

# ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – JULY 2023

*“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)*

## PERSECUTED NATIONS:

### 1. North Korea

**Leader:** President Kim Jong -un

**Government:** Single party dictatorship

**Main religion:** Agnosticism

**Population:** 25,991,000

**Christians:** 400,000 (1.5%)

**Persecution Type:** Communist and post-communist Oppression

**Persecution Level:** Extreme

### What does persecution look like in North Korea?

- North Korea remains a brutally hostile place for Christians to live.
- Christians have absolutely no freedom. It is almost impossible for believers to gather or meet to worship. A new 'anti-reactionary thought law' makes it amply clear that being a Christian or possessing a Bible is a serious crime and will be severely punished.
- "Detention periods have been documented as being longer for Christians than other groups, and witnesses have reported that 'identified Christians are interrogated for longer periods, usually under torture', and subjected to some of the worst forms of torture to force them to incriminate others during interrogation,"
- The reason for such extreme persecution is that Christianity is seen as a particular threat to the dictatorial ideology and governance of the country's barbaric regime. Christians are viewed as enemies of both the leadership and society in general.

## Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- All Christians are equally susceptible to extreme persecution at the hands of North Korea's authoritarian state.
- Insurgency is unthinkable and the regime keeps a watchful eye on all citizens. The border with China is now more closely monitored, making it even more difficult for citizens to escape.
- Christians interred in prison camps and total control zones can be seen as facing the most persecution, but it is not easy to obtain an up-to-date information from these camps.
- Neighbors and co-workers are constantly on alert, ready to turn in Christians for state "rewards" of increased food rations and electricity.

## Prayer points for North Korea:

The North Korean President has long demanded sole allegiance to the Kim cult. Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom. Pray for President Kim Jong-Un and for his salvation. Pray for the eyes of his heart to be enlightened to see the beauty of Christ and to know His saving grace.

Pray for the government and leaders to govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Ask God to guide their decisions in a way that promotes peace and stability for all citizens, and encourages greater respect for human rights and religious freedom.

The darkness of North Korea is daunting. It seems as if the government has covered all the bases, putting systems in place to crush and keep out the gospel. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move over the darkness in the same way He hovered over the waters to speak life. (*Genesis 1:2*). Pray that stories of redemption and hope would multiply exponentially.

Pray for thousands of people to accept Christ into their hearts, just as thousands did in Pyongyang in the early 20th century. Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through North Korea's capital city and beyond, liberating people in the freedom that comes with following Jesus.

Christian activity has been strictly monitored in North Korea. Neighbors and co-workers are constantly on alert, ready to turn in

Christians for state “rewards” of increased food rations and electricity. Pray God to strengthen His people and continue to do amazing things in and through them.

Pray the secret churches would grow in their love for Jesus and for one another. Pray they will continue to learn how to share the gospel—and pray for protection. Pray for the unity and perseverance of believers as they navigate the challenges of practicing their faith in a restricted environment. (*Acts 5:14*)

Pray that God would give the churches in the South a heart to sacrificially love, serve, and ready themselves to embrace the North - as neighbors, as family. Pray for the church in North Korea to remain steadfast and faithful, despite the persecution they face for their faith.

Prisoners sent to North Korean labor camps for political “crimes”—like following Jesus rarely ever see a judge. They just disappear. Pray that prisoners feel God’s presence and for His peace that transcends all our human understanding (*Philippians 4:7*). Pray for supernatural strength to withstand this violence and deplorable conditions.

Nationwide, preschools are required to teach a “Greatness Education” curriculum, 90 minutes each day, ensuring generational worship of the ruling Kim family. Children are told that Kim Il-Sung had magic powers, able to catch a double rainbow with one hand. Pray that North Korean children will experience the day where they can enjoy life without being watched and brainwashed. Pray that God would protect the eyes, ears and hearts of children.

North Korean parents often can’t share their faith with their young children who may unknowingly, or intentionally, expose their family’s faith to authorities or neighbors who will report them. Pray that God would show parents and grandparents when it’s the right to time to tell their offspring about their faith.

Pray for the country as it is going through a brutal food shortage. Ask God to provide for the believers who are already facing persecution, as this could be an added pressure to bear in their everyday life.

## 2. Nigeria

**Leader:** President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

**Government:** Federal Presidential Republic

**Main religion:** Christianity

**Population:** 216,747,000

**Christians:** 100,420,000 (46.4%)

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression/Dictatorial Paranoia

**Persecution Level:** Extreme

### What does persecution look like in Nigeria?

- Persecution is most severe and most prevalent in the north, where militant groups such as Boko Haram, ISWAP and Fulani militants seem to increasingly work together against Christians, and against Muslims who don't support their agenda.
- Since the northern states declared allegiance to Sharia (Islamic law) in 1999, this enforced Islamization has gained momentum, by violent and non-violent means.
- Attacks by Islamic militant groups have increased consistently since 2015, but the government has failed to prevent the rise in violence, which affects all Nigerians, and Christians the most.
- Violence and land grabbing are not limited to the north alone. Fulani militants have carried these practices into the southern regions, where communities, villages and other locations have been invaded.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians in Nigeria suffer persecution from an ingrained agenda of enforced Islamization, which is particularly prevalent in the north of the country and has gradually been spreading south.
- In the Sharia states of northern Nigeria, Christians face discrimination and exclusion as second-class citizens. Christians from a Muslim background also face rejection from their own families, pressure to give up Christianity, and often physical violence.
- Christians are dispossessed of their land and their means of livelihood. Many live as internally displaced people or refugees.

- Women and children are particularly vulnerable in these camps. Children suffer health issues, and women and girls are vulnerable to human trafficking.

### Prayer points for Nigeria:

Pray for the newly elected President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Pray he and his family will be saved. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and discernment, guide him to make newer decisions that are just and beneficial for all Nigerians.

Pray for unity and reconciliation: Ask God to bring unity and reconciliation among Nigerians, regardless of their ethnic or religious backgrounds, and to heal any divisions that may have aroused during the election process for it was confirmed there were some breaches in the elections.

Pray for Godly leadership within the Christian community. Pray for godly leaders who are prepared, at considerable cost, to lead their churches by nurturing and empowering members to live godly lives - in the discipline of prayer and the task of evangelism - as they manifest witness to the concerns and needs of every sphere of society.

Nigeria is one of Southern Baptists' oldest mission fields, but early work was hindered by civil unrest. Violence continues to affect ministry, particularly in the north. Ask God to protect Nigerian pastors venturing into dangerous areas to share the gospel of peace.

Pray particularly for the believers who have converted from Islam and have been ostracized from their families and communities — that they would receive the words to confidently give an account for the hope that they have. (*Romans 5:5*)

Ask for God's help in healing the ethnic and religious divides that have caused tensions and conflicts within Nigeria.

Abductions for ransom have increased considerably over recent years, including the abduction of church leaders. Pray they would remain firm

in the faith and for God's protection for them as they face difficult times ahead.

In the last four weeks, 37 Christians have been killed by Fulani Militants and other terrorist groups in Nigeria's Benue state alone.

Pray for an end to the violence inflicted by militant groups across Nigeria. Pray God intervene to stop these evil attacks and work in the hearts of the militants to turn them from hatred to His love. Ask God to heal all people who are traumatized by attacks. Give them fresh hope for the future and the means to support themselves financially and socially.

Pray about the immorality prevalent amongst Nigerian youths. Pray that God shall teach and guide the youths in the way of righteousness. Pray for return to parental responsibilities in homes. Ask God to reveal Himself to all those that are seeking after the real truth. (*Psalms 119:9, Ecclesiastes 12:1*)

Pray against the wickedness and perversion that threaten to dominate Nigeria. Bind every evil spirit and nullify every evil influence that is promoting sexual perversion, immorality, wickedness, and bloodshed in Nigeria.

Women and children are particularly vulnerable in the refugee camps. Children suffer health issues, and women and girls are vulnerable to human trafficking. Pray for restoration and recovery for those who suffer from loss, or from rape. Pray for forgiveness, and for believers to respond in the most Christ-like way possible. Pray that the enemies of Christ who commit these terrible acts would become His followers!

### **3. Somalia**

**Leader:** President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

**Government:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Population:** 16,842,000

**Christians:** Hundreds

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

**Persecution Level:** Extreme

### **What does persecution look like in Somalia?**

- In the nation of Somalia, society expects all Somalis to be Muslim. Imams in mosques and madrassas state publicly that there is no room for Christianity, Christians or churches.
- The violent insurgent group al-Shabaab has repeatedly expressed its desire to eradicate Christians from the country. Areas in the south and southwest that are under the control of al-Shabaab are the most dangerous.
- Islamic militants have intensified their hunt for people who are Christian. Their goal, as they stated on many occasions, is to free Somali from any Christians. No region of Somalia is safe for Christians.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christians in Somalia continue to face an extreme level of violence, which has worsened in recent years.
- Christians from a Muslim background are most vulnerable to persecution. They are regarded as a high-value target by al-Shabaab militia and many converts have been killed on the spot when discovered.
- Young female converts to Christianity are particularly vulnerable. They are oppressed and exploited both on grounds of their faith and their gender.
- Young Christian girls are forced into marriages, in which they face sexual harassment, physical violence and pressure to adhere to conservative Muslim practices in an attempt to 'rehabilitate' them.

### **Prayer points for Somalia:**

Pray for President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide and lead him. Pray that God would establish a good godly leadership for this nation through him. *(1Timothy 2:1)*

Pray for lasting peace to overcome all threats to the nation's fragile stability. Pray for true freedom for those in bondage from poverty and disease due to the decades long severe droughts.

Pray for grace and protection for the few hundred Christians in Somalia. Ask God to give them strength and hope. Help them find ways to meet secretly together, to share times of prayer, thanksgiving and encouragement. To help them grow in faith, despite the risks.

Pray conditions will come into being allowing Christians including converts to openly express their faith, including collectively. Pray those who target and seek to harm Christians will come to know God's love, and God's peace. Pray people all across Somalia will come to know and follow Jesus. *(Deuteronomy 31:6)*

Pray for the small, but growing, number of Muslim Background Believers among the Muslim communities in Somalia. May they grow strong and be bold in sharing their faith. Pray for the converts to lead a victorious Christian life in the midst of persecution.

The violent insurgent group al-Shabaab has repeatedly expressed its desire to eradicate Christians from the country. Ask God to break their power and bring law, order and justice to the perpetrators. Pray for the safety of all those who are vulnerable to violence and disaster in Somalia.

Islamic militants have intensified their hunt for people who are Christian and in a position of leadership. Jihadi terrorism remains a grave danger in Somalia. Pray the Lord will restrain the evil ones and those that threaten the safety of His children. *(Jeremiah 1:19)*

Pray for all those engaged internationally trying to build peace and end violent terrorism and conflicts in this region.

Pray for deliverance for the traumatized children and the refugee families who have witnessed horrors from attacks by Al Shabab militants. *(Psalms 32:7)*

Pray for churches and leaders (globally) who have taken in thousands of families displaced by the violence. Pray that they will respond with



compassion and understanding, especially towards the traumatized and vulnerable.

