

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – JUNE 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. China

Leader: President Xi Jinping

Government: Community party led state

Main religion: Agnosticism

Population: 1,448,471,000

Christians: 96,700,000 (7.0%)

Persecution Type: Communist and post-communist Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in China?

- Tightening restrictions and increasing surveillance are putting Christians in China under intensifying pressure, as the Communist Party seeks to limit all threats to its power.
- Surveillance in China is among the most oppressive and sophisticated in the world.
- New restrictions on internet and social media – together with the 2018 regulations on religion, which continue to be revised – are putting severe limitations on Christian freedom.
- The CCP has further engaged in harassment and intimidation of the faithful; interrupting worship services, baptisms, pilgrimages, and even online church services.
- The restrictions extend to social media, meaning that mentioning anything connected with Christianity could get people into considerable trouble.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian leaders are particularly vulnerable to persecution, including imprisonment or, in a small number of cases, abduction.
- In the past year, several Christians have been arrested and charged with illegal business operations, fraud or acting against the state's security.
- Many churches are being monitored and closed, no matter whether they are independent or belong to the Three-Self Patriotic Movement.
- Life is also difficult for converts from Islam or Tibetan Buddhism. If discovered by their family or community, they are usually threatened and physically harmed – all in an effort to win them back to their original faith.
- Neighbors may report any Christian activities to the authorities or the village head, who would take action to stop believers.
- It remains illegal for under-18s to attend church.

Prayer points for China:

Satan and wicked men have continually tried to destroy God's people in China over the centuries, but God's plans have progressed regardless. Pray the King of Kings would confound the present generation of rulers, and they would learn the lesson that many before have discovered, dating back to the time of Pharaoh's persecution of God's children. (*Exodus 1:12*)

The Chinese government has long demanded sole allegiance to the Communist Party, in recent years it has been emphasizing allegiance to Jinping. Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom. Pray for President Xi Jinping and for his salvation.

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

Christian activity in China has been strictly monitored, due to the presence of tens of millions of facial-recognition cameras that have sprung up in every city and town, and now even in villages. As this new

wave of persecution brings fresh challenges, pray God to strengthen His people and continue to do amazing things in and through them.

Many churches are being monitored and closed, no matter whether they are independent or belong to the Three-Self Patriotic Movement. Pray for the continued growth and strengthening of the Church in China, that more people would come to know Jesus Christ and experience the life-changing power of the Gospel. (*Acts 5:14*)

Pray for the church leaders that have been arrested or abducted and for those speaking out against political leaders/authorities. Pray God will anoint the conversations they will have with the local authorities, and that these will involve moments of divine encounter for those who seek to oppose God's work. (*Proverbs 2:8*)

Pray for the unity and perseverance of believers as they navigate the challenges of practicing their faith in a restricted environment.

Pray for Chinese Christians to be bold and loving witnesses to their communities, sharing the hope of Christ with others. Pray for the growth and effectiveness of discipleship programs, equipping believers to grow in their faith and become committed followers of Christ who impact their families, workplaces, and society for God's glory.

Those living in rural areas have little access to Bibles and usually cannot afford them even if they are available. Bibles can be purchased at some bookstores operated by the TSPM (The Three-Self Patriotic Movement), but rarely in significant quantities. Pray for the safe distribution of Bibles in every part of China. (*Acts 6:7*)

New Internet Religious Information laws intend to restrict religious content distributed via social media, the internet and in electronic form. Anyone sharing such information needs to apply for a license and the material has to be approved by the Chinese government. Pray that churches will still be able to run online services and share preaching and Bible messages. Pray for wisdom for church leaders in deciding how to apply for a license and stay faithful to God's Word.

Life is also difficult for converts from Islam or Tibetan Buddhism. If discovered by their family or community, they are usually threatened

and physically harmed and reported to the authorities or village heads. Ask the Lord to help the converts to forgive their attackers. Pray for God to take away the anger, bitterness, and resentment in their hearts. *(Ephesians 4:32)*

China is also extending its anti-Christian influence into neighboring countries Nepal, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. Believers are being warned not to spread the Gospel across their borders into China, or they will face severe consequences. Pray the Holy Spirit would give His children heavenly wisdom and strategies to know what to do in this crisis, and that the transformative power of the Gospel will continue to be shared to all.

2. Malaysia

Leader: King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah

Government: Federal Parliamentary/ Constitutional Monarchy

Main religion: Islam

Population: 33,181,000

Christians: 3,054,000 (9.2%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Dictatorial Paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Malaysia?

- While the situation for Christians in Malaysia did not change much and Malay-Muslim supremacy was still the mainstay of Malaysian politics, the country experienced unprecedented political turmoil, affecting Malay and ethnic and religious minorities alike.
- Every ethnic Malay is expected to be Muslim, and Malaysia's constitution says that to leave Islam is punishable by death, although this has never been implemented.

- Anybody who comes to know Jesus from a Muslim background and reveals their faith to their family, are likely to experience extreme pressure to return to Islam and hostility from their neighborhood.
- There is evidence that state-supported plans are in place to attempt to convert Christian communities to Islam. More conservative Islamic political parties seem to be gaining increasing power and support in Malaysia.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Violence and pressure have worsened in Malaysia. The strongest increase in pressure was in believers' church and public lives.
- New Christians could be arrested, interrogated about their Christian network, pressured to name church leaders and potentially imprisoned or sentenced to death.
- Christians from longer-standing denominations, like Roman Catholics and Methodists, are monitored and watched by the authorities.
- Non-traditional Protestant groups are purposely targeted since they tend to attract more converts and be more active in sharing the Gospel with Muslims.
- Christians continue to be marginalized and this does not seem likely to change in the foreseeable future.

