priorities and interests. This can make it difficult to focus attention and resources on reaching UPGs, particularly when weighed against more pressing social or economic issues.

## ***Barriers of Indifference or Prejudice***

- Some members of church or mission groups may have strong prejudice against foreigners who are in the U.S., especially if they happen to be undocumented immigrants. This biased attitude can lead to indifference, which can be a barrier to evangelizing certain UPGs.

## ***Spiritual and Social Barriers***

- UPGs in the U.S. have deep-rooted religious and ideological beliefs that shape their worldview and spiritual practices, often resulting in resistance to the Gospel. Conversion to Christianity from Islam, Hinduism, or Buddhism can mean alienation from one's family, community, and inheritance, which could lead to social ostracism or persecution.

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, Who is the image of God.*

2 Cor 4:4

Addressing these and other related barriers, churches and mission organizations will need to make cohesive and collaborative efforts. They will need to make an intentional initiative to understand and engage with the unique cultural, language, and spiritual differences of the UPGs in the U.S. Effective teaching by churches and mission groups is also essential in order to educate their members on the need for sharing the Gospel with the UPGs without prejudice or indifference.

## General Prayer Points for UPGs

- Pray God will soften people's hearts and open their minds to the saving truth of the Gospel.
- Pray God will remove their spiritual blindness and prepare their hearts to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Pray God will open doors for His Gospel to reach people groups who are in spiritual darkness.
- Pray God will break down all cultural, linguistic and religious barriers that hinder the spread of His Word.

***Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:2-3***

***.... God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4***

- Pray God will raise up bold and courageous local leaders and equip them to share the Gospel effectively within their own culture and context.
- Pray for missionaries, evangelists, and church planters who are committed to reaching these UPGs.
- Pray God would fill you with a passion for His Glory and a deep burden for unreached souls.

***The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:37-38***

# Domestic Action Steps

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## *Pray*

- Pray for those who do not know Christ.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith.
- Pray for open hearts and ears.
- Pray before you have any Gospel conversations.

## *Welcome*

- Have conversations with those new to our country.
- Ask questions that lead to learning more about their culture, family, and religious beliefs.
- Invite your international neighbors into your home.
- Share a holiday meal with someone that does not celebrate as you do.

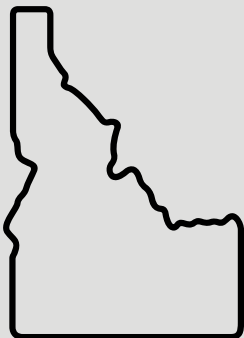
## *Send*

- Send those with a desire to reach the lost to places in the U.S. with unreached people groups.
- Send financial support to missionaries working in the U.S. to reach the lost.
- Send believers to missionary training schools to learn how to live out their calling.
- Send laborers to the harvest field.

## *Go*

- Go on a mission trip.
- Go and support a missionary working to reach the lost.
- Go and share your faith with the lost in your city.

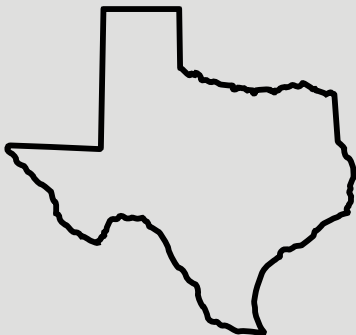
If you are interested in partnering with a missionary or mission organization that works directly with unreached people groups in the United States, the following is a list of a few possibilities. For more information on how to get involved in reaching UPGs in the U.S., you can email [Amie@globalfrontiermissions.org](mailto:Amie@globalfrontiermissions.org).



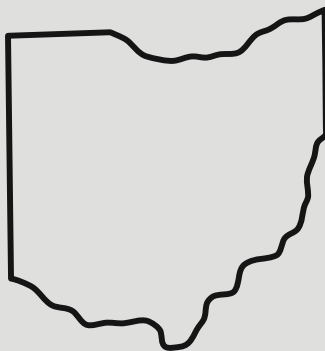
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**Clarkston, Georgia**  
**Global Frontier Missions**



**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**Heart for the Unreached**



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**Heart for the Unreached**

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# International

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## *REACHING OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST*

As we move into the international section of the prayer guide, let's take a look at the world religions you will read about in the weeks and months to come.

Prayer is of vital importance for every believer and is the foundation of every successful relationship. Our relationship with God and the relationship others have with Him. Every major revival was preceded by an abundance of earnest prayer.

There are people groups around the world with limited or no access to the Gospel. Together, we can lift our voices to God on their behalf, praying that God will break down the barriers and cause a revival to break out among those who have not heard the Gospel.

You may find this information helpful as you pray for the lost around the world.

## WORLD RELIGIONS

<u>Religion</u>	<u>% of World Population</u>
Buddhism	6.2%
Christianity	31.2%
Ethnic Religions	9.2%
Hinduism	15.2%
Islam	24.9%
Non-Religious	12.4%
Other/Small	.8%
Unknown	.1%

**Nearly 70% of the world population believes in something or someone other than Jesus.**

## Buddhism

Population: 501,502,000  
% of World Population: 6.2%  
People Groups: 666  
Unreached Groups: 510 (76.6%)

## Ethnic Religions

Population: 741,840,000  
% of World Population: 9.2%  
People Groups: 2640  
Unreached Groups: 926 (35.1%)

## Hinduism

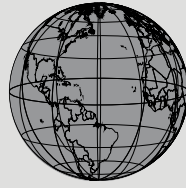
Population: 1,228,739,000  
% of World Population: 15.2%  
People Groups: 2,396  
Unreached Groups: 2,205 (92.0%)

## Islam

Population: 2,014,463,000  
% of World Population: 24.9%  
People Groups: 4001  
Unreached Groups: 3,431 (85.8%)

## Other

Population: 61,971,000  
% of World Population: 0.8%  
People Groups: 128  
Unreached Groups: 124 (96.9%)



# Frontier Peoples

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A Frontier People Group (FPG) is an Unreached People Group (UPG) with virtually no followers of Jesus and no known movements, still needing pioneer cross-cultural workers, 0.1% or fewer Christian Adherents and no confirmed, sustained movements of Jesus.

FPGs (Frontier People Groups): 4,833

Population: 2,065,148,000

% of Unreached People Groups are FPGs: 67.0%

% of Unreached Population that is from FPGs: 60.0%

% of World's People Groups that are FPGs: 28.0%

% of World Population that is from FPGs: 25.6%

## ***People Groups of the World***

17,258

## ***Unreached People Groups***

7,217 = 41.8% of the 17,258 people groups are unreached.

## ***World Population***

8.08 Billion

## ***Population Unreached***

3.44 Billion

## ***42.6% of the world population is unreached***

Reference - [JoshuaProject.net](http://JoshuaProject.net)

Resources - [Mobile Apps](#) - [Website](#) - [Unreached Podcast](#) - [Email](#)

# General Prayer Points for FPGs

- Ask God to reveal to missionaries where He is preparing a new harvest of souls so they can join in His mission.
- Ask God to prepare the hearts of families and individuals to be people of peace in the hard-to-reach places around the world.
- Ask God to embolden the people of peace to openly welcome believers into their homes, towns, and villages, regardless of the pressure or fear of the consequences from their community.
- Pray for easily reproducible ways of sharing the Gospel and making disciples so that every believer can get involved locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Pray God will raise up effective laborers who desire to reach the lost all around the world.
- Pray for open hearts and open doors to hearing the truth of Jesus.
- Pray for the message of hope in Jesus to go out to all who feel weighed down with little to no hope in the future.
- Pray for the spirit of despair to flee from those tormented by it.