Female converts are forced to marry a Muslim man to keep them away from Christian activities. Married women face divorce if they convert to Christianity and lose custody of their children and may be denied their due inheritance. Pray for each young girl who has been and still is a victim to childhood marriage. Pray that they will experience the love of Christ and the freedom that only He can bring.

Rains have failed four years in a row and Somalia is facing the worst droughts in 40 years. Livestock and livelihoods have perished, crops have failed, and people don't have enough to eat. Pray that God would help people facing this hunger crisis and provide rain and food. Pray for the six million people facing high levels of acute food insecurity and those who are struggling to afford food as prices have risen by 36% since the start of the Ukraine conflict. (*Psalms 33:19*)

#### **4. Ethiopia**

**Leader:** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

**Government:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Population:** 120,813,000

**Christians:** 72,396,000 (59.9%)

**Main religion:** Christianity

**Persecution Type:** Christian denominational protectionism/ Islamic oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

**What does persecution look like in Ethiopia?**

- The political violence that has become rampant in Ethiopia has now become a full-blown civil war that has put the country as a whole at risk.

- Though a peace agreement was reached in November 2022, Ethiopia's Christians are praying that this will be an end to the crisis in the country.
- Persecution is complex in the context of war, and in some instances, it isn't clear whether persecution is motivated by someone's faith, their ethnicity or another factor.
- In some areas, Islamic extremist mobs have attacked churches, taking advantage of a general rise in political violence.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christianity may be the majority religion in Ethiopia, but the true situation is much more complicated.
- Christian converts can be threatened with death and are often forced to flee their homes.
- People who convert to Christianity from Muslim backgrounds, particularly in the east and south east of the country, risk harsh mistreatment from their communities. Women face the threat of rape, forced marriage or (if married) divorce and separation from their children.
- There is also persecution for Christians who move from a traditional Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) background to a Protestant or non-traditional denomination.
- Parts of Ethiopia are tribal, and Christians in these areas are expected to take part in tribal conflict.

### Prayer points for Ethiopia:

Pray for Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali. Pray that the government and security forces in Ethiopia will be stirred and equipped to address the country's growing insecurity problems.

Recently a peaceful election has been undertaken, yet there has been political disruption with social unrest in parts of the country. Pray for continued peace and stability through inclusive national dialogue and concerted reconciliation measures. *(Romans 16:20)*

The political violence that has become rampant in Ethiopia has now become a full-blown civil war that has put the country as a whole at risk. Pray that the peace of God would reign in every corner of the

country, and the power of God would be undeniable through the breakthrough He delivers. *(Jeremiah 29:7)*

Christians who move from a traditional Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) background to a Protestant or non-traditional denomination also face persecution. Believers found to be going to other Christian meetings can be completely shunned by their families. Pray their lives will shine with the light of the gospel as they experience these dark situations. *(Colossians 3:15)*

People who convert to Christianity from Muslim backgrounds, particularly in the east and south east of the country, risk harsh mistreatment from their communities. Pray that new Christians facing strong disapproval and persecution would feel the presence of God.

Believers in Christian-majority Ethiopia are suffering one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, as a result of persistent conflicts and droughts that are causing acute food shortages across the Horn of Africa. Christians in the Tigray region have suffered torture, rape and forced removals. *(Psalms 37:19)*

Many pastors and church ministers are among the dead, churches have been destroyed or looted, and harvests razed. It is estimated that 20 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, with nine million at risk of famine. Ask that the Lord, who provides rain and sends water *(Job 5:10)*, will restore the fruitfulness of the land.

Women convert from Islam are often forced into marriage with Muslims or divorced if married and separated from their children. Pray these women will get the support they need. Pray that God will help them to hold on to their faith and bless their children. *(Psalms 147:13)*

Ask God to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who've been displaced, and provide a way for families and churches to return home. To thwart the influence of Islamic extremist mobs and stir up indignation in the hearts of government to do more to address the country's growing threats.

Give thanks for the successful distribution of Bibles in Ethiopia. Pray that the new translation into the Oromo language will be a source of

spiritual nourishment and guidance for the Lord's people, especially as they suffer from poverty, hunger and ongoing conflict.

## **5. Morocco**

**Leader:** King Mohammed VI

**Government:** Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

**Population:** 37,773,000

**Christians:** 31,300 (0.1%)

**Main religion:** Islam

**Persecution Type:** Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### **What does persecution look like in Morocco?**

- Moroccans feel proud of their country's heritage as a center of Islamic civilization and learning, and they resist Christianity.
- Violence against Christians in Morocco increased in the past year, mainly because a higher number of church buildings, including house churches, were attacked.
- Moroccan Muslim groups disagree sharply between fundamentalist and moderate practices, but most citizens do not want religious violence to come.
- Moroccan converts from Islam to Christianity face intensive pressures both privately and publicly to renounce their faith.
- It's not only the laws against proselytization that put Christians at risk, but with Islamic extremists operative in the region, Christians face the threat of violent attacks on the grounds of their faith.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christian converts cannot worship openly and choose to hide their faith since it is dangerous to share their beliefs.

- Converts are punished with the loss of inheritance rights and custody of their children.
- In some circumstances, Christians are arrested and fined for nothing more than having a Bible in their possession, or for discussing Christian faith with a Muslim.
- In the public sphere, Christians become the targets for government interrogation, beatings or imprisonment.
- In work, they may be harassed by colleagues, or even made unemployed because of their faith. If their faith is known, many Christians are discriminated against in their job searches, and finding employment becomes almost impossible.

### Prayer points for Morocco:

Pray for King Mohammed VI. Pray for his salvation and of the other leaders in Morocco. Pray the king's heart will be inclined in the direction for religious liberty, (Moroccan parliament has limited powers) and the king makes many of the key decisions. (*Proverbs 21:1*)

The few foreign Christians in Morocco experience a relative amount of freedom although proselytization is not tolerated. Pray the government will continue to progress in its tolerance towards other evangelical Christians and lift all restrictions on religious freedom.

Ask for the Lord's blessing to be upon the small Christian community, especially converts from Islam who face harassment from the Muslim majority. Pray they will have opportunity and courage to meet with each other, whether in person or online, to worship God and build up their faith. (*Hebrews 10:36*)

Distribution of Christian resources is restricted and believers may suffer harassment, or even beatings and imprisonment, if they are found with a Bible. Even online Christians risk cyber harassment for their faith and self-expression. Pray for changes in Moroccan society which may extend to give greater freedom and acceptance to Christians.

Beyond growing government hostility, the presence of Islamic extremist operatives target Christians. Pray that the situation will be resolved,

and that the authorities will see that Christian believers does not pose a threat to their national security.

Pray that the stronghold of folk Islam would be broken. It is been widely practiced in Morocco, particularly by women, and significantly contributes to a person's resistance to the message of the gospel. They need our focused prayers.

Male converts may be harassed by colleagues, or even made unemployed because of their faith. They can also be interrogated and detained by officials for faith-related reasons. They may be denied inheritance or even access to his possessions. Ask God to restore male converts and make them strong, firm and steadfast. *(1 Peter 5:10)*

Christian women are vulnerable to rape as a form of punishment. Rape not only traumatizes the victim, it's also considered a slight on her personal honor, and by extension, her family's honor. The threat of rape is used to coerce women back to Islam. Pray for them.

New believers in Morocco are aged between 20-30yrs old and seem to be more willing to make their faith known publicly than those who have been Christians for a longer period and have experienced persecution. Pray that all Moroccan Christians will be led by the Holy Spirit in everything they do and that the Lord will continue to add to their daily number. *(Acts 16:5)*

**Praise Report:** The most widely spoken dialect in Morocco is Darija (Moroccan Arabic). The New Testament in Darija was published in 2012 and now in 2023, after various delays, it is expected that the whole Bible will be published. Pray that nothing will hinder the distribution of the Bible to the eager Moroccan Christians, so that they can read God's Word in the language of their heart.

## 6. Comoros

**Leader:** President Azali Assoumani

**Government:** Federal Presidential Republic

**Population:** 907,000

**Christians:** 4,600 (0.5%)

**Main religion:** Islam

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### **What does persecution look like in Comoros?**

- Comoros has dropped back into the World Watch List top 50 because of an increase in pressure by the government and local communities, as well as a rise in reported incidents of violence.
- The government has said publicly that there is only freedom of religion for foreigners living in the country, not Comorians.
- In Comoros, choosing to leave Islam to follow Jesus is so risky that those who do so have little option but to keep their faith secret.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- It is illegal for followers of any religion except Islam to evangelize, so any Christian who shares their faith could face legal consequences.
- This is likely to include a fine and up to a year in prison. In some parts of the country, extremist groups threaten believers with violence.
- In many families, women will inherit the family's wealth, however, those who convert to Christianity prior to receiving such wealth are at great risk of disinheritance, which can lead to poverty.
- Single women can also face the prospect of forced marriage to a Muslim. Those who refuse to marry can be ostracized by their community.
- Christian men can also experience discrimination in the workplace, verbal abuse, unequal treatment, denial of food and divorce.

### **Prayer points for Comoros:**

Pray for President Azali Assoumani. Pray for his salvation. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all the citizens in the nation. *(1 Kings 3:9)*

Pray for the Holy Spirit to break the influence of Islam on the Comorians. Pray for freedom from fear brought on by the false teachings of the occult and Islam. Pray for the Gospel to infiltrate every island, regardless of restrictions and mounting persecution.

It is very hard for people to hear about Jesus in Comoros because evangelism is illegal and any Christian who shares their faith could face legal consequences. Pray that Christian workers will remain encouraged by the gospel of Christ as they minister. *(Mark 16 :15)*

Harassment and persecution have risen in frequency and intensity in recent years. Believers must meet in small groups and can share their faith only through one-on-one relationships. Ask God to strengthen Christians in the face of opposition, encourage them in their faith and keep them safe from harm.

Those who convert to Christianity can expect severe reprisals from the community and from their own family. Pray for courage for those choosing to follow Jesus, and wisdom for all who must walk out their faith in this hostile atmosphere.

Pray that the small number of believers will not be afraid of the threats that come from their communities. Pray they will stand firm in their faith, not crushed or perplexed, but live in unconditional surrender to the Lordship of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 4:8)*

Pray for the many first-generation believers, as they need help to grow in their commitment and faith. Pray for godly church leaders, and for more pastors willing to work among them. Pray their integrity and love will impress the believers and draw them towards Christ.

Pray for Christians in Comoros to live joyfully and blamelessly, so that others will ask them about their lives and open a door for the gospel. Pray that these believers will be a testimony to the Lord's grace and encourage many to come to Him in faith.

Pray for single women converts who face the prospect of forced marriage to Muslim men. Those who refuse to marry can be ostracized by their community. Pray that the Lord will give them ability to love their enemies and to forgive them. *(1 Peter 3: 13-15)*



## 7. Nicaragua

**Leader:** President Daniel Ortega

**Government:** Parliamentary Republic

**Population:** 6,779,000

**Christians:** 6,437,000 (95.0%)

**Main religion:** Christianity

**Persecution Type:** Dictatorial paranoia

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### What does persecution look like in Nicaragua?