Prayer points for Malaysia:

Pray for the Monarch Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah. Pray he and his family will be saved.

Pray for the hearts of the individuals within the Malaysian government, that they would encounter the transformative light of Christ and come to repentance. (*Proverbs 21:1*)

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.

Non-traditional Protestant groups are purposely targeted since they tend to attract more converts and be more active in sharing the Gospel

with Muslims. Pray they will be given the same kind of wisdom and Spirit like that of Stephen, so the Malay government will not be able to resist them. *(Acts 6:10)*

Pray particularly for the Malays 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)*

There is a lack of Christian workers. Many smaller churches have no trained pastor, even with a healthy number of Bible colleges, seminaries and church-training programs. Pray efforts to train and prepare workers will be successful, and that the Lord will raise up faithful, qualified church leaders to shepherd His flock. *(Titus 2:7-8)*

There is evidence that state-supported plans are in place to attempt to convert Christian communities back to Islam. Thank God that, despite the dangers, brave Christians remain certain of their faith in Jesus, and are being salt and light in their communities. Pray they would remain firm in the faith and for God's protection for them as they face difficult times ahead.

Ministry to young people is crucial as the generation gap widens and many churches consist predominantly of older people. Pray for the evangelism and church planting of the past generation to carry on! Ask God to reveal Himself to all those that are seeking after the real truth.

The temptations to young people - criminal activity, gambling, substance abuse, sexual immorality - are more than ever and are part of the reason for the resurgence of fundamentalist Islam. Pray for Christian ministries and their focus on discipling Christian young people to stand against the many influences that draw them away from their Savior. *(Psalms 119:9, Ecclesiastes 12:1)*

Expatriate Christian workers have declined in numbers due to visa restrictions. Their presence is still valued, and various ministries depend on their input. Pray for the issue of necessary visas and extensions; long-term presence is possible for those with adequate funds. Pray also for effective ministry within the limitations that exist.

In February 2017, Pastor Raymond Koh was abducted in broad daylight. Two years later, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) concluded that he was a victim of enforced disappearance by the Special Branch of the Malaysian Police Department. The family still doesn't have firm answers about what happened to Raymond or where he is now. Pray for the pastor's family (wife and 3 children) as it has been a long and difficult journey for them.

3. Mozambique

Leader: President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 33, 089, 000

Christians: 18,589,000 (56.2%)

Main Religion: Christianity

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Mozambique?

- In 2021, Mozambique entered the World Watch List top 50, and persecution has continued to worsen.
- This year, Mozambique has risen 9 places on the List, reflecting the mounting pressure on Christians, particularly in the northern part of the country where jihadists operate.
- The IS-affiliated Islamist group al-Sunnah wa Jama'ah wants to establish an Islamic caliphate in Mozambique and has committed numerous atrocities.
- Hundreds of thousands of people are now living in camps for internally displaced people. Furthermore, the presence of drug cartels in some areas is making the lives of Christians difficult – especially for churches that want to work with youth.

- The attacks by the jihadists have already spilled across the border into Tanzania and are likely to expand south and also into neighboring Malawi.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Violence in the north has become more widespread and brutal, with Christians being particularly targeted.
- The northern province of Cabo Delgado is now in the grips of Islamist insurgents who have killed between 2,500 - 3,300 people in the area. Around 800,000 people have been displaced to escape the violence.
- People either stay in the region under daily threats of abduction, or they flee their homes and communities and fend for themselves. Many are traumatized by the violence, and those who are forced into marriage or the militia are often plagued by shame or stigma.
- Muslim families living in Mozambique force suspected female converts 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.

Prayer points for Mozambique:

Pray for President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi. 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 to poverty, disease, witchcraft, and animism.

Pray for the small, but growing, number of Muslim Background Believers among the Muslim communities in Mozambique. 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.

Believers are regularly targeted by Islamic State Mozambique (ISM), who announce on social media the killing of Christians. In one recent attack, the jihadi group issued a statement reporting that “the soldiers of the Caliphate ... captured five Christians and slaughtered them,

praise be to God.” Pray for the safety of all those who are vulnerable to violence and disaster in northern Mozambique.

Several church leaders and Christian believers have been abducted by Islamic insurgents. Jihadi terrorism remains a grave danger in Mozambique and is spreading to its neighboring countries (Tanzania and Malawi). Pray the Lord will restrain the evil ones and those that threaten the safety of His children. *(Jeremiah 1:19)*

Pray for the security situation in the Province of Cabo Delgado. There has been an increasing intensity of attacks in this province since January 2019. Militants have used explosives, machetes and firearms to carry out lethal attacks on local communities, as well as burning vehicles and homes. Pray for all those engaged in trying to build peace and end violent conflicts in this region.

There is also a serious threat of kidnap in the northern districts of Cabo Delgado province. 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 their leaders 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.

Drug cartels persecute Christians and target church youth workers in particular. Ask God to break their power and bring law, order and justice to the perpetrators. Pray for God’s mercy upon them and His healing for the suffering and the marginalized in society. *(Psalm 9:18)*

Pray for economic development in the region. Unemployment and lack of basic services have left youth disillusioned and angry. As a result, many have joined Islamic extremist groups. Pray that the government and international partners to ensure that all will benefit from the community projects.

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.

Pray for the producers and presenters working for “Radio Wimbe.” Many on the team are local people who have been learning their skills on the job and is having a powerful impact on local communities. Pray for an openness for all to listen to gospel messages alongside local debates and discussions on the radio. Pray God's word that is spoken over the airwaves accomplish His plans and purposes in Mozambique and beyond. (*Isaiah 55:11*)

4. Cameroon

Leader: President Paul Biya

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 27 912 000

Christians: 17,032,000 (61.0%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Organized corruption and crime

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Cameroon?