## Scripture to Pray

### Psalm 46:10

*Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

### Isaiah 57:14

*Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.*

### Jeremiah 23:29

*"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"*

**Pray God's word breaks the strongholds and idols in the lives of those that do not know God's truth and His Word.**

### Acts 26:18

*...to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.*

# International Action Steps

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## *Pray*

- Pray God will raise up effective laborers that desire to reach the nations.
- Pray for open hearts and open doors to hearing the truth of Jesus.
- Pray for easily reproducible ways of sharing the Gospel and making disciples so that every believer can get involved in reaching the nations.
- Pray and ask God to reveal to missionaries where He is preparing a new harvest of souls so that they can join in His mission.
- Pray and ask God to embolden the persons of peace to openly welcome believers into their homes, towns and villages regardless of the pressure or fear of the consequences from their community.

## *Welcome*

- Welcome the opportunity to pray for the unreached and the missionaries working to reach them.
- Welcome missionaries into your home that are on furlough.
- Welcome the opportunity to advocate for missionaries and their families within your sphere of influence.

## *Send*

- Send those with a desire to reach the lost on a mission trip.
- Send financial support to a missionary or mission organization that works to reach the lost.
- Send believers to missionary training school to learn how to live and thrive on the mission field.
- Send long-term laborers to the field.

## *Go*

- Go on a short-term mission trip.
- Go and support a missionary working to reach the lost.
- Go and serve on the field as a long-term missionary.
- Go and make disciples of the nations.

# ***Mission Opportunities to the Nations***

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# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Eastern Aleut in Russia

Population: 400

Religion: Non-Religious - 99%

Christian: 1%

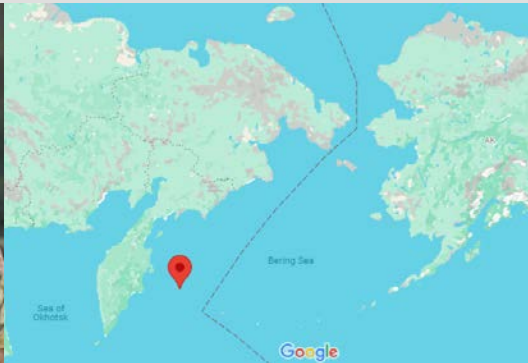
When the Russian Empire sold Alaska to the United States in 1867, there were indigenous peoples who were now living on either side of an international border since their Aleutian Island chain straddled both countries. Traditionally, they were hunters.

Known Needs: Eastern Aleuts need the opportunity to earn a living in a more sustainable way than fishing and hunting.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Eastern Aleuts will have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for workers who are driven by the love and boldness of the Holy Spirit to go to them.
- Pray for a church to be established among the Eastern Aleut this decade.

Scripture Verse - "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'" John 20:21



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Adivasi Janajati in Nepal

Population: 1,300

Religion: Hindu - 99.47%

Christian: 0%

This people group has been in Nepal since long before Hindus and Muslims began to arrive; they are indigenous to Nepal. Most speak Nepali rather than their own language.

Known Needs: The Adivasi Janajatis need the opportunity for education so they can compete with those who later arrived on their land in Nepal.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for believers in Nepal to go as Christ's ambassadors to the Adivasi Janajati people.
- Pray for believers to help them by training them in skills they need in today's world.
- Pray for Adivasi Janajati believers to rise up and disciple their own people in the ways of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Verse - "For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:47



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Badyara in Guinea

Population: 13,000

Religion: Islam - 80%

Christian: 1%

The Badyara earn extra money by extracting honey from beehives and also by producing excellent cotton cloth. They believe that the spirits live in the rocks. Each house has a little jar filled with small rocks for protection and appeasement of the spirits.

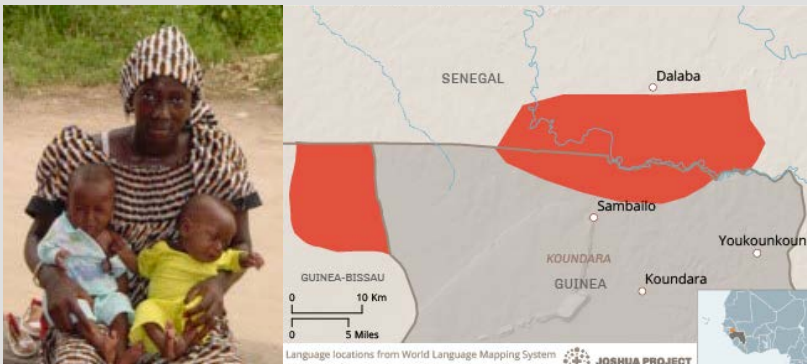
Known Needs: The Badyara people need people to lead them into pure faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for Badyara elders to have dreams and visions of the victorious Savior.
- Pray for the Lord to give the Badyara people an abundant harvest this year as proof of His power and love.
- Pray for the Lord to compel workers to go to the Badyara in Guinea.

Scripture Verse - "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 Corinthians 4:5



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Berber in Algeria

Population: 1,737,000

Religion: Islam - 99.90%

Christian: 0.10%

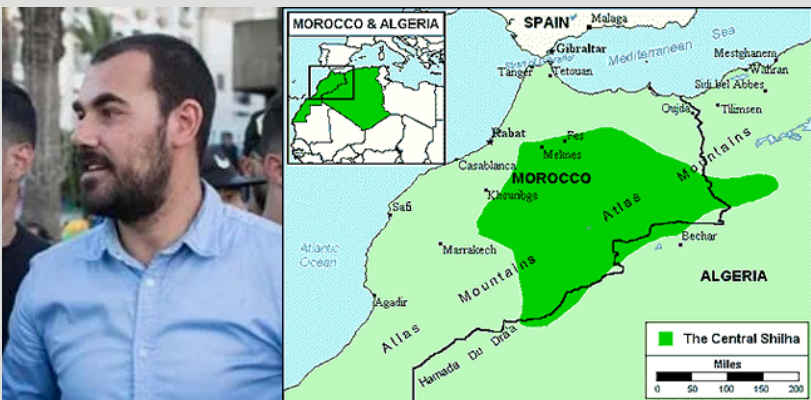
The Imazighen Berbers in Algeria are semi-nomadic shepherds. In the Berber family, as many as three or four generations live together in one small room, sharing everything.

Known Needs: The Berber need workers to go among them and proclaim the Gospel.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a spiritual hunger among Imazighen Berbers that will lead them to the cross and the empty grave.
- Pray for Imazighen Berbers in Algeria to put their faith and hope in Christ, paving the way for a disciple-making movement.
- Pray for loving workers to go to Imazighen leaders and find persons of peace who will welcome them into their communities with the gospel.

Scripture Verse - "And many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."  
Micah 4:2



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Bansphor in India

Population: 173,000  
Religion: Hindu - 99.95%  
Christian: 1%

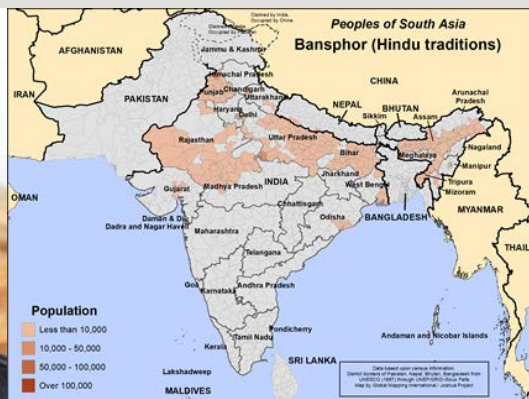
The Bansphor sell the bamboo furniture they make at markets. Some of the Bansphor do agricultural work while others have moved to other parts of India to do general labor.