- The persecution of Christians is intensifying in Latin America, and this is reflected in Nicaragua appearing in the top 50 of the World Watch List for the first time.
- Churches that speak out against injustice and human rights violations by the government are viewed as destabilizing agents. This makes them a target for hostility, which can include intimidation, harassment, monitoring, arrests and attacks.
- The government is particularly hostile to churches that provided shelter and care for people during the widespread protests which broke out against the country's dictatorial regime in 2018. To this day, these churches are still experiencing retribution from the government, including slander and surveillance.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Though most Nicaraguans are Christian, believers are still increasingly vulnerable to persecution.
- Recent elections and changes to the law have been used as a pretext to label church leaders as terrorists and coup-plotters. This has led to increasing restrictions on churches and other Christian organizations.
- Christian schools and TV stations have been closed, as have faith-based charities, while believers have been arbitrarily detained and prosecuted. The aim is to silence the Christian voice and make them lose credibility among the population.

## Prayer points for Nicaragua:

Pray for President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo, who have forcefully sought to silence dissenting voices, especially the church given its influence in the country and all those in authority to have discernment and wisdom as they lead the Nicaraguans.

Poverty is both the cause and result of many political troubles. Pray, for a righteous government that will seek the good of its impoverished people.

Pray for the courage of God's children in Nicaragua, who have raised their voices against injustice and human rights violations. Pray they will not be discouraged or deterred following crackdowns by the government, but will be empowered afresh by the Holy Spirit to press on with all that God is calling them to do.

Pray God give His wisdom and revelation to Church leaders as they are still experiencing retribution from the government, including slander and surveillance. Pray they look to Jesus Christ who understands all of their sufferings, as He Himself walked through a journey of suffering being an example to all. *(1 Peter 2:21)*

Recent elections and changes to the law have been used as a pretext to label church leaders as terrorists and coup-plotters. This has led to increasing restrictions on churches and other Christian organizations. Pray the Lord will protect and keep them safe despite the opposition they face. *(Matthew 5:11-12)*

Pastors are not free to share the Gospel without fear of harassment. Pray for great wisdom and courage for the church leaders as they minister to the traumatized and persecuted and advise their people how to face this persecution. May they know that their labor in the Lord is not in vain. *(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

Over 95% of the population identify themselves as Christian, though nominalism - cultural Christianity - and syncretism bind much of the Church from a vibrant faith. There is great need for unity among

denominations and local churches are hampered in their ministry by theological divisions. Pray for spiritual clarity.

75% of the population is under the age of 30. Because of war, disaster and distorted political ideologies, stable families are rare. Few churches are equipped or committed to meet their needs. Pray for a harvest among the youth and for more mission workers to have the heart to reach out to them.

There are a number of churches in various stages of construction. Some are already being used, others are yet to be built. Pray for the volunteers and monetary funding needed to help with the different phases and projects in northern Nicaragua. (*2 Corinthians 9: 7-9*)

## 8. Bhutan

**Leader:** King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck

**Government:** Constitutional Monarchy

**Population:** 788,000

**Christians:** 18,800 (2.4%)

**Main religion:** Buddhism

**Persecution Type:** Religious Nationalism

**Persecution Level:** Very High

**What does persecution look like in Bhutan?**

- In Bhutan, the government assumes that all citizens are Buddhist. Anyone who converts to Christianity is watched with suspicion, and efforts are usually made to bring them back to their former religion. Religious leaders, the local community and family often cooperate in this.
- Government officials will do whatever is necessary to preserve the country's Buddhist heritage. Many officials are heavily influenced by

Buddhist monks, and there is a longstanding practice of monks working in and for the government.

- Local authorities often refuse to issue Christians a “non-objection certificate,” which is needed for loan applications, registering property, applying for jobs, and renewing their ID cards.
- Particularly in rural areas, Buddhist monks oppose the presence of Christians. In general, local officials overlook this opposition.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Anyone who leaves Buddhism for Jesus is seen as betraying their family, their community, and their country. This means intense pressure for anyone who chooses faith in God.
- Conversion brings shame upon the family, so often family members go to great lengths to bring the convert back to his or her original faith.
- Life in Bhutan is still very communal and the proximity and protection of the family are important, being disowned is a significant form of persecution against converts from Buddhism to Christianity.
- No churches have official state recognition, meaning that any Christians holding a service together are technically worshipping illegally.
- Some Christians are falsely accused of being bribed to convert.

### **Prayer points for Bhutan:**

Pray for the Lord Jesus to reveal Himself to King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. Pray he and his family might understand the need for a Savior. Pray the Holy Spirit would convict his family of sin, righteousness and judgment. *(John 16:8)*

Pray for the government of Bhutan -- that those in power will continue to recognize the need for freedom for all their citizens, acknowledging that faith cannot be forced. Pray the Lord will touch all Buddhist monks in the government through His Holy Spirit to give religious freedom to Christians.

The government assumes all citizens are Buddhists and denies the existence of Christianity among the Bhutanese while arresting those who do believe. Pray for the true name and nature of Jesus to be made known in this nation. *(Jeremiah 16:21)*

Pray that the spirit of Unity and love will heal the Bhutanese church which is divided because of Denominations. To bring believers together in unity and encourage oneness in Christ Jesus their Lord. Continue to pray for unity, peace and understanding among the churches in Bhutan. *(Mark 3:24)*

Pray for churches in central-south Bhutan. Most are constantly monitored by authorities, hindering, or even preventing worship and fellowship gatherings. Ask God to fill believers with love and wisdom to respond to this situation, and that He would soften the hearts of the authorities to allow Christians to worship freely. *(1 Corinthians 13:7)*

Buddhists leaders have made efforts to visit schools to give religious talks to students. They have taken great measures to help Buddhists promote Buddhism and deepen the Buddhist faith in Bhutan among young people. Pray for the Christians in Bhutan to remain true and strong in their faith, in the face of Buddhism's strong influence in the country.

Being disowned by their family is a significant form of persecution against converts from Buddhism to Christianity. Pray that they would be protected from oppression at the hands of their family, friends, and community and especially Buddhist monks. *(James 1:4)*

Local authorities often refuse to issue Christians a “non-objection certificate,” which is needed for loan applications, registering property, applying for jobs, and renewing their ID cards. Pray that those facing pressure/persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. *(Ephesians 6: 14-17)*

## **UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:**

### **1. Bedouin Suafa in Algeria**

Population: 136,000

Main Language: Arabic, Algerian spoken

Largest Religion: Islam 99.99%    Christians: 0.01%

## Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Bedouin Suafa have only been reported in Algeria. The name "Bedouin" is derived from the Arab word bedu.

This tribe lives only in Algeria. Though the Suafa are not the only Bedouin tribe in Algeria, this country is home for more Bedouins than any other except Saudi Arabia.

Bedouin society is organized according to a series of overlapping kin groups. The family is the smallest unit, followed by the clan, then the tribe.

The Bedouins have many physical needs. Many Bedouin live as semi-nomads, both migrating with their herds and engaging in some form of settled agriculture. They often go without enough food, and they rarely have access to produce because of their life style.

They also suffer from respiratory diseases, and they don't have adequate access to medical facilities since they live in remote areas. They also have a lower literacy rate than the Arab and Berber populations in Algeria.

Most of the Bedouin are Sunni Muslims (many of the Malikite branch), there is still a basic belief in spirits known as jinnis. Their folk Islamic rituals do not give them reassurance or peace, and they often feel fearful.

The Bedouin Suafa need to hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Christ. Although there are resources available in their languages, the Bedouin have proved to be resistant to Christianity.

### Prayer points:

Ask God to call for Christian workers and intercessors to commit themselves to be praying persistently for the Bedouin Suafa people. Pray God will continue to remind the believers to remember them in their prayer's night and day. *(Romans 1:9)*

Most of the Bedouin are Sunni Muslims. Pray for the veil to be removed from the eyes of these people. Pray they will be called out of the darkness and come towards the wonderful light of Jesus.

Their folk Islamic rituals do not give them reassurance or peace, and they often feel fearful. Pray our Merciful God would provide fresh perspective for their lives in Him. Pray God will refresh them with a sound mind, filled with His power and love. *(2 Timothy 1: 7)*

Pray for Christian workers to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of the Suafa tribe. Pray God empower them with the vision to reach out to this tribe with the gospel.

Pray for Christ-centered fellowships to be formed that will spread far and wide. *(1Peter 3:15)* Pray for the establishment of a viable, indigenous and reproducing church. Ask the Holy Spirit to complete the work begun in the hearts of the few Bedouin believers through adequate discipleship.

Ask God for a complete Bible in their language. Pray they will understand and apply the Scriptures available to them, enabling them to be effective in their communities, affecting their culture for Christ.

They suffer from respiratory diseases and don't have adequate access to medical facilities since they live in remote areas. Pray for the Lord to show himself faithful to the Suafa Bedouins by providing healing and supply all of their physical needs according to his riches in glory.

## **2. Bakumpai in Indonesia**

Population: 167,000

Main language: Bakumpai

Largest religion: Islam: 98.00% Christians: 2.00 %

### **Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs**

The Bakumpai have only been reported in Indonesia.

They are a group of Dayak people who speak the Bakumpai language and call themselves the Bakumpai.

The Bakumpai social life and culture are influenced mainly by the culture of the Banjar people. The system of kinship of the Bakumpai follows the Banjar bilateral system.

The area where the Bakumpai live is crisscrossed with many rivers. Due to this, the Bakumpai have developed technology for water transportation. Their other work includes cultivation of unirrigated fields, fishing in the rivers, trade and production of household tools.

The Bakumpai are followers of Islam. The influence of Islam can be seen in almost every aspect of their lives: in their social system, their extended family relationships and even in their artistic endeavors.

Marabahan, the center of the area where the Bakumpai live, has already produced many famous Islamic teachers who have spread Islamic teaching as far as the source of the Barito River.

A very small minority of the Bakumpai are believers. All of them need to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Only Bible portions are available.

### **Prayer points:**

Pray that God will lay the Bakumpai in the hearts of many prayer warriors.

Pray the word of God that they have been introduced to would work in them and bring them out of the darkness and into the marvelous light of Christ. *(1 Peter 2:9)*

The Bakumpai are credited for producing famous Islamic teachers who have spread Islam far and wide. Likewise, pray the small group of Bakumpai believers are nurtured in the faith and are used by the Holy Spirit to begin an unstoppable movement for Christ.