- While Cameroon is officially a secular country, there are predominantly Muslim areas where Islamic extremism continues to grow.
- The influence of Islamic militants, particularly in the north, has hindered the activities of many churches. Security injunctions have also heavily restricted church life.
- The ongoing Anglophone crisis – a civil war that’s been fought since 2017 – has made leaders who speak out against violence a target for separatist groups and the government.
- Good governance is lacking in Cameroon, adding to the vulnerability faced by persecuted Christians.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians who convert from Islam are susceptible to persecution, and believers who live where Islamic militants Boko Haram are active (in the far north) and where the Anglophone crisis is located (in the northwest and southwest).
- Those who convert to Christianity from Islam are not free to express or share their faith, and doing so can bring hostility from family and the local community.
- They are at great risk if they are even discovered to own a Bible.
- The rebel group forces churches to pay protection money and threatens them if they speak against the misdeeds of the rebel group.
- The government maintains its pressure on Christians, and it is not safe for Christian leaders to criticize the human rights conditions or corruption in Cameroon.

Prayer points for Cameroon:

Pray for President Paul Biya. Pray that the government and security forces in Cameroon will be stirred and equipped to address the country's growing insecurity problems.

Ask for Divine wisdom to direct the country's authorities so that they would not give into the demands of the militant groups. Pray that the peace of God would reign in every corner of the country, and that the glory and power of God would be undeniable through the breakthrough He delivers. (*Jeremiah 29:7*)

Pray for church leaders who speak out against violence as they become the target for separatist groups and the government. Pray that their lives will shine with the light of the gospel in some very dark situations, and the threats by rebel groups will not deter their work.

The spiritual poverty of the churches is the country's greatest tragedy. Nominal Christianity is a bigger problem in Cameroon than in most of Africa. Tribalism, pagan practices, alcoholism and low moral standards are endemic. Most of them in these churches (Council of Protestant Churches of Cameroon) have little concern for the unreached of the

north, and they do not address the major ills of the society. Pray for deep repentance, lasting deliverance and true revival.

Pray for a restoration of Bible reading, preaching and holiness among Christians. Pray for more effective discipling in the churches. The growth of recent years and the focus on numbers of converts, rather than on quality of disciples have caused a lack of trained leaders and spiritual growth. Pray for the formation of a genuinely evangelical association of churches in Cameroon that will assist with this challenge. (*Titus 2:7-8*)

Lift up to the Lord believers in the troubled northern region and where the Anglophone crisis is located (in the northwest and southwest). Pray that those who have lost loved ones, and congregations that has lost its minister, will be comforted by the Lord. Pray God will bring violence to a swift end so that Christians can live and worship in peace.

Women who convert from Islam or Animism are often forced into marriage with Muslims, and there are cases of children of Christians in the north being coerced by Muslim relatives to attend Islamic classes. Pray that 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 Boko Haram and stir up indignation in the hearts of government and security forces to do more to address the country's growing insecurity problems.

5. Tunisia

Leader: President Kais Saied

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Population: 12,047,000

Christians: 22,500 (0.2%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Tunisia?

- Violence remains very high in Tunisia, and the pressure faced by Christians increased slightly over the last year.
- In July 2022, President Kais Saied consolidated his de facto coup via a constitutional referendum that returned Tunisia to one-man rule. Although the new constitution is ambiguous regarding freedom of religion or belief, it is feared that the current high levels of government monitoring of Tunisian Christians will only further increase.
- Christian converts cannot worship openly and choose to hide their faith since it is dangerous to share their beliefs.
- The few foreign Christians in Tunisia experience a relative amount of freedom, although public evangelism is not tolerated.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Conversion from Islam is socially unacceptable. Converts to Christianity are most vulnerable to persecution in Tunisia.
- As conversion from Islam is forbidden, new converts face a hostile backlash from their own families. In some cases, the aggression may escalate to physical violence.
- This is especially true in the south of the country, where the Islamic population is more conservative. The threat is also compounded by the presence of violent Islamic extremist militants, who target Christians.
- Christians are abandoned by their families and rejected by their friends. Their jobs may also be at risk.

Prayer points for Tunisia:

Pray for President Kais Saied. Pray for his salvation and of the other leaders in Tunisia. Pray no one should perish but that all should come to repentance. (*2 Peter 3:8*)

Frustration over government corruption and ineffectiveness, continued economic decline and unemployment, have led to more protests in 2021. In response, the President dissolved the government, appointed a new Prime Minister, and rewrote the constitution in ways that gave him more power. Pray that the travails of Tunisia might somehow draw people towards Christ.

The few foreign Christians in Tunisia experience a relative amount of freedom although public evangelism 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 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)*

Beyond growing government hostility, the presence of violent Islamic extremist militants target Christians in the South. Pray that the situation will be resolved, and that the authorities will see that Christian believers does not pose a threat to the national security.

In recent years, Christians find themselves more often questioned by the authorities, more restricted in their comings and goings, and facing more difficulties in finding landlords willing to rent out premises for Christian meetings. Pray for changes in Tunisian society which may extend to give greater freedom and acceptance to Christians.

Male converts are fired or refused promotion at work, and are denied access to social community/networks. They can also be detained by police for faith-related reasons. Muslim wives will leave a male Christian convert, and he 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)*

Pray for Christian women and girls in Tunisia who are vulnerable to sexual harassment and domestic violence, and are more at risk in the traditional family context. They are physically beaten, expelled from

their home, put under house arrest, threatened with death or sexually assaulted.