Known Needs: The Bansphor community needs to taste and see that the Lord is good, so that His Son can bless them in every way.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that their financial situation will improve.
- Pray that God will give the Bansphor spiritual discernment and a desire to find truth.
- Pray for a disciple-making movement to flourish among them this decade.

Scripture Verse - "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" Romans 10:13-15



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Abu-Junuk in Sudan

Population: 10,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

Farming sorghum and a few other crops, they raise goats, sheep, and cattle. Remarkably, they have three primary schools and two secondary schools.

Known needs: The Abu-Junuk need both physical water and the Living Water.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move mightily among this people group.
- Pray for loving workers to serve among them.
- Pray there will soon come a day when these Muslims will disciple others in the ways of Christ.

Scripture Verse - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Afghan Tajik in Afghanistan

Population: 11,983,000

Religion: Islam - 99.99%

Christian: 0.01%

The Afghan Tajik make up over one quarter of the Afghan population, and they are known for their hospitality. They are very creative, and creative expressions include handsome carpets, ceramics, richly embroidered costumes, and men's brightly colored caps and jewelry.

Known Needs: Peace of Christ - The Tajik have known frequent war and internal tribal strife.

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask God to call Christian workers who are trained in the Dari language to take the Gospel to the Tajik.
- Ask God to restore political peace and stability to Afghanistan.
- Pray that strong local churches will be planted among the Tajik.

Scripture Verse - "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Bisaya in Malaysia

Population: 78,000

Religion: Islam - 90%

Christian: 0%

The Bisaya of Malaysia are farmers, and they live in houses along the river. A village consists of a few long houses with 4 or so apartments attached to it, and the long house has a veranda where they host ceremonies and gatherings.

Known Needs: There is a real need for Bible resources to be translated into their language; they have no Bible.

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send missionaries who will invest their lives in the Bisaya of Malaysia.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a strong Bisaya church for the glory of His name!
- Ask God to raise prayer teams who will begin daily intercession for the Bisaya.

Scripture Verse - "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalm 96:3



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Basor in India

Population: 1,037,000

Religion: Hinduism - 99.83%

Christian: 0%

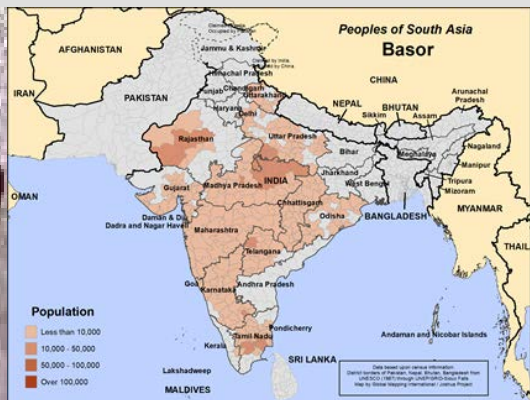
The Basor are generally clustered on the outskirts of a city where they can ply their traditional trade of basket making and bamboo working. The women serve as midwives to the villagers.

Known Needs: They need the Holy Spirit to open their eyes to see that they cannot please God without Jesus.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the hearts of Basor people will be softened and opened to the Gospel.
- Pray that alcoholism would have no power in this community and that the ancient traditions that keep the Basors in bondage would be broken.
- Pray that loving believers would be called to proclaim the hope of Jesus in this hopeless place.

Scripture Verse - "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." Psalm 67:1-2



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Deaf in Japan

Population: 245,000

Religion: Buddhism - 69.59%

Christian: 1.54%

In Japan, the value placed on Sign Language has only lately been increasing. Though the Japanese Deaf are reticent to show the inside of their homes, they regularly use video calls on their cameras to communicate with each other.

Known Needs: Education - Deaf schools are looked on as not being academic and so the younger Deaf have been going to hearing institutions.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Deaf are and feel valued in Japan and let them know that they are valued by Jesus Christ.
- Pray for some of the teachers of the Deaf in Japan to be Christians and lead the Deaf here to Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them spiritual ears to hear Jesus' call, and that their hearts would be convicted by the Holy Spirit to repent and believe.

Scripture Verse - "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!" Psalm 105:1



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Central-Eastern Fulani in Niger

Population: 843,000

Religion: Islam - 99.90%

Christian: 0.10%

Some believe that the Fulani emigrated from the Middle East or northern Africa years ago in search of new grazing land for their cattle. They follow a code of high moral behavior known as Pulaaku, which extols virtues such as kindness, bravery, patience, tolerance, perseverance, honesty, diligence, generosity, and dignity.

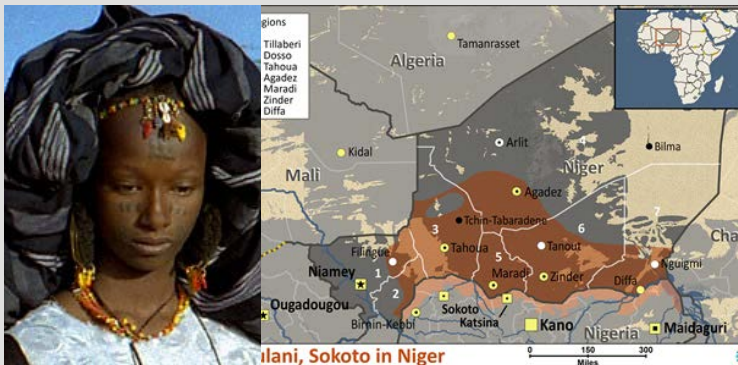
Known Needs: Clean Water - Polluted water is a problem for the Central-Eastern Fulani, who suffer from malaria and other waterborne diseases.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Sokoto Fulani would become set apart vessels to the one true holy God.
- Pray that this would be the decade when the Central-Eastern Fulani have an unstoppable movement to Christ.
- Pray that the Lord would compel workers to go to the Central-Eastern Fulani people.

Scripture Verse - "Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."

2 Timothy 2:21



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Drukpa in Bhutan

Population: 222,000

Religion: Buddhism - 100%

Christian: 0%

The Drukpa do not refer to their country as Bhutan, but rather as Druk-  
yul— 'land of the thunder dragon.' They inhabit hilly terrains of high  
altitude marked by extreme cold, high rainfall, medium snowfall and  
dense forests.

Known Needs: They need the Holy Spirit to fan the flame that is at work  
among them; there are a few Christians in Bhutan, and they need  
strength in God.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move mightily among Drukpa Christian  
believers in Bhutan, giving them power to stand up for Christ despite  
persecution.
- Pray for Drukpa disciples to make more disciples.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Drukpa in Nepal, Bhutan  
and India.

Scripture Verse - "And that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should  
be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."  
Luke 24:47



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Bajau, West Coast in Brunei

Population: 11,000

Religion: Islam - 99.98%

Christian: 0.02%

The Bajau have traditionally been known as sea-nomads, involved in extensive maritime trading and dwelling in boats. However, the great majority of Bajau are now sedentary house dwellers.

Known Needs: Fellowship - There are no known fellowships for the few Bajau Christians.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for boldness for the few Bajau Christians there to share the Gospel and practice their faith.
- Pray for the stronghold of fear to be demolished in the name of Jesus.
- Pray for the Bajau's hearts to turn toward Christ and follow the one true God.

Scripture Verse - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Buryat in Russia

Population: 459,000

Religion: Ethnic Religions - 70%

Christian: 1%

The Buryat are thought to be descended from Mongols who moved north to escape the rule of the Mongol empire. Many Buryat that work in the city are highly educated, and they excel in the fields of science, medicine, teaching, engineering, business, and government.