Pray that the church in this region would deeply abide with the teachings of Jesus Christ and not mix any animistic practices. Pray for the church to be strengthened for greater boldness in proclaiming the Good News. (*Ephesians 2:20-22*)

The Bakumpai may have developed good technology for water transportation as they live in an area crisscrossed with many rivers. But have “Thirsty” souls. Pray they will find the Lord Jesus Christ, “The fountain of living waters.” (*Jeremiah 17:13*)

Pray they understand the truth about the living waters, which Jesus wants to flood their souls, will burst forth into their community. Pray anyone who thirsts among the Bakumpai will come to Jesus and drink. (*John 7:37*) Also the water that He gives them will become in him/her a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. (*John 4:14*)

Thank the Lord for the availability of some portions of the Bible in their dialect, pray for the translation of other Bible books. Pray the word of God will purify and purge them as gold and silver as it is available to them. Pray they will as new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that they may grow thereby. (*1 Peter 2:2*)

### **3. Biali (Burba) in Benin**

Population: 184,000

Main language: Berba

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 93.00% Christians: 7.00%

#### **Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs**

The Biali, AKA, Burba, are commonly regarded as a sub-group of the Somba. They are concentrated in the Atakora Mountains in northwestern Benin and across the border in Togo.

The name Burba was given to them by the French, but it seems they prefer to be known as the Bialaba. Their language, which they call Berba, is a member of the Niger-Congo family of languages.

The Burba are farmers, growing millet, sorghum, and occasionally fonio (a sorghum-like grain) as the staple crops. Hunting, fishing, and gathering (especially of shea nuts) all occur in the area, but provide only a modest supplement to the diet.

Polygyny (having more than one wife) is permitted and occurs frequently.

The Burba are influenced by Islam, most still follow their traditional ethnic religion. They believe that there are many gods and that the stars contain supernatural forces. They have an extensive system of cults in which mystical power is explained and controlled.

Although missionaries have made considerable progress among this people group, many of the Burba have yet to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel message. Much prayer and further evangelism are needed to teach them the way to eternal life.

### **Prayer points:**

Beseech the Lord to raise prayer teams who will begin to pray for the Biali people also known as Burba and see them embrace the right and new way of living and bear fruits worthy of repentance. *(Matthew 3:8)*

Pray for the Lord to give the Burba people a sense for spiritual need. Pray that the gospel would penetrate and break their folk Islamic animistic practices. *(Leviticus 18:30)*

Beseech the Lord to prepare workers to be ready for new assignments from Him. Ask the Lord to thrust out workers who are Spirit filled and compassionate to live among this people group and minister to them with the love and compassion of Christ. *(Acts 8: 4-8)*

Ask God the Father to draw the hearers towards Jesus, for no one can come to His Son unless He draws them. *(John 6: 44)* Pray the Lord will soon build his church among this community. Pray they will keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Burba who will boldly proclaim the Good News. Pray that the Prince of Peace will come to them in glory and they will be prepared in their hearts to recognize and welcome Him.

Pray for Christian believers to fall on their knees and seek the face of the God on behalf of others in their community. God wants for every one of his creations to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, and also be filled with all the fullness of God. (*Ephesians 3:19*)

Polygamy has such a strong hold on this people group, pray for the new generation of leaders to have a new mindset and a Godly heart to not enter into such practices and leave it behind.

Pray for a complete Bible to be available for this group. Pray for all translators working to complete the whole Bible in the primary language will have the necessary resources available for the completion of the project. Pray, through the Holy Spirit they will receive the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge.

#### **4. Bandi in Liberia**

Population: 156,000

Main language: Bandi

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 90.00% Christianity 10.00%

#### **Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs**

The Bandi lives just south of the Kissi people, and the two tribes have similar lifestyles.

The Bandi speaks Bandi, a Mandingo language that belongs to the Niger-Congo language family. Most live in Liberia, though they also live in Guinea.

The Bandi are hard-working people, and it is important to them to do what is right in their own eyes. They live according to the customs and traditions their ancestors set for them long ago.

The Bandi are primarily farmers. The Bandi men are responsible for clearing the land and planting the crops, while the women harvest the crops and do other jobs like weeding and hoeing. Both men and women fish and women trade in the local markets.

Like many other tribes in the forest region, most of the Bandi practice traditional ethnic religions. They are primarily animists and also worship ancestral spirits.

Many of the Bandi fear the witches and sorcerers who live among them and practice witchcraft. The villagers often wear charms and carry medicines in order to ward off the evil that the witches may bring to the tribe.

Though some of the Bandi have heard the gospel and a small percentage have accepted Christ, there has been little impact on the Bandi tribe as a whole. Most of them are yet to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts as savior. Bible portions are available.

### Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over the Bandi people group, ask God to raise more and consistent prayer teams. Pray for the people to see the signs of the times and give their lives completely to the Holy One, Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 5:16*)

Pray that God will speed the day when the knowledge of the glory of the Lord covers the earth! (*Habakkuk 2:14*) Pray all those who hear the word of God will not move away from the hope of the gospel which they have heard but will walk in Jesus, rooted, and built up in Him and established in faith.

Pray for workers who are filled with the fruits and the power of the Holy Spirit to go out as Christ's ambassadors to reach every person. Pray the Bandi will soon belong among the most reached people group.

Pray for the existing Christian believers to be "God's field" and "God's building". Pray that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Pray each believer take heed how he/she builds on it. (*1 Corinthians 3:10-11*)

Pray these folk Islamic practicing animists would be open to the gospel and that God would soften their hearts. Pray the revelation about Jesus Christ the Savior be given to them by the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 1:17*)

There is a need for more laborers and additional evangelistic tools. These precious people daily live in fear of their gods. They desperately need to know the savior that can set them free. Pray they who are in darkness and confusion of mind now, will become children of light and will be delivered from all superstitions. (*Ephesians 5:8*)

Pray for a complete Bible in their main language. Pray for Bible translation efforts that have begun to progress and the work to not be hindered. Pray the project would thrive. The goal is to have the entire Bible in audio format in the dialect.

## **5. Bairagi in Nepal (bay-RAH-ghee)**

Population: 283,000

Main language: Nepali

Largest religion: Hinduism 97.20% Christianity 0.05%

### **Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs**

The history of the Bairagi commences with Ramanuja, who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries, and taught in the southern part of India.

During the British period the Bairagi were known as priests, rulers and landowners. As Brahmins, the Bairagi are the highest caste in the Hindu system. Many Bairagi men serve as priests and teachers of Hinduism to the lower castes.

The first language of the Bairagi is Hindi. Besides working as priests, Bairagi work in the professions, in government and in finance. The Bairagi own land which is frequently worked by lower castes.

The spiritual pride of the Brahmins can often keep them from coming to Christ. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing family harmony within

this Hindu community. Much sustained, focused prayer is needed to prepare the hearts of the Bairagi community to understand and receive the good news of Jesus of Nazareth.

A profession of faith in Jesus may cost a person his family and his honor. Evangelization of this group will be challenging, due to the nature of the lifestyle and belief system.

### Prayer points:

The Bairagi needs the body of Christ who will faithfully intercede for them. Pray that God will raise faithful intercessors that will stand in the gap for this people group. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

The spiritual pride of the Brahmins can often keep them from coming to Christ. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing family harmony within this Hindu community. Ask God to open the spiritual eyes of the Bairagi and commit them to follow Christ.

The Bairagis need the humility to understand that they must look to the Lord and Savior who paid for their sins by dying on the cross. Scripture says in *Psalms 138 :6* “Though the Lord is on high, yet He regards the lowly...” Pray they will humble themselves before the Lord.

Pray they will understand that they can find God while they seek Him, and can call upon Him while He is near. (*Isaiah 55 :6*)

Evangelization of this group is challenging, due to the nature of their lifestyle, belief system and the country they live in. Christians are heavily restricted from sharing their faith in Nepal. Prayer is the only key to reaching them with the message of the Cross.

They need healing and new spiritual hope. It only takes a couple of Bairagis to catch God's vision for them and their people and become the beginnings of a movement. Pray there will be a Movement for Christ to be birthed among them.

Pray they will have the opportunity to believe in the true light, that they might become sons and daughters of the light. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.” (*John 12: 36, 8: 12*)

Ask the Lord to create a spiritual hunger among the Bairagi and that they might read the Hindi Bible or tune into radio/tv programs to hear the word of God. Pray their lives would be shaped through the wisdom of scripture and by faith in a Holy God. Pray they read or hear the word of God available to them.

## **6. Bahna in Pakistan (BAH-nah)**

Population: 198,000

Main language: Sindhi

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians 0.00%

### **Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs**

The Bahna or Behana or Dhunia are a people who live in Pakistan and India. Their name comes from a word for "seed."

The vast majority of the Muslim Bahna of Pakistan live in the province of Sindh. Some also reside in Punjab.

The Bahna were originally all Hindus. Some Bahna became Muslims during the time of the Delhi Sultanate and Moghul Empire.

Their traditional occupation was separating the seeds from raw cotton. With the coming of the modern technology, the Bahna have gone into different jobs like selling cotton fabric, agriculture, manufacturing and trade.

The Bahna people are Sunni, the largest branch of Islam. The Muslim Bahna need to hear the good news about Isa or Jesus in a way they can understand. They need to see the love and grace of Christ lived out before them in practical ways.

### **Prayer points:**

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Bahna people so they would accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Ask the Lord for a

breakthrough, to send forth laborers into this harvest field, to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God.

The Good News is veiled to those who are perishing, in whom the god of this world has blinded their minds. Pray God will cause the unbelieving to see the light of the good news of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. *(2 Corinthians 4:3-4)*

Pray that the Lord would protect those who work among them for the sake of the gospel. Pray that the beautiful feet of evangelists from nearby people groups will hike the trails to bring the glad tidings of peace and great joy to indigenous people group. *(Isaiah 52:7)*

Their name comes from a word for "seed." In the parable of the sower, seed is referred to the "the word of God". Pray the Bahnas would be like the good ground which received the seed, understands it, keeps it and bears fruit with patience. *(Luke 8:11, 15)*

The Bahna people believe Allah determine their eternal salvation. Pray they understand that the only one who can offer them salvation is Jesus.... for the scripture says: Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. *(Acts4:12)*

Pray for Christ-bearers to show that "Jesus" is God's mediator between God and man, and is essential for their salvation. Pray for great breakthroughs to happen, for a rapid multiplication of disciples and house churches to be birthed. *(2 Corinthians 12:12)*

Pray the Bahna would view biblical Christianity not just as westerners' religion but theirs as well. Pray that leaders in the Muslim community would be willing to investigate the claims of Christ. Pray for the few Bahna believers in India to be strengthened in the faith and led by God to share their faith with their people in Pakistan.

Thank God for the complete Bible available in their language. Ask the Holy Spirit to help them understand the word with a noble and good heart like the ones that fell on good ground, keep it and bear fruit with patience. *(Luke 8:15)*



## 7. Baihong in China

Population: 249,000

Main language: Hani

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 97.20%      Christians: 2.80%

### Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Baihong have only been reported in China. They belong to a large historical group who are thought to have migrated from the Tibetan Plateau about 2,500 years ago.

They are one of many people groups combined by the government to form the official Hani nationality in China. The Baihong were formerly named “Mahei” - which is the name they are still listed under in most mission publications today.

The Baihong are animists. They believe spirits dwell in trees, water, mountains, and the sky. They believe that some of these spirits guard their villages, while others are bad spirits that bring disease and suffering.

Some Baihong have heard the gospel from the neighboring Kado and Biyo, whose languages are related to the Baihong. As a result, there are some Baihong Christians today. Other Baihong who live in remote communities have yet to be visited by evangelists.