The second-generation believers tend to be bolder and less secretive about their faith than their parents. Pray that the church will be blessed by the courage of the children together with the maturity and experience of their parents, who have suffered much for Christ. Pray for Christians to have a powerful transforming effect on society as they demonstrate Christ's love. (*Psalms 34:18*)

6. Mexico

Leader: President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador

Government: Federal Presidential Republic

Population: 131 563 000

Christians: 125,738,000 (95.6%)

Main religion: Christianity (Roman Catholicism)

Persecution Type: Organized crime and corruption/ Clan oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Mexico?

- Last year saw the highest record of incidents of violence against Christians in Mexico.
- There are an estimated 150 organized crime gangs in Mexico, financed by powerful drug cartels. Criminal groups continue to target Christians wherever they are perceived to be a threat to a group's illegal operations.
- Gangs target and threaten men as the heads of families and churches, to intimidate the wider community.
- The impunity and political instability contribute to the lack of justice when several pastors and priests have been kidnapped and held to ransom, badly beaten, or killed.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian leaders in particular can be viewed as a threat or defiant to a gang's authority and stability. When Christians refuse to carry out a gang's demand, or speak out against crimes, their church is soon in the firing line.
- These illegal groups have diversified and strengthened their networks across the whole country, so Christian leaders are at high risk of death, recruitment, sexual harassment, abduction, and forced displacement, as well as other forms of violence. Their relatives are also at risk.
- In rural areas, new Christian believers who come from more ancestral and traditional backgrounds (mostly beliefs related to Roman Catholic faith) can be beaten, fined, harassed, denied use of public services, rejected and forced to displace by their communities.
- Intolerance and scrutiny of Christians speaking out on social issues is increasing, as Mexico becomes radically secular.

Prayer points for Mexico:

Pray for President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all its citizens in the nation. (*1 Kings 3:9*)

Pray for a return of law and order to Mexico, where crime currently reigns. Pray President Andres Manuel will understand he has come to this position for such a time as this? (*Esther 4:14*) Pray he will be able to bring stability, employment and justice back to Mexico.

Most Mexicans are culturally Catholic but only 10% regularly attend church. Many Mexicans blend the gods and goddesses of Amerindian spiritism into a folk version of Catholicism. Pray for the Holy Spirit to break the influence of these ancient gods and the spirit world. Pray for Christ-centered renewal to spread through the Mexican Catholic Church.

Pray that the believers in rural areas 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*)

Geographical distance and broken relationships divide many families, and as many are first-generation believers, need help to grow in their commitment and faith. Pray for godly church leaders, and for more pastors willing to work among the poor in rural or slum areas.

There are an estimated 150 organized crime gangs in Mexico, financed by powerful drug cartels. Christians living in their territories risk being targeted. Ask God to protect His people who live in the shadow of criminal gangs. Pray their integrity and love impress their persecutors and draw them towards Christ.

Drug cartels and other criminal organizations target Christians because they view churches support programs for the rehabilitation of drug addicts and alcoholics. Christians who refuse to pay the cartels have had to close their churches or face attacks - some have even been killed. Pray for healing and courage for Christians and church leaders who have experienced intense violence. (*Psalms 102:19-20*)

Pray for Christian leaders, especially those carrying out activities as human rights or environmental defenders, are at high risk of death, recruitment, sexual harassment, abduction, and forced displacement. Pray that all fears felt by them will vanish and that pastors will express their thoughts on social issues with boldness and courage.

Ministry to young people is vital. Around one-quarter of Mexicans are aged 15 or younger. There may be up to 800,000 homeless or street children. They sleep in whatever shelter they can find and desperately need love and help. Pray the ministries of evangelical churches may target the youth and make them to be what God desires them to be.

7. Bangladesh

Leader: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wazed

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Population: 167, 886, 000

Christians: 938,000 (0.6%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism/Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Bangladesh?

- Despite a slight drop in reported incidents of violence against Christians, opposition in private life has increased and converts have been put under more pressure than in previous years.
- Bangladeshi society remains patriarchal, despite the country being led by female politicians for many years.
- The severest persecution is reserved for those who come from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or tribal backgrounds.
- Even denominations which have historically faced less persecution in Bangladesh, such as those affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, are increasingly facing attacks and death threats in recent times.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Bangladesh's northern region, home to many ethnic minorities, is an especially difficult place for Christians to live, with persecution coming from both the Muslim majority and Buddhist minority, as well as tribal communities.
- Believers encounter restrictions, discrimination and even attacks. Gatherings with other Christians are often done in secret.
- Protestant churches that are engaged in outreach among Muslim communities can also face persecution.
- Church leaders especially are at risk of arrest, although imprisonment is rare. The arrest of church leaders can destabilize Christian communities and make them feel afraid to gather for worship.

Prayer points for Bangladesh:

Pray for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and all those in authority to have discernment and wisdom as they lead the people of Bangladesh.

Many see Bangladeshi democracy as merely lip service to Western ideals in order to secure aid. Corruption is endemic and deeply rooted. Pray for the government to act with righteousness in honoring all

peoples and communities for scripture says “righteousness exalts a nation. (*Proverbs 14:34*)

Pray for governance that is just, transparent and effective at assisting those in need while thwarting those seeking to gain at the expense of the nation. Pray also that the constitutional freedom allowing all to practice and propagate their own religions might be maintained.