Known Needs: There is a desperate need for a current, up-to-date translation of the New Testament in the Buryat language.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the conversion of intellectual Buryats in the capital of Ulan-Ude.
- Pray that the Buryats will be given a growing hunger to know the truth. Jesus is the personification of truth.
- Pray for them to trust in Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb, instead of Buddhism and other religions.

Scripture Verse - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8



Buryat, Russian in Russia

# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Brahmin in India (Sikh)

Population: 104,000  
Religion: Sikh - 100%  
Christian: 0%

Brahmin Sikhs have risen to the top of their professions through toughness and hard work. The Sikh god is formless, without gender and is to be found in everyone. They believe that one gets closer to their god by living a good life and by practicing charity. One may recognize a Sikh man by his distinctive turban.

Known Needs: A movement for Christ among the Brahmin Sikh people.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw the Brahmin Sikhs to receive Christ into their lives.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up and compel the right people to go to Brahmin Sikhs.
- Pray there will soon come a day when Brahmin Sikhs will disciple others in the ways of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Verse - "If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul." Ezekiel 3:18-19



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Daingnet Chakma in Myanmar

Population: 29,000

Religion: Buddhism - 100%

Christian: 0%

The Daingnet Chakma people are an indigenous people who live in Bangladesh, India, and Myanmar. They have a tradition of songs, poems, dances, art, and festive clothing which are prominent on Buddhist holidays.

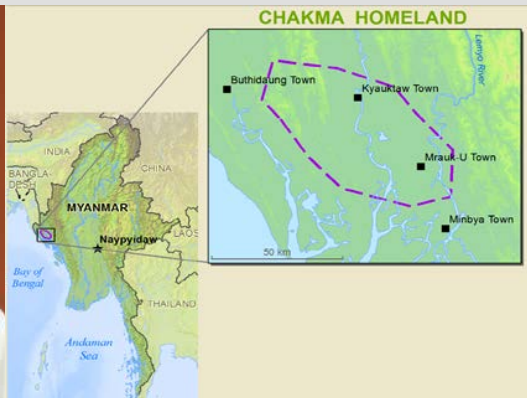
Known Needs: Teams of believers to bring modern medicine and solar panels to the Chakma villages.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Lord establishes a growing church among the Daingnet Chakma in this decade.
- Pray that Chakma believers in India and Bangladesh would come and tell the Daingnet Chakma about God's good news of Christ.
- Pray the Holy Spirit gives the Chakma people a desire to read the Chakma New Testament.

Scripture Verse - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Parsee (also known as Zoroastrians, Zarathushti, Parsees, Parsis, Zarthusht) of Afghanistan

Population: 2,600

Religion: Zoroastrianism - 100%

Christian: 0%

Zoroastrians may have prejudices against non-Zoroastrians, though this can be mitigated by demonstrating unconditional love. They believe in a Wise Creator god, with wisdom as a highly valued trait. Their rituals often involve fire and ancestor worship, and they respect other faith systems, including Christianity.

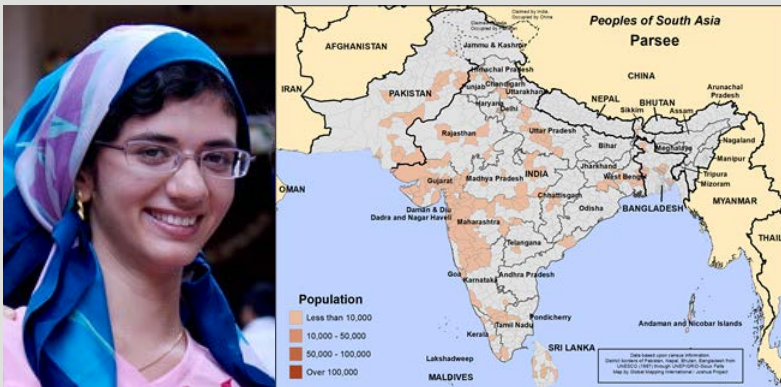
Known Needs: Discipleship: They need the formation of disciples who will, in turn, make more disciples within the Parsee community.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Parsee people.
- Pray for loving and educated workers to engage with the Parsee people effectively.
- Pray for the development of a strong Parsee Christian community that will grow and disciple others.

Scripture Verse - "Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them."

Romans 11:13-14



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Turks of Turkiye (Turkey)

Population: 61,800,000

Religion: Islam - 96.98%

Christian: 0.02%

Türkiye serves as a bridge between Eastern and Western cultures, with a population that blends traditions from both. Nominal Sunni Islam is deeply intertwined with cultural practices and ethnic beliefs, such as the "evil eye" and other superstitions.

Known Needs: Key Leaders - Believers who will boldly proclaim the gospel despite the social and political repercussions.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Turkish believers will be courageous in sharing the gospel with their fellow citizens.
- Pray for God to grant wisdom and favor to mission agencies working among the Turks, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to get or even maintain residency.
- Pray that Turkey will avoid ethnic strife, particularly with the Kurds, and resist a resurgence of Muslim fundamentalism.

Scripture Verse - "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it." Revelation 21:23-24



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Thai of Thailand

Population: 23,275,000

Religion: Buddhism - 97.5%

Christian: 2%

Public health problems like hepatitis, malaria, and HIV are prevalent. Prostitution, often driven by poverty, is a significant social issue, with many women and children lacking adequate education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Known Needs: Prayer Teams - Dedicated to breaking up spiritual strongholds through worship and intercession.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that God grants wisdom and favor to missions agencies currently ministering to the Thai people.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit softens the hearts of the Thai people, making them receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up strong local churches within the Thai community, capable of sustaining and spreading the Christian faith.

Scripture Verse - "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands." Revelation 7:9



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Tajiks of Tajikistan

Population: 7,631,000

Religion: Islam - 99.95%

Christian: 0.05%

Christianity is minimal among the Tajiks, and they often associate it with the Russians, who have historically oppressed them. This association presents a significant challenge to spreading the gospel.

Known Needs: Economic hardships and rural isolation can limit access to Christian resources and missionaries.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Tajik believers live in such a way that others are drawn to the spiritual riches found in Christ.
- Pray that Tajiks would come to see Christianity not as a "Russian religion" but as a source of personal salvation and forgiveness.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up more long-term missionaries dedicated to reaching the Tajiks.

Scripture Verse - "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world." 1 John 4:14



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Tabasaran of Uzbekistan

Population: 900

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0 to 0.1%

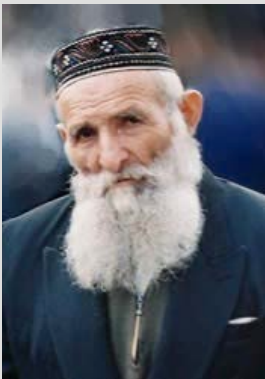
The Tabasaran people highly value friendship and hospitality. Visiting a home "without an invitation" is considered a great honor in their culture. Traditional values include mutual aid, respect for the elderly, and artisan skills such as carpet-making and music.

Known Needs: Spiritual - There is a noticeable lack of grace, forgiveness, and love in traditional Tabasaran society, impacting various levels of life. The introduction of Christianity has brought some hope, with the first Tabasaran-speaking person coming to faith in 1997, followed by additional believers.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for Tabasaran believers to be strong witnesses and shine brightly in their communities.
- Pray for successful and accurate completion of the Tabasaran Bible translation, including the Old Testament.
- Pray for individuals of peace to emerge in each of the 99 Tabasaran towns and villages, facilitating the introduction of God's love, grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Verse - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Southern Tati of Iran

Population: 199,000  
Religion: Islam - 100%  
Christian: 0%

Marriage customs include a bride-price, or kebin, which the groom's family pays. Some men may "kidnap" a bride to avoid the kebin. Marriages typically occur between ages 12-16 for girls and 15-20 for boys.