Gospel recordings were recently produced in the Baihong language for the first time. Bible portions are available.

### Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise an army in the body of Christ to pray for the Baihong, that in God’s sovereign timing all their hearts would be opened and ready to follow Him.

Father God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved, so pray for all of the Baihong people to be saved. (*John 3:17*)

Pray for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and turn them from their indifference towards Christ for it is written “that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” (*Acts 10:34-35*)

Pray they will be saved, and their minds would comprehend the meaning of real salvation?? Ask God to reveal to them the right way, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (*Acts 2: 38*)

Jesus has said “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (*1 Corinthians 15:21, John 11:25*) For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. Beseech the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ to fall upon them.

According to (*2 Peter 1: 3-4*) Only Jesus’ divine power gives us all that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us by glory and virtue and through His precious promises one may become partakers of the divine nature and escape the lust of the world.

Pray that the missionary work that is forbidden would gain access where the people can have a fair hearing of a presentation of the gospel. Pray the Lord Jesus would push back the darkness hovering over them and release a huge harvest of Baihong souls.

Thank God for the Gospel recordings that were recently produced in the Baihong language for the first time. Pray for the complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Bible portions available in their language. Pray they develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith.

## **8. Balkar in Russia (ball-KAR)**

Population: 125,000

Main language: Karachay-Balkar

Largest religion: Islam 99.96% Christians: 0.04%

## Origin/Location/ Lifestyle/ Beliefs/Ministry Obstacles/ Needs

The Balkars are a Turkic-speaking people whose ethno-genesis remains unclear—currently constitute approximately 10% of the total population of the Kabardino-Balkaria Republic in southern Russia.

They have lived in the highlands of the Caucasus Mountains shepherding their flocks and their livestock.

The Balkar originally lived in homes made of mud and wood. Today they build their houses with brick or stone and make tile or slate roofs. The homes usually consist of two stories and most have porches.

The Balkar people traditionally dwell in the mountains but many have moved to the capital city, Nalchik, and further, to Moscow, due to the scarcity of usable land and to gain education and jobs.

There is a small group of believers among the Sunni Muslim Balkar people. The small group of followers of Christ struggle to develop Christian practices in a culture where every aspect of life, from birth, to marriage, to death, is governed by folk-Islamic and Balkar traditions.

The New Testament has been translated into the Balkar language. Additional evangelistic tools and Balkar Worship Music, are available to the Balkar people.

### Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Balkar people group living in Russia. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among them.

Ask God for this precious people to see His glory, for they need to be a part of His Kingdom. (*Acts 26:18*) Pray they will believe in Jesus the Son of God and the Savior of the world who can forgive their sins and grant them eternal life.

Pray He who gave Himself for our sins, might deliver them from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father to whom be glory forever and ever. (*Galatians 1:4*)

Pray for the Balkar. “Therefore, He (Jesus our High Priest) is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (*Hebrews 7:25*)

Pray for whole households to be reached for Jesus, much like what happened in the book of Acts when Peter won Cornelius and his family to Christ and Paul and Silas won the Philippian jailer and his household to the Lord.

The small group of followers of Christ struggle to develop Christian practices and values in a culture where every aspect of life, from birth, to marriage, to death, is governed by folk-Islamic and Balkar traditions. Pray that they would discern the freedom of Christ in their worship and in their communal relationships.

Pray the entire community will be zealous to know Christ and follow his ways and surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus. (*Romans 10:15*) Pray for God to raise up the right people with patience and sensitivity to minister to the spiritual needs of this people group.

Thank God for the New Testament and the additional evangelistic tools available in the Balkar language. Pray for a complete Bible. Pray for workers to be available for the process of translating the Bible.

## Prayers for Revival in the Nation: United States of America

*“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”*  
(*Proverbs 14:34*)

### Pray for the Church:

**Repentance:** Receive the Forgiveness of God and repentance from sins. Return to the God of the Bible. All divisions removed.

Christian (Biblical) values to be preserved. Church would value and stand for God’s truth over political correctness or cultural ideologies.

**Leaders:** “An awakening is needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.” Pray for God’s supernatural anointing on Pastors and

spiritual leaders for boldness to always proclaim His Word in all circumstances and at all times without compromise. (*Acts 4:29, 2 Timothy 4:2-4*)

God has promised to make His ministers a flame of fire. (*Psalm 104:4*) Anoint them with the power of the Holy Spirit. To keep them from the traditions of men and religion which deny the full presence and power of God.

Ask God to grant Pastors and leaders a fresh revelation of heaven and hell that they may preach with increased unction.

Pray that pastors would lead their congregation as a good shepherd like Jesus. Pray they would love and care for the flock God has entrusted them with. (*John 10:11*)

Pray they have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he/she fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (*1 Timothy 3:7*)

To remove all distortions created by man-made traditions from off God's Word.

**Evangelism:** Proclaim the good news of the gospel with conviction obeying the Great Commission. Pray for Jesus to be exalted as Lord in every heart and for each believer to be ready to share Christ for who He is and what He has done.

**Word of God/Scripture:** Pray that the next generation of believers will recognize the value, authority, validity, and the relevance of the Word of God for their lives today.

Beseech, the Lord to place in them a true hunger for God's Word so they desire to know the Scripture, study it responsibly, teach it reverently, share it boldly, and live it faithfully. Help them to recognize the difference between human philosophy and Godly wisdom by being diligent to study the Word, "rightly dividing the word of truth." (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

Pray the Lord will open the understanding of everyone who hears and reads, so they might comprehend the Scripture. (*Luke 24:45*)

Pray for the body of Christ to abide in God's word, for then they will be true disciples of Him, and they will truly know the truth and the truth shall set everyone free. (*John 8:31-32*)

**Church:** The church is a body of believers that Jesus Christ, Himself purchased with His own precious blood. It is not a building, it is a living, breathing entity of which Jesus Christ is the head.

...Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (*Ephesians 2:19-22.*)

**Pray Hebrews 10: 24-25** over the Churches. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Pray and bind every territorial power working against the growth of the church to be scattered in the name of Jesus Christ. Pray for every force of disobedience creating stagnancy in the church of God be destroyed.

Pray for the Churches to have peace and be edified, walking in fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Pray it be strengthened in its faith and increase in numbers daily. (*Acts 9:31*) Ask God to cause His church to arise and walk in the fulness of its power.

**Salvation:** Pray for the lost souls to confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead, so they can be saved. *Romans 10:10* says "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

**Life worthy of the Gospel:** Apostle Paul urged the Body of Christ to walk worthy of the calling with which they were called bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Ephesians 4:1-3*)

Pray for the believers to understand that the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Also pray each one remains in the same calling in which he/she was called. (*Romans 11: 29, 1 Corinthians 7:20*)

**Believers to be Salt and Light:** Pray all believers will be sons of light and sons of the day and not of the night, nor of darkness. Pray believers will cast off the works of the darkness, and put on the armor of light. (*1 Thessalonians 5:5, Romans 13:12*)

Jesus said “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” (*John 8: 12*)

**Unity in the Body of Christ:** Ask the Lord to grant a spirit of unity in the local church. Pray that all may be one, just as God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are one. Pray that the members would be one in God, so the world may believe that Jesus was truly sent by God.

Ask God to give everyone ears to hear what the “Spirit of the Lord” is saying to the church. (*Revelation 3:22*)

**5-fold ministry gifts:** Apostles, Prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (*Ephesians 4:11-13*)

Pray for ministries to be fruitful and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance. (*1Peter 4: 12-16*)

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (*2 Timothy 2:2*). Pray for older Christian believers the need to share God’s truths with others/younger people.

**Prayer focus:** All churches will become “houses of prayer” making prayer a high priority and the altars of these houses of prayer will be filled with the glory of the Lord! (*Isaiah 56:7*)



Pray for more people to stand in the gap for others. Let there be a prayer ministry in every church that is powerful and effective. (*Psalm 32:6, Ezekiel 22:30*) Ask God to raise up intercessors who will stand in the gap for their Church – and co-labor with Him to see His heart's desire of a spotless Bride come to pass. (*Hebrews 7:25*)

**Worship:** The psalmist says in *Psalm 138:2* “I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth: for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

Pray true worshippers to worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (*John 4:23*)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, pray we have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Pray all worship leaders will have an anointing to understand the splendor of God's Holiness and lead worship with that same understanding. (*Psalms 29:2*)

Beseech the Lord to pour out His Spirit of grace and supplication upon the church that will result in a nationwide response to prayer by the church. (*Ephesians 6:18*)

**Anointing of the Holy Spirit:** Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh in the last days, sons, and daughters to prophesy for visions and dreams for the young and old men. Pray God will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath. (*Acts 2:17-19, Acts 2:4, Luke 24:49*)

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (*John 14:26*) Invite His Holy Spirit to come and live within us, guiding and reminding us of the incredible truth about God.

**For the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit:** Pray in Jesus' name every family, every church, every ministry, every city, every community, every nation, be baptized anew with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit - Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Gifts of healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning between spirits, Different kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues. (*1 Corinthians 12: 7-11*)



Ask the Lord for the church to eagerly desire spiritual gifts and to use their gifts to minister to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. To help exercise the gifts in love. To remind the church body to keep fanning into flames the gifts He has entrusted to each one. *(1 Corinthians 14:1, 1 Peter 4:10-11)*

**Sound Doctrine:** “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.” *(2 John 1:9)*

Pray for the Church and believers not be carried about with various and strange doctrines, rather hearts be established by grace.

Pray for the body of Christ to give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine *(1 Timothy 4:13)* and also to note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine they have learned and avoid them. *(Romans 16:17)*

**Sanctification of the Church:** Be cleansed by the washing of water by the Word to be presented in all glory having no spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish. *(Ephesians 5:26-27)*

Pray for the church to exercise itself towards godliness, for godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that is now and of that which is to come. Also, godliness with contentment is a great gain. *(1 Timothy 4: 7-8, 6:6)*

Pray and ask the Lord to purge His church from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Purge the Church from all evil, abstain from all sexual immorality for this the will of God. *(2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:3)*

Pray Church leaders to abide by Christian doctrine on marriage, sexuality and identity even if it means the threat of legal sanctions, financial penalties and social stigma.

Being politically correct and being timid has crept into the church. Pray that the church would not fear and act out of timidity. Pray that the church would value and stand for God’s truth over political correctness or cultural ideologies.

Pray believers will never lose sight that their struggle is not with other people but against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces that influence them/us. Ask the Lord, to help them/us to daily put on the armor of God, stand firm, and commit to pray for themselves/our, their/our community and country. (*Ephesians 6:10*)

Ask God to give us wisdom and discernment to recognize the schemes of the enemy and to stand strong against his work. Pray God would help us to stay alert in a dark world.

