

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – DECEMBER 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. Sudan

Leader: Lieutenant-General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan

Government: Military Coup/ Technocratic Government

Main religion: Islam

Population: 45,992,000

Christians: 2,000,000 (4.3%)

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia/ Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Sudan?

- Sudan has re-entered the top ten on the World Watch List after dropping out from 2020-2022.
- Persecution of Christians remains at a high level in the country, and there are fears this will worsen following the military coup in October 2021.
- The war broke out in April, between Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), now rivals but previously collaborators in bringing down the interim moderate government brought in after the ousting of dictator Omar al-Bashir in 2019.
- The military effectively conducted a coup that ended the power sharing agreement with the civilian members of the transitional government. That was followed by mass protests in the country, particularly the capital city. Protestors demanded the end of the military rule. Power is firmly held in the hands of the military.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians are still vulnerable to extreme persecution from both their communities and their own families.
- Converts may face sexual assault and domestic violence in their homes, as well as being vulnerable to imprisonment and violence.
- Christian women and girls in Sudan, particularly converts, are vulnerable to rape, forced marriage, denied inheritance, divorced and domestic violence for their faith.
- Church leaders are frequently targeted, including reports of drugs being falsely planted on them.
- Fighting broke out between the SAF and the RSF on April 15. The two factions had shared military rule since the military coup of 2021, but since then have launched a deadly rivalry in which more than 10,000 civilians have been killed, and 5.4 million displaced.
- As the deadly civil war in Sudan rages on, an 81-year-old church in Omdurman was heavily bombed in the first week of November, leaving two Christian communities without the source of stability they had drawn comfort from all these years.

Prayer points for Sudan:

Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom in Sudan. Pray for a change in government. Pray for the Lord to give wisdom to the political and military commanders of Sudan, that they come to their senses and stop this war.

Ask Father God, to break political deadlocks, change closed minds, open unhearing ears and bring stability to this country that has suffered so much chaos nationwide. Bring reconciliation between the factions, the National Army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in conflict and restore peace to this land.

Intervene to reinstate progress towards a fairer, safer society in Sudan. Pray for reconciliation. Pray for peace to prevail in Sudan. Pray that the people of Sudan would be able to forgive each other and come together to build a better future. *(John 16:33)*

The Sudanese church often finds itself the target of government harassment or extremism violence. There has been an increase in

murders of pastors and church leaders and the destruction of Christian villages, as well as churches, hospitals, schools, and mission bases. Pray for the safety of church leaders. Ask for Divine protection for Christian communities and intervention to end the ongoing violence in the region.

Pray for the safety of Christians who are endangered by this present situation because the civil war is taking place inside the cities. Pray for the leaders to be equipped and shepherd the traumatized believers.

Pray for strength and faithfulness for the converts living in fear of arrest and torture. Pray for endurance for those facing torture for their faith. Pray God to strengthen the Muslim background believers and continue to do amazing things in and through them.

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

Pray for protection for women who suffer isolation in the home (under house arrest), physically and mentally abused, denied inheritance, raped or even killed to ‘restore the honor’ of the family. Ask God to work in the hearts of the family members to treat them with kindness and respect.

Pray for Christian men who are likely to be imprisoned, detained or even killed if their faith is discovered. Imprisoned believers have reportedly suffered physical and mental torture. Considering these pressures, many Christian men choose to flee their home to another country.

Since the military coup of 2021, more than 10,000 civilians have been killed, and 5.4 million displaced. Many Christians are among the thousands from across Sudan who have fled into Egypt, Ethiopia and South Sudan in search of safety. Intercede for the Lord’s people, and all those suffering the ongoing violence, asking that there will be peace in this troubled land.

2. Egypt

Leader: President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

Government: Presidential Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 106,157,000

Christians: 9,695,000 (9.1%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/ Dictatorial Paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Egypt?

- Egypt has dropped 15 places in the World Watch List, mainly because there have been fewer reports of violence against Christians, including fewer faith-based killings and instances of properties being attacked.
- Incidents vary and take place mostly in Upper Egypt, where Salafist movements are active in the rural communities.
- The Islamic Salafi al-Nour party continues to exist and operate legally, although the Constitution prohibits religious parties. Their influence is considerable in rural societies where there is a high percentage of illiteracy and poverty.
- The lack of serious law enforcement and the unwillingness of local authorities to protect Christians leave them vulnerable to all kinds of attacks, especially in Upper Egypt.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians with a Muslim background have great difficulties in living out their faith since they face enormous pressure from their families to return to Islam. The state also makes it impossible for them to get any official recognition of their conversion.
- In clear contrast to how mosques are dealt with, the building of new churches is restricted – despite promises from the president that churches in every neighborhood will be legalized through official registration.

- Communal hostility and mob violence, in particular, continue to cause difficulties. In addition, due to the dictatorial nature of the regime, it is futile for church leaders or other Christians to speak out against these practices.
- Christian women are being harassed while walking in the street, to a mob of angry Muslims forcing a whole community of Christians to move out, leaving their houses and belongings to be confiscated.
- Fires were reported in nine different church buildings in August 2022, but the cause of these fires remains unclear in most cases and no action has been taken.

Prayer points for Egypt:

Pray for the Government of Egypt. Pray for President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and other leaders will seek to govern with justice, honesty, and integrity. *Proverbs 11:3 declares* “the integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.”