Known Needs: Outreach - The Southern Tati need dedicated missionaries who can effectively communicate the gospel and overcome existing spiritual strongholds.

### Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for intercessors to faithfully pray for the Southern Tati people in Iran and Azerbaijan, seeking God's guidance and intervention.
- Pray for a significant movement to Christ among the Southern Tati in the 2020s, leading to exponential growth in Christian faith within this group.
- Pray for peace, joy, and spiritual prosperity for the Southern Tati as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ.

Scripture Verse - "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."  
1 Peter 3:15



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Sangisari of Iran

Population: 45,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

The Sangisari, a semi-nomadic people, are known for their sheep, a breed that is notable for its high meat yield and quality. They also produce a type of "chocolate" served to guests and are skilled weavers, creating beautiful carpets that are highly valued.

Known Needs: Geographic and Social Isolation - The Sangisari's nomadic lifestyle and geographic isolation make them difficult to reach for outreach and support. This isolation poses significant challenges for any form of ministry or assistance.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the development of radio broadcasts in the Sangisari language to help spread the message of Christianity to this isolated community.
- Pray for the Lord to give dreams of the risen and victorious Christ to Sangisari family leaders, which could help introduce them to the gospel.
- Pray for an abundant harvest as a sign of God's power and goodness, which could serve as a testimony and open doors for further engagement with the Sangisari people.

Scripture Verse - "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." James 1:27



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Rutul of Azerbaijan (and Southern Russia)

Population: 21,000

Religion: Sunni Islam - 99.76%

Christian: 0.24%

The Rutul are known for their hospitality and traditional crafts like wool carpets and ornamented socks. While they have a strong Islamic identity, ancient pre-Islamic beliefs and practices still influence their culture, including nature worship, occult rituals, and talismans.

Known Needs: Spiritual - Most Rutul have not been exposed to a clear presentation of the gospel. Efforts are underway to translate Scriptures into Rutul, and there is a need for continued prayer and support for disciple-making movements within their communities.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Rutul people will recognize Jesus as their Savior and embrace salvation by grace.
- Pray for spiritual openness and a growing disciple-making movement among the Rutul in both Russia and Azerbaijan.
- Pray for effective ways for the gospel to reach Rutul communities and for increased awareness of and response to Christian teachings.

Scripture Verse - "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Persians of Iran

Population: 42,823,000

Religion: Islam - 97.5%

Christian: 1.8%

Evangelism is illegal, and conversion from Islam is punishable by death. But many are encountering Christ through supernatural experiences and satellite Christian programming.

Known Needs: Believers' Safety - Both the safety and spiritual growth of believers in Iran.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the continued growth of the Christian faith among Persians, as many are open to the gospel.
- Pray for the establishment of legal avenues for churches to meet and for increased religious freedom in Iran.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to reveal Himself to Persians in ways that bypass the restrictions on traditional missionary work.

Scripture Verse - "But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.'" Jeremiah 1:7-8



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Pashtun of Pakistan

Population: 32,704,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

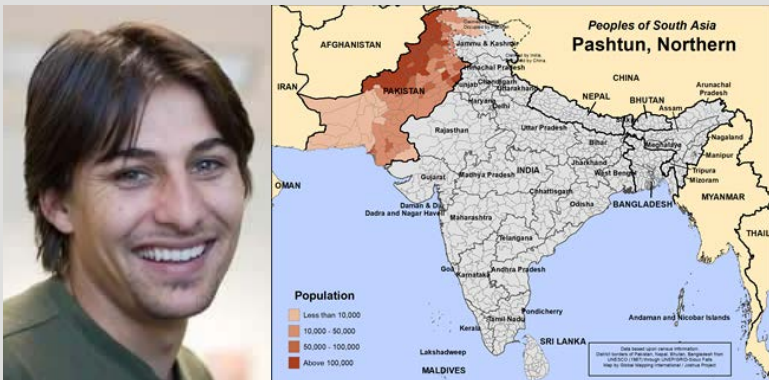
Efforts to reach the Pashtun began in 1818, with missionary work continuing for over 150 years. Despite these efforts, a widespread, indigenous disciple-making movement has not yet taken root among the Pashtun.

Known Needs: Media - The creation and distribution of Pashto-language media, including literature, videos, music, and social media, to meet the growing demand.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the successful translation of the Bible into Pashto and its distribution.
- Pray for more workers in education, business, healthcare, and development to serve among the Pashtun.
- Pray for the strengthening and protection of Pashtun believers and for God's Spirit to empower their witness despite social and cultural barriers.

Scripture Verse - "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" Isaiah 52:7



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Omani Arabs of Oman

Population: 1,957,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

Omani Arabs were among the earliest adopters of Islam. They primarily follow the Ibadi sect, one of the oldest and most traditional branches of Islam. Family ties and religious traditions are strong, and the standard is to offer excessive generosity as a sign of respect.

Known Needs: Spiritual - There is a lack of Christ followers among Omani Arabs, with most being content with the works-righteousness of Islam.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a growing spiritual hunger and discernment among Omani Arabs that would lead them to seek and find Christ.
- Pray for believers directed by the Holy Spirit to reach out to the Omani Arabs with the message of Christ.
- Pray for a Christ seeking movement to develop and spread among Omani Arabs, fostering spiritual growth and transformation.

Scripture Verse - "He says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'" Isaiah 49:6



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Zhuang, Zuojiang in Vietnam

Population: 433,000

Religion: Ethnic Religions - 90%

Christian: 0.14%

The Zhuang are the largest minority group in China, linguistically separated into 16 distinct groups. A sizable group resides in NE Vietnam.

Known Needs: These people need to put their hope and identity in the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for their hearts to be prepared to receive Jesus.
- Pray that a true people movement begins among the Zhuang.
- Pray for families of believers to love and serve others, growing reproducing churches.

Scripture Verse - "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:32



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Zarma in Niger

Population: 5,124,000

Religion: Islam - 99.8%

Christian: 0.10%

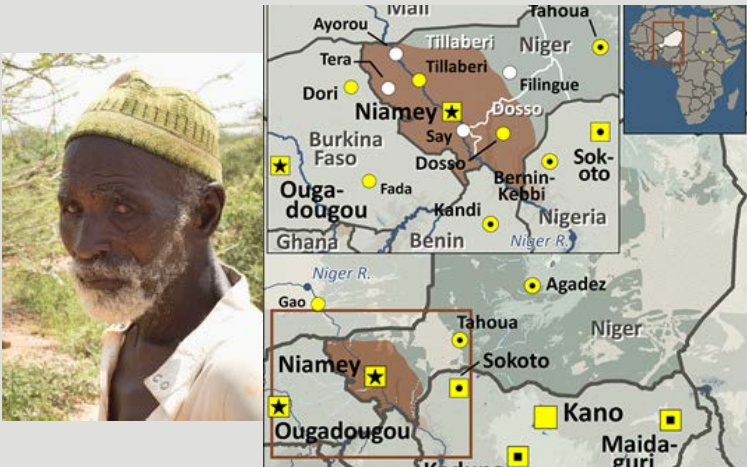
Traditionally, the ethnic affiliation would determine their occupation. These traditions have not completely died out. Zarmas tend to be farmers.

Known Needs: Clean water

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that family leaders have visions and dreams that will open their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for an intense need for spiritual truth, leading them to Jesus.
- Pray that Zarma disciples will make disciples.