Religious discrimination and tensions are rising. Islamists, while a small minority, exert increasing pressure for governance by Shari'a principles. Forced reconversion to Islam is an increasing threat. Pray for binding of the powers of darkness operating in religious, social and ethnic realms. (*Psalms 34:16*)

Pray God give His wisdom and revelation to Church leaders, who are at risk of arrest, although imprisonment is rare. To look to Jesus Christ who understands all of their sufferings as He Himself walked through a journey of suffering. (*1 Peter 2:21*)

Minority groups, even Muslim ones, find themselves vulnerable. Christians, Buddhists and especially Hindus suffer as persecution intensifies, occasionally to the point of destruction of property and sometimes even death. Pray the Lord will protect and keep them safe despite the opposition they face.

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*)

Pray for a harvest among the youth and for more mission workers to have the heart to reach out to them. Pray for the many children who encounter medical problems due to living in poverty. May the Lord restore them to health and allow them to continue to experience the joy of being a child.

More than 700,000 Islamic refugees have arrived from neighboring Myanmar. Among the refugees are a tiny minority of Rohingya converts, who face pressure for their faith but have no means of escape.

Pray that ministry groups and churches will actively involve in serving and providing for the refugees.

8. Maldives

Leader: President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 541,000

Christians: Few hundreds

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Maldives?

- The situation for Christians in the Maldives did not change significantly, and the Maldives continues to be seen as 100% Sunni Muslim.
- The government of the Maldives likes to boast that the country is 100% Sunni Muslim, so any deviation is taken seriously. No religious minorities are recognized by the state, and every citizen is considered Muslim.
- There are elements of violent Islamic extremism in the Maldives, including fighters returning from places like Syria, who pose a danger to suspected Christian believers, and the country is struggling to cope with the size of this challenge.
- The Maldives is also made up of very close-knit communities, making it very difficult to talk to or meet up with anybody secretly.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Converts to Christianity from a Muslim background face the most severe persecution in the Maldives as, officially, they do not exist in the country.

- Christian converts have to follow Jesus in the greatest secrecy. If discovered, they are very likely to be reported to Muslim leaders or the authorities, and can be stripped of their citizenship or even given the death penalty.
- Even foreign Christians working in the islands' tourist sector are closely watched by the authorities – they can only meet up for worship or weddings in a private place (such as their country's embassy)
- They must not express or discuss their faith with local citizens. If they do, they may be fined, deported or even imprisoned for a number of years.

Prayer points for Maldives:

Pray for the Lord Jesus to reveal Himself to President Mohamed Solih. Pray he and his family might know Jesus' abounding love and power. Pray the Holy Spirit would convict his family of sin, righteousness and judgment and the need for a Savior. *(John 16:8)*

Pray for the government of Maldives -- that those in power will continue to improve policies and activities, recognizing the need for freedom for all their citizens and acknowledging that faith cannot be forced.

The Maldivians are still among the least evangelized on earth. Neither mission work nor Christian literature has ever been allowed. Paradoxically, the government denies the existence of Christianity among Maldivians while arresting those who do believe. Pray for the true name and nature of Jesus to be made known in this nation.

Pray the small group of believers, as well as the many other faithful Christian expatriates living in Maldives, will be effective testaments of His grace, love and peace to those who have yet to receive His gift of eternal salvation. *(1Peter 2: 12)*

Foreign Christians working in the islands can only meet up for worship or weddings in a private place, but all activities are monitored by the authorities and are warned against doing outreach or becoming too public. Ask God to strengthen His people to remain bold and steadfast during times of hardship. *(2 Corinthians 3:12)*

The Maldives is made up of very close-knit communities, making it very difficult to talk to or meet up with anybody secretly. Christian faith must be kept so private that two members of the same family could be believers without the other ever knowing. Pray for mutual encouragement and fellowship as it is a huge challenge, in the nation.

Pray for each individual to be equipped with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, for their feet to be shod with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace, for their shield of faith, their helmet of salvation, and their sword of the spirit, the word of God. Pray that those facing pressure/persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. *(Ephesians 6: 14-17)*

Being found to own a Bible result in a prison sentence in Maldives. Pray that God will make it possible for His Word to be available for the Maldivian believers. Pray for them to continue in their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, in spite of severe restrictions and oppression.

Lift up the human trafficking crisis in Maldives to the Lord. Pray for the freedom of the women, men, and children enslaved in forced labor and sex trafficking. Pray for conviction of the Holy Spirit to pierce the hearts of human traffickers and that they would repent from their sins and seek out a lifestyle in Jesus. Lift up the victims and pray for an infilling of God's love, joy and peace, *(Galatians 5: 22-23)*

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1.Avar (Maarulal) in Azerbaijan

Population: 114,000

Main Language: Avar

Largest Religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Avar people are a Northeastern Caucasian, Muslim people, who call themselves Ma 'arulal (by translation—"free mountaineers, who inhabit the highest lands").

The Avar people have down-migrated to cities and towns primarily for economic reasons. They have found work in factories, construction, trade and retail.

The Avar who still live in rural villages grow grains, fruits and vegetables. Some men take care of sheep, goats and horses. These Avar cling to the ways of their ancestors.

The Avar carry many ancient cultural strengths, capped by their intense sense of honor; however, one strength not found in Avar culture is grace, forgiveness, tolerance, and mercy, which has left the Avar vulnerable to intense cycles of violence on many levels.

The Avar adopted Islam in the 12th century and remain Muslim (Sunni Islam) today.

The Avar need to hear a clear presentation of the gospel of Christ. Only the peace and forgiveness of Christ can stop the constant feuding between the Avar clans and other peoples of the Caucasus area.

Prayer points:

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

The Avar people are devout 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 to the wonderful light of Jesus.

Pray for Christian workers to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of the Avar. Pray God empower them with the vision to reach out to the people 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 Avar church.