**Day of the Lord:** Pray for believers to be “as sons of light and sons of the day, to not sleep, as others do, but watch and be sober. Pray that this Day should not overtake us as a thief. To always live with the realization in the forefront of their/our minds that their (our) citizenship is in heaven. (*1 Thessalonians 5: 4-6, Philipians 3:20*)

### **Pray for the Government/Leaders/ Government affairs:**

Pray the President and the Vice President to lead the nation with Bible principles. To be surrounded by wise and Godly counselors. Deliver them from ungodly counselors. (*1 Timothy 2:3-4*)

Pray for Government leaders to not be deceived by political philosophies that could easily undermine biblical truth, the role of the Church and family, and the values and priorities set in place as Christian heritage.

Pray for the salvation of all of the nation’s leaders that they may know Jesus. To place people in power who revere Him and will serve Him for the good of their communities.

Pray the Legislative Branch (**Congress**) would enact laws that follow God’s commands. “If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth”. (*Deuteronomy 28:1*)

Pray against the divisiveness that plagues the land. Humbly plead that, by His miraculous power, the members of Congress would put

their agendas aside to work together in humility to serve for the good of the nation. Pray for Congress to exert efforts toward more bipartisan cooperation to solve the issues facing the nation.

Pray government leaders would understand they are held accountable by God. Whether in conflict or unity pray God would implement His plan and accomplish His will in the hearts of those whom He has given authority. (*Micah 5:15*)

Pray for the Judicial Branch: (Supreme Court) would establish and maintain just laws. This is what the Lord says: “Maintain justice and do what is right...” (*Isaiah 56:1*)

Pray for the Court, the justices, the clerks. Pray for supernatural protection of the Justices, their families and their staff.

Pray for U.S. federal judges who are dealing with controversial political matters to consider facts and law rather than public sentiment. Pray for the judges to take heed what they are doing for they do not judge for man but for the Lord. (*2 Chronicles 19:6*)

Lord Jesus is the Righteous Judge who will judge the nations. Pray that they would judge rightly before Him and uphold what is true. Pray for balanced judgment that upholds the Constitution. Grant them divine wisdom to decipher what is right.

Pray for laws and judicial decisions that have misconstrued the First Amendment. Pray that many of these decisions would be challenged and overturned, so that true freedom of religion is secure in the United States once again.

Pray for men and women in the military, that the Lord would draw many of them to Himself and that He would give service members in every level of leadership wisdom as they defend our nation.

There is a new "woke" political bias in America's military institutions. Social justice and critical race theory-focused trainings are pervading the military and are antithetical to biblical, conservative, and traditional values that have long been part of the nation's military code.

Violence against police officers surge as Gun violence hits all-time high. Pray for the law enforcement agencies in every state that God would protect them from harm and to have the strength and courage they need in every situation they face.

Pray for perseverance, to endure unjust condemnation, danger, and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected.

Ask God to remove the politicized prosecutors and leaders who are working to defund and undermine police officers at every turn. Ask the Lord to remove those facilitating violence in communities across the nation.

Intelligence services: Homeland Security, NSA, CIA, FBI, ATF, Secret Service, National Security Council, Law Enforcement etc.

Pray that Godly foundations would be restored in the Government, in Education, in the Families, and every area of culture – along with righteousness, honor, truth and the fear of the Lord.

Pray for all state governors and local officials. Grant them grace to face their unique challenges like inflation, unemployment, financial crisis, law enforcement, racial divisions, border crises and rising crimes. To give them insight into the needs of their communities and discernment to make decisions to lead their states and communities well.

### **Pray for Family:**

Foremost among the institutions here is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Pray the laws and leaders reflect this truth and reflect God's commands about what marriage is. (*Hebrews 13: 4*)

Pray for the families in America to return to the biblical model, reconcile with one another. Ask God to enable families to be a triple-braided cord that cannot easily be broken. (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*)

Pray *John 15:4* Ask God to help the family to abide in Him and His word and bear spiritual fruit that will allow them to flourish each day.

Pray for the husbands to be the leader of their house, to be the image of Christ in the home, to possess Godly courage and will stand guard over his family. Pray they will seek the Lord for wisdom and direction and continue to fear the Lord and honor God's commands. (*Ephesians 5: 25*)

Pray for husband to fear the Lord, love his wife as himself, dwell with his wife with understanding, honoring her and providing for her and the children. (*1 Peter 3:7*)

*Psalms 128:3* says "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

Pray for wives to love, respect, and submit to their husbands and to nurture the children in the ways of the Lord. (*Ephesians 5: 22-33*)

Parents are "both a primary influence and a gatekeeper to other influences" on their children, shockingly, only few parents intentionally speak to their children about beliefs and behavior based upon a biblical worldview. Pray for all parents to obey the command of God and talk to their children.

Pray for parents to train their children in righteousness and the fear of the Lord. Pray for all children to be taught by the Lord, and for them to have great peace. (*Proverbs 22:6, Isaiah 54:13*)

Pray for children to obey their parents in the Lord, to honor their father and mother that it may be well with them and that they may live long on the earth. (*Ephesians 6:1-3*)

Pray for all hindrances to be removed for little children to come to the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 19:13-15*) Pray for love for His word and their hearts stirred up for His work. To complete the good work God has begun in them. (*Philippians 1:6*)

Beseech the Lord for justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and the destitute. (*Psalms 82: 3-4*)

Thank the Lord for He is the father to the fatherless and husband to the widow. To restore the broken families with His wholeness and let them turn to Him for all spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

*(Psalms 146:8-9)*

**Abortion:** Pray that abortion clinics across the nation would shrivel up and shut down, and that crisis pregnancy centers would thrive. Pray for those who work in the abortion clinics to have their eyes opened and be set free. Pray for mothers to choose their children over fear or self.

**Divorce:** God clearly stated in *Malachi 2:16* "*I hate divorce.*" God never designed a marriage to end in divorce. He instituted marriage for the loving companionship of a man and his wife.

Divorce is of the devil; it is his handiwork. Pray and bind the power and activities of the spirits of divorce in the name of Jesus. Pray for the restoration of marriages as God intended to be. Ask God to remove unforgiveness and anger from the hearts and help to love one another with a love of Christ.

"Christianity has always held that marriage is only possible between a man and a woman, and that every person is made either male or female in God's image."

**Same-sex Marriage:** About six-in-ten adults (61%) express a positive view of the impact of same-sex marriage being legal, including 36% who say it is very good for society. Roughly four-in-ten have a negative view (37%), with 19% saying it is very bad.

Ask God to help the nation as whole to desire purity denying all ungodliness, foolish disputes, contentions, worldly lusts, debauchery, perversion, living in malice and envy, being hateful, brutal, lovers of pleasure, headstrong, haughty... *(1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Titus 2:12)*

**Pray for Education/Students/Educators and School Systems:**

Pray God would lead the Department of Education as they set learning standards in place. Pray for students throughout the nation who are

relying on digital and virtual learning. Ask God to eliminate the distractions in their lives that keep them from excellence.

Intercede for an atmosphere of learning that would encourage students to publicly express their faith and reverence for God. Pray for all students to be shielded from agendas that oppose biblical values and morality. Ask God to guard our students from those who bully or tease because of their own insecurities.

God's design is for parents to be in authority over their children--not the state, schools or teachers. Prayerfully encourage and participate in the work of those actively fighting for parental rights, choice, and support through avenues or home, private, and public education.

Pray for the administrators of local schools, all public schools in the nation to be gatekeepers against harmful ideology and indoctrination that opposes God's Word and design. (*Mark 10:13-16*)

Pray for a revelation of truth to be revealed to children who do not know Jesus; the truth is what sets people free. Pray for the love of God to abound, even in times where lawlessness seems to be on the increase.

Ask God to put "**Prayer**" back in schools. Pray Christian clubs and support networks would arise and mobilize to witness for Him in the schools. Pray the sound of prayer would rise like incense from our schools at the students' own will.

Ask our Abba Father, that righteous legislation would arise to undo the restrictions on prayer in schools. Pray for every righteous vote to be implemented and not blocked or hindered. Pray every court rule in favor of the free exercise of Christian prayer and worship in schools as well.

Pray all books that have inappropriate reading content material to be removed from libraries and publishing's of it stopped. Pray those books will not be recommended by educators. Pray for boldness and wisdom for educators to stand against the wiles of the enemy. (government)

Pray for men and women of God to fill positions in the Department of Education such as Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Counselors, Coaches, and school board members, to use their influence for change.

Intercede for all the students, teachers, and administrators on all school campuses who believe in Jesus to be bold in their faith and not back down in the face of opposition. *(1 John 4: 4)*

## **Pray for Society/Social Issues /Businesses**

### **Critical Race Theory:**

Pray for those who are speaking up against the CRT agenda--teachers, administrators, and parents. They need protection and support. Encourage them to speak out--even anonymously.

Pray for those persecuted because they have taken a stand for righteousness. Pray that they will have the courage to prevail, and that God would protect them and their families from harm and intimidation.

Pray God will raise more parents who will protect their children by respectfully and wisely challenging a corrupt system, a satanic system committed to destroying young hearts, minds, and bodies in order to dominate the world of the future.

Pray for parents to take a stand against covert LGBTQ+ policies found in public school systems across the nation. Pray public education departments should neither play a role in teaching students about gender and sexuality, nor encourage any behaviors related to either gender or sexuality.

Pray for Christian kids who resist pro-homosexual indoctrination will not be bullied in schools. Pray parents will oppose and resist any legislation or amendment that requires mandatory pro-LGBT lectures to public school children, or promotes sin under the false disguise of anti-bullying.

**Gender Clarity:** Although men, women, and children know their identity, pray they would not be blinded by a confusion about it.



Ask God to lift up all those who are struggling to reconcile their thoughts and desires with the gender of their birth. Pray for God's intervention to help all of them to know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made — that their lives have a purpose exactly as God created them to be. *(Psalm 139:14-16)*

Pray all those who are confused will firmly denounce these untruths related to gender confusion. Rebuke the devourer on behalf of every person; prevent the enemy from devouring the lives of those impacted by this wicked gender-change agenda.

**Transgender issues:** Pray God would reveal their true identity to the children and youth in schools and colleges, and protect them from the influence of ungodly leadership. Ask God to repeal all of the Biden administration's transgender bills and mandates.

Pray God would expose the truth of transgenderism to the American public. Ask God to show them, that this truly is a perverted and sinister ideology, and not a legitimate science.

Pray about the forces behind the movement, contributing to the crisis of identity in this nation and the destruction of the family. **Jesus said:** "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to the man by whom the offense comes!" *(Matthew 18:7)*

*Pray Isaiah 49: 24-25:* Children across the nation are being subjected to transgender treatments with hormones, surgery, and counseling. Cry out to the Lord for deliverance from the spread of transgenderism in the nation. Protect the people and children from the predatory trans agendas.

Pray for those speaking the truth, going against the grain, exposing, and cautioning about this issue. Pray for boldness for the church, parents, grandparents, teachers, school board members, legislators, physicians, and volunteers to advocate for a biblical approach to our identity. *(1 John 4:17)*

Pray about all the threats to cut funding to public schools that won't promote transgenderism as normal, or violate privacy and safety of

girls by forcing them to endure co-ed locker rooms and bathrooms to be destroyed in the name of Jesus!