Scripture Verse - "But when He heard it, He said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice." For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'" Matthew 9:12-13



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Yaeyama in Japan

Population: 45,000

Religion: Buddhism - 97%

Christian: 0.38%

Their language varies from island to island and their dialects from village to village. While similar to the Japanese, tribes in this area often do not understand each other.

Known Needs: The self-respect that comes from a relationship with Jesus. They need to know they have much worth in the eyes of their maker.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Lord will get through to the Yaeyama elders, so they can open the doors to allow the King of kings to enter their lives.
- Pray that those who believe among the Yaeyama will share their faith with others.
- Pray for a Christ movement among the Yaeyama.

Scripture Verse - "Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zechariah 8:22-23



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Yadav Gaoli in Nepal

Population: 93,000

Religion: Hinduism - 100%

Christian: 0%

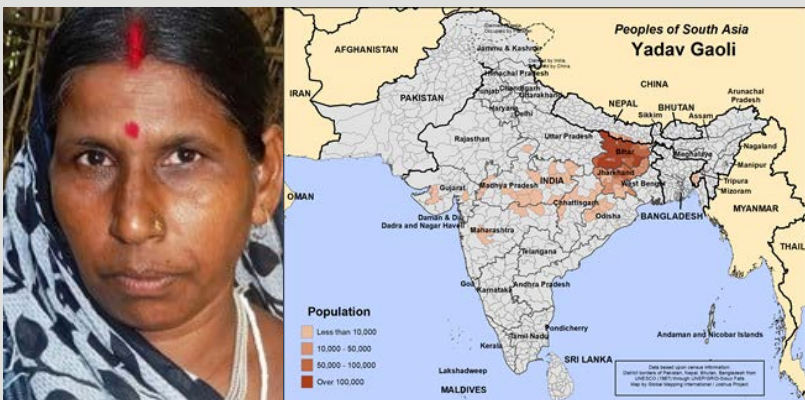
They often claim a connection to the god Krishna, since he was a herdsman.

Known Needs: Workers to go and share the Gospel. They live in some of the most remote places in SE Asia.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among the Yadav Gaoli families and community leaders.
- Pray for more laborers.
- Pray that they can see and embrace the blessings that a community of believers can bring to them.

Scripture Verse - "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21





# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Xibe in China

Population: 235,000

Religion: Non-religious - 54.50% | Ethnic Religion - 45%

Christian: 0.22%

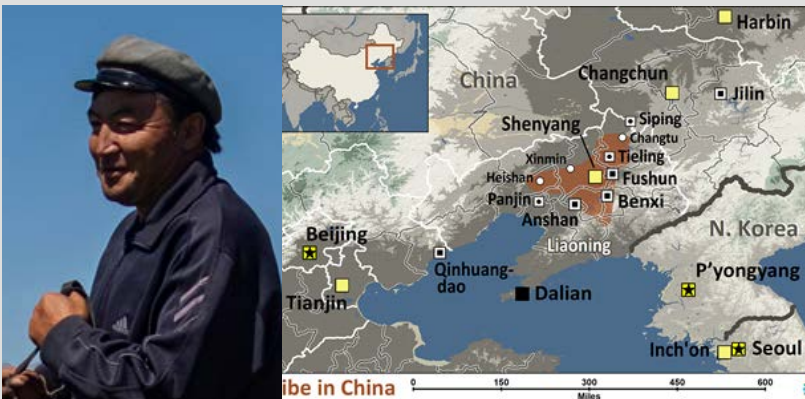
The Xibe are actually two distinct people groups living on opposite sides of China

Known Needs: Trust in Jesus and a strong church

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Xibe to have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord will provide for their physical needs in addition to their spiritual needs.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement in Christ among them.

Scripture Verse - "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people." Titus 2:11



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Watchi in Benin

Population: 71,000

Religion: Ethnic Religion - 98%

Christian: 1.5%

A Watchi might be Christian, Muslim or animistic, but most likely animistic.

Known Needs: A chance to earn a good living and to educate their children

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Watchi believers in Togo would reach out to those in Benin, sharing with them the truth that is Jesus.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and openness for the Watchi elders, so they can guide their people to The Truth.
- Pray that the Watchi can learn ways to earn a good living.

Scripture Verse - "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Wasulu in Mali

Population: 233,000

Religion: Islam - 89.96%

Christian: 0.03%

Oral accounts remain important in their culture.

Known Needs: Outsiders to understand their culture to break through cultural barriers.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Wasulu believers will stand strong in the face of persecution.
- Pray for teams that are already working among the Wasulu.
- Pray that consistent discipleship will not be hindered among Wasulu believers.

Scripture Verse - "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." Colossians 1:28



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Wardei in Kenya

Population: 204,000  
Religion: Islam - 98%  
Christian: 0%

The Wardei are Cushite in descent. They are Nomadic pastoralists; they keep goats, cows, and camels. Their houses are huts that can be moved and packed on a camel or donkey.

Known Needs: The Gospel

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Wardei to turn to Jesus.
- Pray for workers to go to the Wardei.
- Pray that a church be established among the Wardei of Kenya.

Scripture Verse - "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Wali in Sudan

Population: 2,600

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

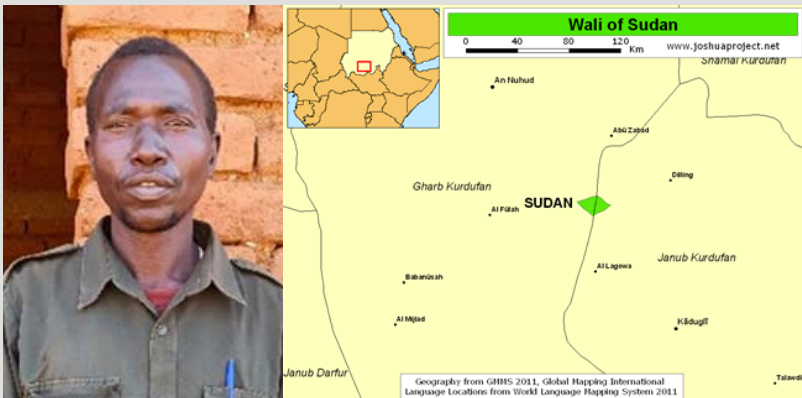
The Wali people group live in three villages in the Nuba Mountains.

Known Needs: Schools, improved water sources, and the establishment of health facilities

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Lord will speak to the Wali leaders through dreams and that they will share their dreams.
- Pray for laborers to be sent to the Wali.
- Pray for the day when Wali disciples are making disciples.

Scripture Verse - "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Ephesians 3:8



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Wakatobi in Indonesia

Population: 290,000

Religion: Islam - 91%

Christian: 0.01%

Their name is an acronym of the four islands where they live.

Known Needs: Improvement in Infrastructure, technology, and education

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Wakatobi to experience and respond to God's glory.
- Pray for loving and committed workers to go to the Wakatobi.
- Pray that Wakatobi disciples will make more disciples.

Scripture Verse - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Vietnamese, Kihn in Vietnam

Population: 82,810,000

Religion: Buddhism - 58%

Christian: 1.4%

For over 2,000 years, the Kihn people in Vietnam have recognized their national identity as a distinct people. They are a majority people group in Vietnam.

Known Needs: The Vietnamese must see that Christianity is not a foreign religion imposed on them by outsiders.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for spiritual hunger that drives them to read the Bible and listen to Christian radio.
- Pray for a church-planting movement that affects every Diaspora Vietnamese community.
- Pray that more laborers will be sent to Vietnam.

Scripture Verse - "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:20



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Vaddar in India

Population: 4,097,000

Religion: Hinduism - 99.88%

Christian: 0%

Earth digging, stone cutting, and daily wage laborers are their traditional occupations.