The Avar, no matter where they live, need to understand that "keeping away from strife is an honor for a man" (*Proverbs 20:3*) and that there is even greater honor in forgiveness and love (*Romans 12:17-21*) than in vengeance. Pray for the men and women to be of peace and for the power and grace of the Holy Spirit to be infused in each of the Avar people.

The New Testament has been completed in the Avar language, as well as Genesis, Proverbs, Ruth, and Jonah. 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.

2. Ayamaru, Brat in Indonesia

Population: 96,000

Main language: Mai Brat

Largest religion: Ethnic-religions: 96.00% Christians: 4.00 %

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

The Ayamaru Brat or Maibrat are indigenous people. They speak a "language isolate" which means their language is not related to any other language family.

The Ayamaru live in the central region of the Bird's Head Peninsula of the island of New Guinea in the nation of Indonesia. The land they live on is classified as tropical rain forest on the slopes of mountains on the peninsula.

They live in small villages ruled by the heads of families or elders. The main crops of the Ayamaru (Maibrat) are rice, copra (dried coconuts), corn, and peanuts. They also hunt and fish to supplement their diets.

The vast majority of the Ayamaru are animists. They believe that spirits must be appeased by sacrifices, rituals and charms or they can bring harm to the people.

Many of the Ayamaru are illiterate. A small minority of the Ayamaru are believers. All Ayamaru need to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

Prayer points:

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

Pray the small group of Maibrat believers are nurtured in the faith and that they are used by the Holy Spirit to begin an unstoppable movement to Christ.

Pray for these believers: for victory over the enemy and his schemes, for energy and strength to grow every day. Pray for them to be made pure, steeped in the power of prayer and having an uncompromising faith.

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

Thank the Lord for the availability of the New Testament 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*)

Each village has a shaman who connects the Brat to the spirit world. The Ayamaru also ask the shaman to deal with their medical needs. Pray they will look unto Jesus for healing for the scripture says (*Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24*) “who took on our infirmities and bore our sicknesses on Himself” and “by whose stripes we are healed.”

Pray for better crops and larger harvests. “He gives rain on the earth and send waters on the fields.” (*Job 5:11*) Pray the Ayamaru will ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. For the Lord will give them showers of rain and for grass in the field for everyone.

Many Ayamaru are illiterate. Pray for teachers to help the Brat learn how to read and write Maibrat and Bahasa, the Indonesian national language. Pray for an improved educational system for the Ayamaru children and youth.

3. Argobba in Ethiopia

Population: 226,000

Main language: Argobba

Largest religion: Islam 95.00% Christians: 5.00%

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

The Argobba have only been reported in Ethiopia.

The Argobba are one of the Semitic-speaking peoples, and their language is part of the south Semitic group of languages. Argobba is a name used for both the ethnic group and the language.

The Argobba people fled central Ethiopia to avoid forcible conversion to Christianity.

They settled in well-watered and hilly areas which they cleared for cultivation. They still engage in agriculture, weaving or commerce. Those who are merchants are noted for their shrewdness.

Argobba people are Sunni Muslims and depend on the spirit world for their daily needs. For that reason, they must appease the spirits. They often use charms and amulets to help them with spiritual forces.

There is no Bible available in their language and translation has just begun.

Prayer points:

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

Pray God would forgive the Argobba people who fled central Ethiopia to avoid forcible conversion to Christianity. Beseech the Lord to give them another chance to receive the salvation through His grace.

Pray for the Lord to give the Argobba people a sense of 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 a new assignment 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.

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*)

Pray for the few evangelical believers to be well disciplined in the faith and not engage in non-Christian practices which will weaken their testimony. Pray the Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and bring to remembrance all things that is been said about Jesus Christ the Savior and every truth. (*John 14:26*)

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.

4. Abu Sharib in Chad

Population: 93,000

Main language: Mararit

Largest religion: Islam 99.99% Christianity 0.01%

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

The Abu Sharib have only been reported in Chad. They call themselves the Ibilak. Abu Sharib people migrated to the east central Chad centuries ago.

They speak their own language of Mararit. They share a common ancestral heritage.

The Abu Sharib benefit from living in an area with a plentiful water supply. Agriculture lies at the heart of the life in Ibilak villages.

Today all the Abu Sharib profess to be Sunni Muslims. Their Islam is heavily influenced by folk religion and animism. Around the time the rains are expected, the Abu Sharib make sacrifices before they sow millet seeds.

There are very few Christians among them, but not enough for them to have a movement to Christ. Most of them still need to hear the Gospel message. Bible translation is needed in the Mararit language.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over this frontier 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)*

Ask God in the name of Jesus, for a ransom of this people group from the power of the grave, to redeem them from death and any darkness that wants to destroy them before knowing Jesus, His love and eternal life. *(Hosea 13:14)*

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 that they will soon belong among the most reached people group.

Pray for the very few Christian believers (0.01%) to be “God’s building”. Pray that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. *(1 Corinthians 3:11)*

Pray that new Discipleship Making Movements will begin among them that will transform their communities and families, bringing God’s blessings. Pray they be strengthened by the feeling that “Greater is He that is in them than he who is in the world.” *(1 John 4:4)*

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)*

Pray for a complete Bible in their main language (Mararit). 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. Arab Tihami in Saudi Arabia

Population: 207,000

Main language: Arabic, Taizzi-Adeni spoken

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christianity 0.00%

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

The Arab Tihami who are now residing in Saudi Arabia, belong to the “Tihama” a narrow western coastal region of Yemen on the Red Sea.

Tihama is made up of sand dunes and plains and is largely arid except for a few oases.