Jesus said, *(Matthew 18:6)* “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Pray all leaders of our nation who are promoting this agenda, as well as the heads of hospitals and schools, will be held accountable to God and to the parents. Ask the Lord for justice in this area. Intercede to Him to intervene for the children and deal with those who are leading the children into sin.

While the larger number of Millennials identifying as LGBTQ is attention grabbing, what is more disturbing is 40% “don’t believe God exists and also they don’t care if God exists.”

Ask God to send laborers across the path of all who are living this lifestyle of sin. Pray the workers would expose the lies of the enemy at the same time profess the strong love of Christ for them when they accept the truth of His word and repent.

Pray they turn away from all their transgressions and acknowledge that their lifestyle does not please God. *(2 Peter 2:6, Jude 7)* Pray that the wounds of their heart will be healed, identity confusion removed, their eyes opened, and their hearts turned to Christ and to walk in their identity.

Ask God by the Blood of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit to cut the webs of witchcraft and anything blinding the people of the Lord. *(Ecclesiastes 4:12)*. Pray for God to close all the doors that bring foreign and occult worship cultures.

Almost 70% of Americans oppose legislation that would protect religious freedom and freedom of conscience. Pray that God will continue to bless Christians with the right to openly practice their faith.

Pray for America's businesses to have leaders of integrity, be creators of economic blessing, and givers to the community rather than promoting "selfish gain" and ungodly agendas.

Pray for Christian businesses to thrive, and not to cave under pressure by the demands of LGBTQ and pro-abortion activists, lobbyists. Pray for them to stand firm on Biblical principles, on Christian values providing jobs, helping to decrease the nation's unemployment rate and for them to be blessed more and more.

Pray against cancel culture, woke culture, communism, atheism, agnosticism among many other manifestations of darkness.

Pray God would stop the spreading of Yoga practices across USA especially in schools, colleges and even churches etc.

**Human Trafficking:** Over 4.1 million people are sexually trafficked in our nation each year--including children. Run by cartels and criminals, and empowered by satanic roots, it is an underground industry wielding huge profits and power. Pray the victims of human trafficking would be liberated and perpetrators brought to justice. Pray for the continued safety and rescue of all these poor children who are helpless.

**Addictions:** Substance abuse and pornography addictions can have major impacts on the lives of those affected and the people close to them.

A study on it shows worrying numbers and increasing at an alarming rate. Conditions that frequently co-occur with pornography addiction include Depression, Anxiety, Social Anxiety, Mood disorders, Sex addictions and substance use disorders.

Pray the church would be leading society in addressing this epidemic. Pray God will put an end to this destructive behavior and the double life that is destroying everything in one's life and help regain their integrity.

Pray for the "God of Hope" to intervene in all the other social issues like sexual misconducts, drugs, substance abuse, smoking, vaping, alcohol abuse, etc. to be ended and for complete restoration of lives.

**Drug Overdoses:** The **fentanyl** crisis is now worse than ever. As the number of Americans who are dying from overdoses are increasing ask God to protect the nation from dangerous drugs like fentanyl. Save those who struggle with addiction, and secure the borders so that these drugs stop entering the country.

**Mental health:** Pray for stability among young Americans. Emergency room visits for mental health crises among 12-17 years old increased 31% during the pandemic. Recent statistics show steeply rising levels of depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and other very serious problems.

**Gun violence/Mass shootings:** Pray that all people will realize the profound impact gun violence has and does. Pray God to teach us to value all life. Pray for open doors in school systems across the nation to receive help from Christian parents, adult volunteers, and ministry organizations.

#### **Pray for the Media/ News Corporations/Networks:**

Pray the word of God *John 16:13* over the media:

Pray that journalists across America will do their best to bring light where there is darkness and truth where there is falseness.

Pray that God would remove those who desire to report anything less than the truth and to be a service to humanity. May he raise up those who are bold to confront evil and injustice, who reject the half-truths that deceive and the biased words that corrupt.

Ask the Lord to provide the television, radio and print mediums with staff members and executives who are committed to accuracy and integrity.

As much as we are thankful for the gift of social media, we are equally worried about the harmful effects it also brings. One can acknowledge the growing issue of social media addiction and the damaging effects it can have on our mental health and general well-being. Ask God for help overcoming this addiction and achieving a balance in its usage. Pray, that “Social-Media” shall not be a platform for propagating hatred.

Pray for all politicians, CEOs of multinational companies trying to manipulate others through media disinformation and breaking down the trust of the people. Pray (*Isaiah 5:20-21*)

## Pray for Repentance/ Revival in India:

*“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”  
(Luke 5:32)*

## Pray for the Government/Leaders:

Pray for the President, Prime Minister, his Cabinet, MPs, MLAs, Opposition leaders and everyone of influence. Pray for them and their families to be saved.

Pray that they would live in the fear of God and would do what is right and just, would speak the truth and work for the good of all people. Pray for all the various arms of the government to work for all the citizens of India, rather than serving the interests of the rich and powerful alone.

Pray that God would give the Prime Minister wisdom to surround himself with counselors who have the country's best interest at heart. Pray for wise counsel to direct him as he leads the nation.

Pray for the Lord to raise God fearing leaders in India. Beseech the Lord to raise Christian believers in higher positions in Government.  
(*Daniel 2:48*)

The current government has been operating on a **Hindutva (Hindu nationalist) platform**, and the introduction of many barriers has brought about intensifying persecution of other religions. Pray for social and political harmony as well as wise leadership to handle the rapid changes.

Pray for God to expose the darkness and deceit in the government including all hidden agendas and subversive activities, corruption, collusion, bribery, extortion, embezzlement, racketeering, financial mismanagement and fiscal waste.

Pray for the state governments in all of the states in India, for corruption free leaders willing to serve the people with integrity and honesty, seeking the welfare of the people.

### **Pray for the Churches, Missions and Organizations:**

Pray for a revival throughout all of India's diverse church groups and unity to complete the Great Commission in India.

Pray that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be experienced among numerous denominations and church groups. Thank God that the Holy Spirit has been given to those hungering for Him and that He has not been relegated to any denomination but given to believers for the intensified service to God. *(1Corinthians 12:13)*

Praise God for the numerous missionary organizations in India. Pray to the Lord for the growth and development of these organizations. Pray for all the missionary organizations such as Vishwa Vani, GEMS, FMPB, BMS, IMA, ICCC, AEFI, IEM, UESI, Gospel for Asia, YWAM, OM, CMS, Scripture Union, AG missions, FGPC missions, CNI & CSI, World Vision, Compassion India, etc. to name a few.

Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to pray for the Indians and see them reached with the Glorious Gospel of the blessed God. Pray that the Church will rejoice in suffering for Christ and in the strength of His promises.

Pray for missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and every servant of God who are out on the field contributing towards the advancement of the kingdom of God. Pray for their protection and provision for them and their families as they serve the Lord faithfully.

Pray against the spirit of stagnation and limitation that is working against the growth of God's church. Ask God that every satanic counsel against church growth shall be confused in Jesus Name. Pray there shall be supernatural expansion, according to His will.

Pray that the Church will be one, just as Jesus was one with His Father. Ask God to heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregants, and between denominations so that the nation may

see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom he has come to save. *(John 17:21)*

God's word says that the weapons given to us have the divine power to demolish strongholds. Therefore, pray and declare that every stronghold that has revolted against the church shall be demolished in the name of Jesus Christ. *(2 Corinthians 10:4)*

Pray for mission workers who are ministering among prisoners, widows, abandoned children and orphans. Pray they receive new life in Christ. Pray also that God will preserve trust and bring hope in the hearts of children who have been mistreated.

### **Pray about the Christian Persecution:**

Under BJP's leadership, Hindu nationalist attacks against Christians have risen, believers are given fewer rights in some areas and the government is frequently accused of turning a blind eye to brutal attacks against religious minorities like Christians.

Pray for Hindutva groups like VHP, RSS, Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, Sangh Parivar, Hindu Yuva Vahini, Hindu Yuva Sangatam, Hindu Aikya Munnani and other religious organizations for their eyes to be opened to the one and true God.

According to local believers, Radical Hindu nationalists falsely accuse Christians of forcefully converting individuals to Christianity to justify harassment and assault. Local police often overlook violence perpetrated against Christians due to false accusations of forced conversion.

Anti-conversion laws are being used to target Christians in at least 10 of India's 29 states. (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh) The laws have been used to justify persecution of Christians in a variety of situations. Pray the laws will be repealed in all these other states like how it happened in Karnataka.



Thank God for the newly elected state government in Karnataka that has vowed to repeal harsh anti-conversion legislation and invest in projects that will benefit the Christians and other religious minorities. The INC has allocated approximately \$12 million last week to establish the Karnataka State Christian Development Corporation (KSCDC).

A new study published by the United Christian Forum (UCF) shows there were 400 violent attacks on Christians in India in the first half of this year alone. Documenting a surge in violence against Christians in India, the study shows the month of June saw an average of three attacks per day.

Pray the Lord will restrain the hands of extremists, grant wisdom to the authorities, and protect His people against unjustified accusations of forcible conversion. Pray that our brothers and sisters will be able to express the importance of the voluntary conversion of the heart, which cannot be forced.

Pray for the freedom of speech, freedom to practice and propagate the faith of each individual to be upheld and also for the government institutions to be secular, upholding truth, righteousness and justice.

Pray that those who are persecuting Christians will be exposed. Pray for the protection of Christians. Pray that the police, the judiciary and the public will stand up for Christians. Pray that the gospel will be proclaimed across the nation with signs, wonders and various miracles.

Pray that the authorities would not resort to unjust ways and not hinder Christians from freely practicing and propagating their faith. May they see that the Church of God is not a house or a building, but a company of people?

Pray that the religious fanatic groups who spread hate messages and communal disharmony may come to see and dread the true Lord, the Creator of the Heavens, and the Earth. Pray that the evil plans and strategies of such fanatic groups will be thwarted by the Sovereign God.

Many of those who are coming to faith are poor, converts from impoverished areas and are often accused of illegally being paid to



become Christians. Pray for those who have been falsely accused of paying people to become Christians, that their names will be cleared.

India's tribal communities have already faced centuries of discrimination and marginalization, while Christian tribals suffer additional ostracization. Pray that the persecutors who bring false accusations against the innocent tribal Christians are convicted of their sins forgiven by Jesus Christ and renewed by the Spirit of God.

Pray that every threat for “**Ghar Wapsi**” thrust the Christian heart into deeper communion with Christ! Pray for a change in the hearts of the persecutors so that they too can taste the love of God.

Pray for those who are imprisoned because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God would comfort them and hear their cry and answer their prayers. Pray that they would stand strong in the Lord and continue to do good.

Pray for the media platforms in India. That they would recognize and report cases of Christian Persecution. These cases would not be ignored due to the religious majority. That they may not be silenced by the pressure of biased political authorities.

There is a trend to impose religious extremism in the educational curriculum of this secular nation. Pray the aggressive activities of those in the Government against Indian sovereignty is to be curtailed and educational curriculum to be developed by secular educationalists.