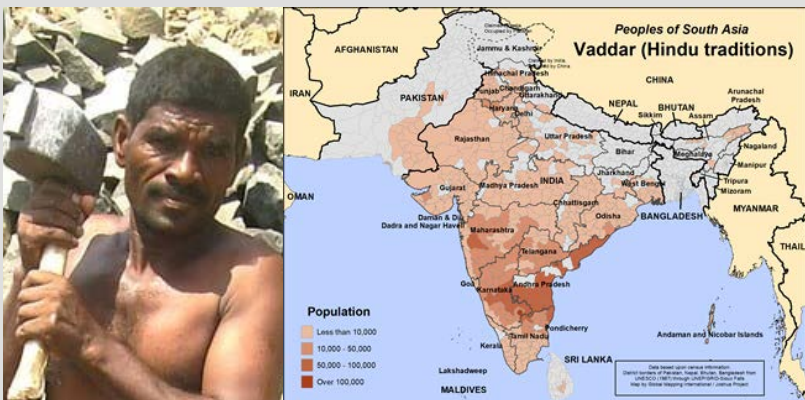
Known Needs: Hindus treat them as having low status; they need to get their sense of worth from God.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Vaddar people to find the Lord and disciple others in His ways.
- Pray for the government and NGOs to set up education and development programs for the poor.
- Pray for churches to be involved in Gospel work among the Vaddar.

Scripture Verse - "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ... I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."

1 Corinthians 9:19-23



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Ulumanda in Indonesia

Population: 22,000

Religion: Islam - 99.8%

Christian: 0.02%

The Ulumanda live in a mountainous region rich in natural resources.

Known Needs: The Ulumanda people need assistance in the form of technical tools and better agricultural training.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Ulumanda people to experience and embrace the Glory of the Lord.
- Pray for Ulumanda disciples who will make more disciples.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and an openness for the truth of Jesus.

Scripture Verse - "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42:6-7



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Lampung Sungkai in Indonesia

Population: 105,000

Religion: Islam - 99.5%

Christian: 0%

The Sungkai people are farmers; their villages are not very large, and they are situated very close to one another. The Sungkai have a strong ethnic identity, so even though they are small in number, they avoid intermarrying and becoming part of larger people groups around them. They hold strongly to their Islamic identity and fiercely challenge conversations about other religions. To date, no religious tensions have been reported in this area.

Coffee is a common local commodity in this area. But coffee production is a home-based industry for making extra money. The Sungkai would benefit from better management of the local coffee production and getting the coffee to good markets.

Known Needs: A ministry opportunity for Sungkai would be to establish a coffee business in the area or the surrounding area to buy coffee and build relationships with this people group.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for laborers with a heart for the unreached to see the ministry possibilities in reaching the Sungkai people with the Gospel.
- Pray for a man of peace within this people group who is willing to listen to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the veil will be lifted and the power of the enemy will be demolished, that idols will be shattered, and the Gospel boldly proclaimed to the Sungkai people.

Scripture Verse - "O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Psalm 67:4



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Komodo People of Indonesia

Population: 1,900

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

The Komodo people live on the Komodo Island in Indonesia. The Komodo dragon is better known than the Komodo people group. The Komodo dragon is a serious threat to the Komodo people and their livestock; for this reason, their livestock is kept on raised platforms. The Komodo National Park was once a source of income. Due to increased awareness of the Komodo Dragon's dangers, tourism has been limited to the most adventurous visitors.

The Komodo people are Sunni Muslims but tend to add pre-Islamic beliefs to their form of Islam (as an example, they fear the spirit world).

Known Needs - Share the love of Christ with the Komodo people so they can be freed from the fear of the spirit world.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a man of peace within this people group who is willing to listen to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God's blessing on the leaders of the Komodo people, along with their families, and for their communities to welcome and enjoy God's blessings.
- Pray for the Lord to multiply the reception and influence of His Word among the Komodo people, leading them to love Him with their whole being.

Scripture Verse - "O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Psalm 67:4



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Khmer People in Thailand

Population in Thailand: 67,000  
Total Population: 16,283,000  
Religion: Buddhism - 85.8%  
Christian: 0.10%

Out of the 67,000 Khmer people in Thailand, most are women and orphans. They do the work of both men and women in their village. The women wear colorful clothing to add life to their unhappy environment. Red and white are their colors of choice.

The Khmer people are Buddhist, although they also practice ethnic religions such as ancestor worship (praying to deceased ancestors for guidance) and spirit worship. Due to Buddhist influence, the Khmer also seek the middle path to nirvana, or ultimate peace, through gaining merit in this life. Merit may be gained by supporting the construction of new Buddhist temples, by giving food to Buddhist monks, and by studying in the monastery. Peasant boys often became monks to gain an education in Buddhist monasteries.

Known Needs - Loving Christians who will introduce them to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask God to call forth prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through intercession.
- Ask the Lord to call people who are willing to go to Thailand and share Christ with the Khmer people.
- Pray that God will grant wisdom and favor to the missions agencies that are currently working among the Khmer.

Scripture Verse - "O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Psalm 67:4



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Kuka in Chad

Population: 157,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

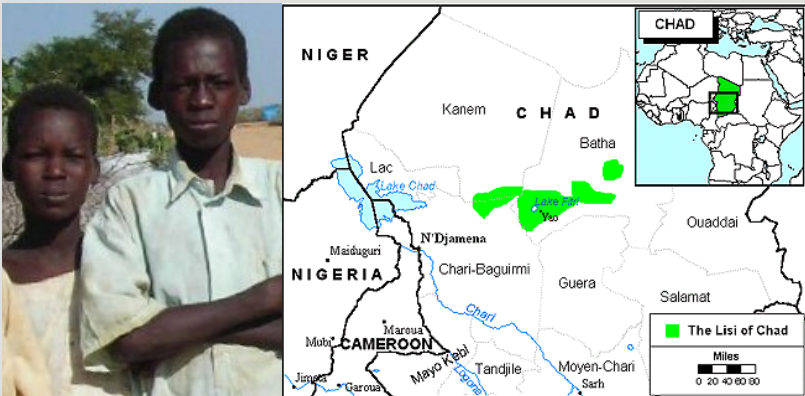
The Kuka people live in compact villages, each run by a local chief or headman. While they are Muslim, they do still hold to some pre-Islamic practices (tribal practices).

Known Needs - There is no scripture available to the Kuka people. They are auditory learners; the gospel needs to be spoken to them.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that this people group in Chad would be given an increasing interest in Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih).
- Pray for Jesus to appear to some in dreams or visions.
- Pray for Christian workers to follow up on such visitations.

Scripture Verse - "And He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" Luke 10:2



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Koiri in Bangladesh

Population: 7,500

Religion: Hinduism - 100%

Christian: 0%

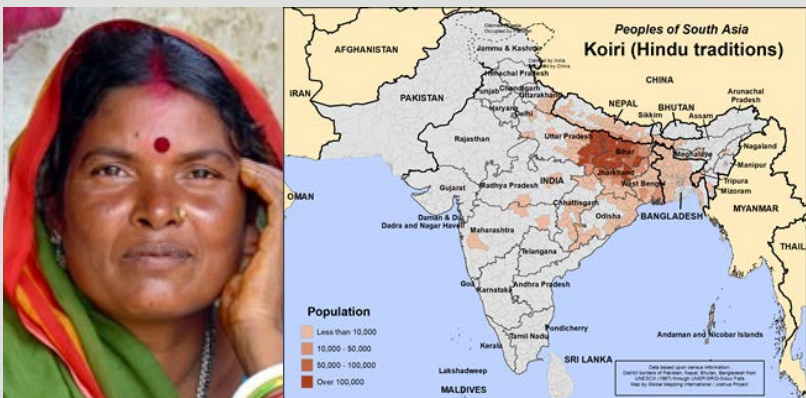
Agriculture is a Koiri tradition; they have a good reputation as excellent farmers and have adopted modern farming methods. Most of the Koiri people live in India, but smaller numbers live in Nepal and Bangladesh. Koiri's total population is 9,196,500.