Most of the Tihami people live on a day- to- day basis dependent on each day's wages to provide for the next day. The majority of the people are dependent on the agriculture and sea to provide their daily needs.

In addition to poverty, literacy is one of the problems in the Tihama. One out of every two people is illiterate. Hospitality and generosity are high values among these people, as well as the utmost priority of preserving honor in the family and community.

The predominate culture in the Tihama centers around Islam, but sometimes tradition or cultural customs supersede Islamic law. One prevalent tradition in all of Tihami is chewing qat. (a mildly narcotic leaf that is chewed for hours at a time)

A profession of faith in Jesus may cost a person his family, his honor, his job, or even his life. Evangelization of this group will be challenging, due to the nature of the Arabs' lifestyle and belief system. Bible portions are available in their language.

Prayer points:

The Tihami Arabs 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*)

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*)

Ask God to open the spiritual eyes of the Tihami Arabs. Most Arabs believe their good works will get them right with God. Father God forgives sins and grants eternal life only to those who believe in the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus or Isa.

Pray the Tihami Arabs would view biblical Christianity not just as westerners' religion but their's as well. Pray that leaders in the Arab community would be willing to investigate the claims of Christ.

Evangelization of this group will be challenging, due to the nature of the Arabs' lifestyle, belief system, the region and country they live in. Christians are heavily restricted from sharing their faith in Saudi Arabia. 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 Tihamis 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 among the Tihami Arabs in this decade.

Pray they will have the opportunity to believe in the 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*)

Pray for the complete Bible translation in their language as only Bible portions are available. 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. Ajuran (Borano) in Kenya (AH-joo-rah)

Population: 191,000

Main language: Oromo, Borano spoken

Largest religion: Islam 99.60% Christians 0.40%

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

The Ajuran are ethnically Somalis. They were a kingdom that ruled Somalia before the advent of Europeans into Africa.

Continuous wars deposed the kingdom and drove some of the Ajuran as far as where they live today in the North Eastern Kenya and Eastern part of Ethiopia.

Some of those who settled in present day Kenya eventually adopted the language and customs of their neighbors and hosts, the Borana. Among the Kenyan Ajuran people, the majority speak the Borana language as their first language.

The Ajurans, like the rest of the Somali tribes of Northern Kenya have traditionally lived a nomadic life. They follow water and pasture for the animals they keep such as cattle, camels, goats, sheep, donkeys and mules that provide them their livelihood.

The Ajuran are nearly all Muslims. Although the Ajuran are staunch Muslims, few of them have a deep understanding of their faith. The vast majority of the people have never heard a clear presentation of the Good News.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Ajuran- Borano 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)*

Pray they will have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Pray they may be filled with the fullness of God. *(Colossians 2:2)*

The Ajuran 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 very few Jesus' followers will multiply as the gospel is sown more through them like a good seed into the lives of the simple people group, and there will be a great harvest of souls. *(Matthew 13:8, 23)*

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. Adyghe in Jordan (AH-di-gay)

Population: 103,000

Main language: Adyghe

Largest religion: Islam 99.98% Christians: 0.02%

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

The Circassians are the oldest indigenous people of Northwest Caucasus and identify themselves as Adyghe.

The Circassians preserve their culture and continue to use the Circassian language as their primary means of communication.

Only in the 18th century did their language assume a written form. Organized into tribes, the Circassians have never had an independent state.

The “habza” is an important feature of Circassian identity and was established long before their Islamization. It is the Circassian system of laws, rules, etiquette, and ethos.

Many Circassians were Christianized in the 6th century. However, under the growing influence of the Ottomans, Islam gradually replaced Christianity and became fully established in the 18th and 19th century, blending with remnants of Christian beliefs and even pre-Christian folk beliefs.

In recent years a whole set of social customs and rituals derived from the pre-Islamic Circassian culture has been revived. Bible portions and the New Testament are available in their language.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise an army in the body of Christ to pray for the Adyghe, 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 Adyghe 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.

The Adyghe "habza" (a code of high moral behavior) is part of their identity and is expected to be passed on from generation to generation. Pray their eyes will be opened to the truth that "they are complete only through Jesus, for in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily..." and not according to philosophy, empty deceit or traditions of men. (*Colossians 2: 8-10*)

Pray for the complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Gospel truth as the New Testament and some bible portions are 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. Awlad Hassan in Sudan

Population: 152,000

Main language: Arabic, Sudanese spoken

Largest religion: Islam 96.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Awlad Hassan have only been reported in Sudan. There are many Arab groups and Arabized tribes in Sudan, but one of them stands out. It is the Awlad Hassan.

Their ancestors were Yemeni merchants who controlled the desert trade routes hundreds of years ago.

Instead of speaking a Yemeni form of Arabic they now speak the Sudanese Arabic language as the other Arabs in this country.

The Awlad Hassan live as successful businessmen and merchants in Sudan. They are deeply engaged in the commercial activities of the cities in Sudan and South Sudan.

The Awlad Hassan have deep roots in the Islamic religion. At this point in time, they would not consider a different way to viewing the world, nor would they turn away from the religion of their ancestors.

The Awlad Hassan community needs to know that they desperately need Jesus Christ, the only Savior.

Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Awlad Hassan people group living in Sudan. 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 Awlad Hassan. “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)*

Ask God to guide their hungry, but dissatisfied hearts into a relationship with the only one who can satisfy their longing: Jesus Christ. Pray that Jesus will appear to them in dreams and visions and that many Christians will come to shine their light in areas where there is no witness now.

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.

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.

Pray for a complete Bible in their primary language. Pray for workers to be available for the process of translating the Bible. Pray the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God to be made available for the Awlad Hassan people group.