**Pray for the state of Manipur:**

**Continue to pray for restoration of peace for all and relief for all those who are affected. Ask the Lord to comfort the bereaved, provide for those who have been displaced, and prevent violence from spreading to neighboring states Nagaland, Mizoram and Assam. Pray for churches and the government to provide aid to those who are suffering.**

**Pray for God's people in the states of Assam/Mizoram, as they have been warned about the situations that happened in Manipur could happen there also.**

## Pray about Idolatry/ Family/ Social and Other issues:

Beseech the Lord to forgive the sins of idol worship. Pray for God to destroy the foothold of devil in India through these idols. Pray for spiritual darkness to be removed from India. *(Isaiah 45:16)*

Pray as a nation people will repent, turn away from their idols and turn away from all their abominations and everything that displeases the Lord God. *(Ezekiel 14: 6)*

Pray that generations will bond together. Pray for fathers and mothers to rise and accept their place as authority figures who will boldly, yet lovingly give direction to the younger generation. Pray for a covenant to unite the generational ages together with strong affection, one for another. *(Malachi 4:6, Proverbs 31:25-26, 28)*

Pray deliverance for people who are in bondages of addictions, adultery, divination, sorcery, witchcraft, demonic possession, sicknesses and generational curses.

The poorest and least empowered members of society, most often children, women and minority groups in society, face the brunt of immoral and corrupt leaders and systems.

Two-thirds of all children suffer physical abuse, and half suffer some kind of sexual harassment or abuse. Over 1 million end up in prostitution. Pray that God will change attitudes and practices in society to reflect His care for women and children.

Pray for the youth of the nation. Pray that the Lord would give them direction and purpose. Pray that they would be equipped by God for every good work so that the nation would progress, and people may be benefitted.

Pray for the ministries among Children and Youth and other community-based programs that are reaching out to the next generation today that God would provide for them and use them to reach many unreached youths in every part of our country. Pray that God would strengthen them, meet their daily needs, and raise up Godly leaders who will champion their cause among the powerful.

Pray for having courage to counter social evils such as caste discrimination, gender violence and abuse, child labor, human trafficking, economic inequality, and systemic oppression of the poor and disadvantaged. Pray that the God of justice will uphold their cause and free them from the oppressor's stranglehold.

## **Pray for Repentance/ Reconciliation/Restoration/Revival in Israel:**

*“Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.”  
(Isaiah 52: 9)*

## **Pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel:**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *(Psalm 122:6)* Pray Jerusalem to be protected from being divided *(Joel 3:2)*

Pray for believers around the world to receive revelation and understanding of God's heart for Israel. *(Romans 11:25-32)*

For the fulfillment of Jerusalem's future glory, and that God would continue to raise up intercessors to call on the LORD for it to be established and praised. *(Isaiah 62:1, 6)*

Sovereign Lord, restore the judges to Israel as in the days of old, their counselors as at the beginning. Then will Jerusalem be called the “City of Righteousness, the Faithful City”. Pray God our Savior, redeem Zion with justice, her penitent ones with righteousness. *(Isaiah 1:26)*

In the face of Palestinian rhetoric that “Jerusalem will only be the capital of Palestine,” call upon the Lord, reminding Him that He has chosen this city to be His eternal dwelling place. Proclaim the words of Psalm 132 in its entirety, but especially verses 13 and 14.

## Pray for the Church/ Salvation of the Jewish people:

Pray for the people of Israel to come to know their Messiah, Yeshua. For the Lord to pour out a spirit of grace and supplication, so that many will see Yeshua and mourn for Him, having a full revelation of who He is. (*Zechariah 12:10-14*)

Pray for the Jews who believe in Jesus as their Messiah. Pray for persistence in their belief when they encounter incomprehension by their fellow countrymen. Pray that they may be a blessing for all the people around them.

Pray for the Believers to be strengthened with power in their inner being, so Messiah may dwell in their hearts through faith, and that they would know the love of Messiah (*Ephesians 3:16-19*)

Pray they would be filled with God's will, wisdom and understanding; live a life worthy of Him; bear fruit in every good work; have great endurance and patience; and be grateful. (*Colossians 2:6-7*)

Pray God Almighty, to return to His people. Look down from heaven and see! Revive His people that they may call upon His Name. Redeemer, restorer of Israel; may shine His face upon them, that they may be saved. (*Psalms 80:18-19*)

For Believers to not be ashamed of the Gospel but to share its saving power with everyone, Jewish People first and also to Gentiles, so they have opportunity to believe. May they be enabled to love their enemies, and have a prophetic voice amongst their peoples, and be truly united together as the One New Man in Messiah Jesus. (*Romans 1:16*)

Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit upon the people of Israel especially upon the youth and children so that His works can be declared to future generations. (*Joel 2: 28*)

Pray for a move of God's spirit that will bring evangelicals back to the Bible, sound theology and the message of Christian support for Israel. Ask God to pour out a deep hunger for the complete Word of God on the church Body so that they will not be just New Testament believers, but Bible believers.

Cry out to the Lord for young evangelicals who need to understand the critical importance of God's everlasting covenant with Israel and its impact on the future of the Church. Pray for pastors who will instill in young Christians a love for the Word of God and a commitment to truth rather than an unbiblical understanding of social justice.

Pray for God to touch the hearts of the Muslim background believers with a radical love for Israel and zeal to proclaim the Gospel to their Jewish brothers and sisters; that the enemies of Israel would become salt and light, provoking the Jewish people to jealousy unto salvation. *(Romans 11:11)*

Pray that the Palestinian Arabs will come to faith in Christ and embrace God's end-time purpose for Israel; to send forth laborers to bring in the appointed harvest from the whole of the Middle East.

#### **Pray for Government and leaders:**

Pray for Israel's leaders to be blessed and lead well, so Israel's citizens can live in peace, and many will come to salvation *(1Timothy 2:1-4)*

Pray fervently for Prime Minister Netanyahu and the new coalition government. Cry out to the Lord for an abundance of His wisdom as they deal with difficult and complex domestic, international and security issues.

Ask God to give Netanyahu courage to do what is right and not what is popular, as well as a God-given wisdom to discern the truth from lies.

Beseech the Lord to move on the hearts of the leaders to choose what is best for their nation and not for their political careers. Ask God to touch the hearts of all ministers to embrace the responsibility they have accepted. *(Proverbs 19:21, 21:1)*

Pray God impart wisdom and courage to PM Netanyahu in dealing with US President Biden's anti-Israel Administration and to have wisdom in responding to Biden and America's Israeli Ambassador Nides denigrating and ridiculous remarks concerning Israel's current government.

Thank God for leading the Knesset for overwhelmingly passing the first part of the much-needed judicial reform this past Monday.

Ask the Lord, to block all attempts to bring down Israel's democratically elected government through non-democratic means while protesting that what the government wants to do is undemocratic.

Ask God to aid Israel's current coalition to move ahead with His will for Israel today by fearing Him more than they fear other nations.

On Saturday, 10,000 IDF reservists declared that they would not report for duty if the government passed the bill in its current form. On Friday, 1,142 Israeli Air Force reserve personnel signed a letter stating the same thing. The coming weeks will prove critical in answering the question of whether Israeli military command is able to keep the reserves in line or whether the situation will spin out of control, with dire potential consequences for Israeli security.

Pray God cast out the spirits of anarchy, rebellion, intimidation, rage, jealousy, hatred and even insanity from Israeli demonstrators and calm this dangerous storm. Ask God to stop Israel's mainstream media from fanning the flames of this anti-government agitation.

### **Pray for Security/Issues with Iran/Palestine/Hamas/Hezbollah**

Beseech the Lord that the eyes of the world—especially the UN, European nations, and other governing bodies—will be opened to the truth about Iran and its nuclear and expansionist ambitions.

Intercede for Israel and for the world as the threat of a nuclear Iran comes closer to reality every day. Pray that the plans of Iran's leadership to destroy the Jewish people would not prevail and that the world would know there is a God in Israel.

Beseech the Lord to send a spirit of the fear of Israel's God on Iran's leaders – causing division, miscommunications and paranoia between them, their allies and their proxies. *(Joshua 2:9-11)*

It has been stated by the Islamic Fatwa Council in Najaf, a council of senior Islamic clerics, that Hamas is responsible for the suffering of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Give thanks for this acknowledgement and pray for Palestinians who are suffering. Pray for leaders to come to power who long for peace.

There is heavy Iranian pressure on Hamas, Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad [PIJ] to establish a “joint operational mechanism” to coordinate activities against Israel is reportedly causing internal divisions among the Iranian proxies.

Bring this evil scheme hatched by Iran to unite its proxies to form a united front against Israel with the aim of inflicting greater carnage. Remind God of His promise to watch over Israel without slumbering or sleeping (*Psalms 121:4*) and pray that these malicious plans will be brought to nothing.

Pray for every soldier in the IDF who serves with integrity and a concern for human life. Ask the Lord to not only protect them physically, but also to shield them from false accusations that seek to blaspheme and malign them.

Thank God for the recent approval of 4,500 new housing units in Judea and Samaria, as well as an additional 1,000 in Eli. Ask God to make sure that this leads to Israel actually building them quickly.

Intercede for the border patrol, law enforcement, soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces. Ask the Lord to be their shield of defense and bind the schemes and resources of their enemies so they can do them no harm.

### **Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:**

In recent months, antisemitism on Twitter has increased. It mainly involves tweets with conspiracy theories about Jews. Antisemitism is also rife on other social media. Pray for people to stand up to this and for antisemitic posts to be blocked.

Cry out to the Lord for an end to the vile hatred that is perpetuated on social media, and plead with Him for an end to the global trend of increasing violence against His chosen ones.

Recently a Congress woman, a Democrat, called Israel a “racist state” and then walked back the comment. Pray against any and all forms of antisemitism, especially in the US government. Ask God to protect the relationship between the United States and Israel.

Cry out to the Lord for His protection to surround the Jews of France as they deal with rising anti-Semitism and particularly criminal assaults. Pray that the French government will remain committed to its fight against anti-Semitism in their country. Also pray that the Lord will open the door for increasing numbers of French Jews to make Aliyah.

Pray for those who choose Israel as their home, making Aliyah. Scripture says in *(Jeremiah 32:37)* Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them ... I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

Beseech the Lord, to guard Israel from the anti-biblical homosexual spirit and instead embolden more Israelis to draw a line on what is acceptable behavior and what is not.

Thank God for the strong friendship that has been built between Israel and the global Christian community. Pray that the relationship will continue to grow and strengthen. Pray that Christian leaders will reach out effectively to younger Christians, passing on their love for Israel and instilling a commitment to support the nation of Israel.

Praise the Lord for Liberia’s friendship and support for Israel and for the growing bloc of pro-Israel nations in Africa. Pray that these nations will prove themselves to be true friends in the international arena. Pray for one more embassy in Jerusalem, God’s chosen city!

Thank God, Israel has expanded its trade prowess in Asia on Tuesday, signing a free trade agreement with Vietnam. This is the second east Asian nation to sign such an accord with Israel, the other being South Korea.