Known Needs: Nominal Christians in India and the West have negatively influenced the Koiris' perception of what it means to be a follower of Christ. They need sustained, focused prayer to open their eyes to the need for Jesus Christ in their lives.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for God's blessing, strengthening, and healing of families and communities within the Koiri people.
- Pray they will increasingly hunger to know forgiveness for their sins and the new life offered through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers.

Scripture Verse - "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew. 24:14



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Kalal in India

Population: 3,191,000  
Religion: Hinduism - 100%  
Christian: 0%

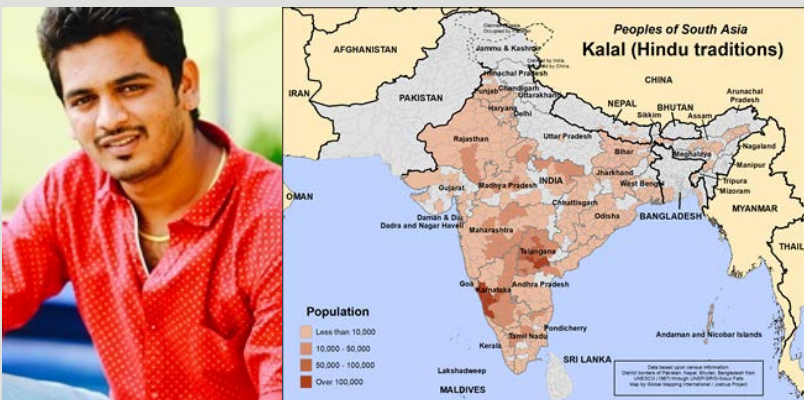
Most Kalal marriages are arranged, and the married couple lives with or near the husband's family. They do not eat beef or pork, and alcoholism is a problem in the Kalal people.

Known Needs: The Kalal people worship false gods and pray to them for protection against evil spirits. They need an opportunity to know the One who can truly deliver them.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Lord to send Christian workers to share God's truth and compassion with the Kalal.
- Pray for the Kalal would be drawn to the Savior, not alcohol.
- Pray that the Lord produces a growing church soon in the Kalal community.

Scripture Verse - "Ask of Me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2:8



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Jebala in Morocco

Population: 1,310,000

Religion: Islam - 99.97%

Christian: 0%

Most Jebala are peasants who farm for a living. If water is plentiful, they grow tomatoes, potatoes, and beans. Grapes, olives, oranges, peaches, and pears are cultivated. They also raise animals: chickens, goats, and sheep.

Known Needs: Gospel sharing can be dangerous with the Jebala people, and a profession of faith may cost them their families, honor, job, and even their lives. Prayer is very much needed if they are to have a relationship with God.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for open doors in Morocco to the proclamation of the Gospel.
- Pray the Holy Spirit to supernaturally reveal Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life to the Jebala people.
- Pray that God will save key leaders among the Jebala who will boldly declare the Lordship of Jesus.

Scripture Verse - "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you." Psalm 22:27



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Jat in Sri Lanka

Population: 1,600

Religion: Hinduism - 100%

Christian: 0%

The Jat people are brave, hardworking, and possess both the desire and ability to rule. No Jat likes to be ruled. They have a great desire to have power over a group, not over an area.

Known Needs: The Jat people would benefit from clean drinking water and proper health care facilities. Christian medical teams are needed to work among them and show them God's love in practical ways.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers to be filled with the power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit to serve the Jat people.
- Pray for salvation among key Jat leaders who will begin a disciple-making movement among their people.
- Pray the Holy Spirit will open doors, hearts, eyes, and ears to the truth of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Verse - "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" Mark 15:16



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Ingush in Kazakhstan

Population: 18,000  
Religion: Islam - 100%  
Christian: 0%

An Ingush husband “owns” his household. Families are traced through the father. A wife becomes part of her husband’s clan upon marriage and never mentions her parents again; the marriages are arranged.

Known Needs: These people live in continued hardship; they need to experience grace, mercy, and audacious love from those who follow God.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for more Christ followers to practice audacious love for the Ingush people.
- Pray for the Ingush people to seek and find their Savior.
- Pray that the Ingush people will find peace with God through Jesus Christ.

Scripture Verse - “Great peace have they who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble.” Psalm 119:165



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Hui in China

Population: 13,733,000

Religion: Islam (Sunni) - 95.99%

Christian: 0.01%

The Hui are renowned as sharp businessmen; their ancestors were artisans, scholars, officials, and religious leaders.

Known Needs: The Hui people would benefit from a consistent missionary presence, and for the 0.01% of Christians among the people to be bold in sharing Christ.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the Lord to give the Hui in China such spiritual hunger that they will seek, find, and proclaim Christ no matter the cost.
- Pray for Chinese believers to lovingly take Christ to the Hui.
- Pray that the Hui disciples will make more disciples.

Scripture Verse - “Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” Habakkuk 3:18



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Huaula in Indonesia

Population: 500

Religion: Folk Religion/Ancestor Worship - 96%

Christian: 0.50%

The Huaula people make their living by farming, fishing, and hunting. They live without indoor plumbing and electricity.

Known Needs: The Huaula people would benefit from modern medicine to extend their lives, as they are vulnerable to TB and other diseases. (This small tribe may not survive the 21st century.)

Prayer Prompts:

- Ask God to give the Huaula people a hunger and thirst for righteousness and truth that will lead them to a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for loving, Holy Spirit-anointed workers to go to the Huaula people.
- Pray for medical teams to reach these people with medical help, hygiene awareness, and the truth of Christ.

Scripture Verse - "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." John 3:17



# Unreached People Group Prayer Guide

## Hajam in India

Population: 2,146,000

Religion: Islam - 100%

Christian: 0%

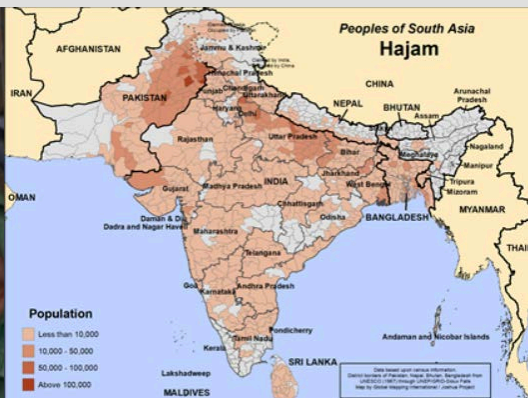
The Hajam remains a respected caste of hair-cutters, and they are Sunni Muslims.

Known Needs: There is little to no ministry among the Hajam; they need Jesus.

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for loving workers to go to the Hajam people, and for their hearts to be ready to receive their savior.
- Pray for a chain reaction of families reaching families that results in thousands of new disciples who share their faith with others.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower the Hajam people of India to open their eyes and see Jesus.

Scripture Verse - “Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.’” Genesis 12:1-3



# The only solution to lostness is the Gospel!

Thank you for taking this journey of prayer with us. Please continue to pray for the groups mentioned in this prayer guide, as well as the other unreached people groups around the world! The greatest problem in the world is lostness. Let's be faithful to pray, give, and go, until all have heard. You are sent!