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. Pray they would love and care for the flock God has entrusted them with.

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.

The number of born-again believers who say they are deeply committed to practicing their religious faith fell from 85% to 50%, while the share of those who say they read or study the Bible at least once a week fell from 60% to 55%.

Bible/Word of God: 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 as if it's the food that sustains them and the very air they breathe. 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*)

Pray about the decline in Church Attendance: According to a major new survey that found that a record-high percentage of Americans say they never go to church.

The survey found that only 33% of adults now say they attend church service during a typical week which shows "a decline representing the loss of about 15 million churchgoing adults each week."

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)*

Spiritual clarity: A record-low percentage 49% of Americans say they are certain that God exists. Among Americans who claim to embrace a Biblical worldview, many also believe reincarnation is possible and that Jesus is not the only way to salvation.

Acts 4:12 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.” Pray for understanding and spiritual clarity.

A recent survey says: Fewer than half of born-again Christians now believe they have a unique, God-given calling or purpose. The share of those who held that belief fell from 88% to a staggering 46% during the pandemic.

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)*

Unity in the Body of Christ: Ask the Lord to grant a spirit of unity in the local church – 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. *(John 17:21)*

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

Churches to be blessed by the 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*) Pray and ask the Lord to work again like in the days of the Apostles, in mighty signs, wonders and miracles that will baffle human knowledge and understanding and that will dumbfound the scientific world.

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. (*Psalms 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.

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.

Pray that the Body of Christ would prevail in setting the tone for morals and virtue, always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body that have pervasive effects upon the culture and governmental leaders. (*2 Corinthians 4:10*)

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, Philippians 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. The FBI and law enforcement agencies are working to stop surging violence against police officers as other violent crimes run rampant nationwide.

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.

Pray for the organizations that represent life: The advocacy groups. The crisis pregnancy centers. The family resource groups and adoption agencies. The citizen groups.

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.

Pray NEA's ungodly stranglehold will be broken. Ask God for the revoking of the "NEA's federal charter" privilege by the government.

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: Pray for men, women, and children who are blinded by confusion to know their identity.

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)*

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 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.

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 other 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.

The CDC recently released a new data reporting more than **109,000** deaths by drug overdose in the 12 months ending January 2023. This is a **0.7%** increase.

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. 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 11 of India's 29 states. (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Karnataka) The laws have been used to justify persecution of Christians in a variety of situations. Pray the laws will be repealed.

The Congress Government of Karnataka has decided to scrap the law against religious conversion (Anti-conversion law) made by the previous BJP government. Pray they will stand by it and not buckle down to the pressures of the opposition which has stated will be

organizing statewide protests on the 4th of July condemning the repeal of the law.

From December 2020 through May, 234 people have been arrested and jailed under the Anti-conversion law, none convicted. This year 115 anti-Christian incidents have been recorded in Uttar Pradesh from January until June.

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:

“The Christian community is suffering from ethnic cleansing and genocide,” says a Christian leader from Manipur.

At least 147 Christians have been killed since the violence broke out in early May, and a further 220 have been wounded, report says. The Christian leader also documented 170 villages and 17 churches that his organization had planted as having been burned. The leader said an additional 4,581 houses and 93 Christian offices have also been destroyed. 41,425 people have been displaced.

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 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:

“Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her penitents with righteousness” (Isaiah 1:27)

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 the 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 for Israel, that the difference of opinion between the government and the Supreme Court will not lead to a constitutional crisis. It is the Lord God who is asking that the Jewish people to align themselves with Him: 'For the LORD is righteous, He loves justice' *(Psalm 11:7a)*.

Concerning both the budget and the judicial reform, ask God to change Israeli politicians' hearts if necessary, granting flexibility and the

ability for godly compromise where needed, but stiffen their resolve to stand firm when doing that is in line with His will.

Beseech the Lord to bring forth a Godly reform to Israel's judicial system and hedge in its unelected Supreme Court so that it is no longer the ultimate ruler of the nation.

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.

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.

Pray that the Biden administration will make wise decisions regarding the situation in Iran as the Iranian government maintains an anti-American and anti-Israel position, kills its own citizens for voicing opposition to their policies.

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*)

The Israeli security establishment is concerned about the spread of armed terrorist groups throughout Judea and Samaria equipped with large stockpiles of weapons and ammunition. There are about 20 armed- terrorist groups carrying out attacks. The weapons flow through the border with Jordan, with the purchases financed by Iran.

Beseech Him to dismantle the infrastructure that undergirds the 20 armed- terrorist groups, block the supply routes and sow confusion in

the enemy's camp like He did so many times in biblical history so that these groups will disintegrate and the violence will cease.

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.

Saudi Arabia is seeking to resume harmonious relations with Iran. This could be negative for Israel as ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia have just improved. Pray that the renewed ties between Saudi Arabia and Iran will not mean more enmity towards Israel.

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.

The Israeli government has decided to legalize a number of Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, which were previously considered 'illegal'. Give thanks that people in these communities will now have access to basic services such as water and electricity, as well as better protection.

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.

The European Union (EU) has promised Israel that EU-donated money will not be used to spread hatred against Israel, e.g., through Palestinian textbooks. Pray that the EU keeps this promise. Pray also that the EU demands that the Palestinian Authority doesn't use the donations to financially reward terrorists.

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.s

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.

Beseech the Lord to grant the Hungarian leaders the boldness and courage to break with the status quo and turn its back on the EU's official stance to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Pray that Prime Minister Orbán will not be swayed by pressure or external influences, that he will not side with man's plans and perceptions about Jerusalem but rather choose God's way.