President al-Sisi regularly speaks positively about Egypt's Christian community. However, the lack of serious law enforcement and the unwillingness of local authorities to protect Christians leave them vulnerable to all kinds of attacks. Pray for wisdom for president to lead the nation and to keep up his oath of office.

Pray Christian brothers and sisters in the church will be filled with supernatural strength to take a posture of forgiveness and grace in the light of difficult circumstances. Pray that those who are hurting and have experienced injustice, pain, suffering and trauma would be able to find freedom through forgiveness in Christ's name. (*Galatians 5:13*)

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incidents, take place mostly in Upper Egypt, where Salafist movements are active in the rural communities.

Due to the dictatorial nature of the regime, it is futile for church leaders or other Christians to speak out against these evil practices. Pray for protection and safety for the Christians and leaders in the Upper Egypt. Pray for crimes to end and pray for a society free of violations. Pray for the hurting to find hope in Christ.

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

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3. Mali

Leader: Interim President Assimi Goita

Government: Semi-Presidential Republic

Population: 21,474,000

Christians: 490,000 (2.3%)

Main Religion: Islam

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Mali?

- Mali has gone through great political instability in the last few years, and the leadership vacuum has strengthened the Islamic extremist groups and expanded their territory.
- This has put Christians at greater risk of violence in various parts of the country. Militant Islamic extremists abduct people, including Christians, and kill them or keep them in sexual slavery.
- It seems that the government is only effective in major cities and those areas outside are in the hands (directly or indirectly) of jihadists who entice the youth into joining their ranks.
- The military junta asked the help of the Russian mercenary groups – the Wagner – to help them. Yet, the Wagner group also targets civilians, including Christians.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The Christian community there has never fully recovered, and believers in that area still live with the threat of violent attacks, especially if they share the gospel.
- Their homes, businesses and property are still targeted, keeping many in poverty.
- Christian missionaries and NGOs in the north cannot operate safely – there is a real danger of being attacked or abducted by extremists.

Prayer points for Mali:

Pray for the leaders of Mali. Pray for their salvation. Call forth transformation and Saul-to-Paul conversations/conversions for the military junta.

Pray for democracy to be established in the nation. Pray that God would bring a good godly leadership for this nation through Him. Ask God to guide governments and leaders as they work to contain the insurgencies and restore peace. *(1Timothy 2:1)*

Jihadi group Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) has claimed more territory in northern Mali, according to a report published by the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in April. Pray that the militants will lose control over territories they have claimed so people can soon return home.

Pray that sadness and frustration shall cease from the land. Save the people from any impending wars, crime and terrorism. Turn the hearts of kidnapers and abductors towards Jesus. Let the stubborn and unrepentant enemies of the country begin to repent.

Pray for God to build His Church and demonstrate the failure of the government to protect Christians cannot stop the advancement of His Kingdom. Pray also for the multiplication of the believers who follow Christ outside their own homeland and elsewhere. (*Matthew 16:18*)

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

Large amounts of aid from Libya and Saudi Arabia keep the population further tied to Islam. In Bamako alone, over 3,000 Qur'anic schools and individual marabouts teach about 40% of children. Pray for Muslims in Mali to have the opportunity to hear, read about and experience Jesus and the assurance of salvation He alone offers.

Militant Islamic extremists abduct people, including Christians, and kill them or keep them in sexual slavery. Others are put under pressure to join the groups, where they will be forcibly converted to Islam and made to fight. Pray for the converts in the most extreme circumstances to lead a victorious Christian life in the midst of persecution.

Praise Report: Thank God for the release of the German missionary. Father Hans Joachim Lohre (66 years old, had been serving in Mali for more than 30 years) was kidnapped in Mali's capital Bamako last year has been freed by his captors marking an end to his year-long ordeal. (We had placed this request in our May 2023, prayer points list) **Hallelujah!!!**

4. Burkina Faso

Leader: President Ibrahim Traore

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 22,103,000

Christians: 5,166,000 (23.4%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression/Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Burkina Faso?

- Burkina Faso has risen from number 32 to number 23 on the World Watch List. Across the country, violence against Christians is increasing, as is pressure – particularly on the church and from the community.
- In the past year, political uncertainties have exacerbated the situation. Jihadist groups are also replacing the government in areas that they are controlling, so have the power to withhold social services.
- Furthermore, the situation in neighboring countries like Niger and Mali is also contributing to the insecurity in Burkina Faso.
- A society that was very tolerant in the past has become very intolerant towards non-Muslims. This is also aided by the fact that there are ethnic conflicts with religious dimensions.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The expanding influence of jihadist groups in Burkina Faso is having a catastrophic impact on Christians. Believers have been targeted and killed in villages, churches and workplaces, and hundreds of churches have been forced to close, with many having been destroyed.
- In addition to being targeted by jihadists, Christians from Muslim backgrounds face enormous pressure from families and communities to renounce their faith. Many are afraid to express their faith in public because of such threats.

- The threat from extremist Islamic groups has even spread to cities that were previously beyond their reach. Many Christians are being too scared to attend church services or send their children to school.
- There are over a million internally displaced people in Burkina Faso, a significant number of whom are Christians who have fled the rising jihadist violence.

Prayer points for Burkina Faso:

Pray for President Ibrahim Traore. Pray for his salvation. Ask God to bring political stability to the country and equip the government and security services in their efforts to counter rising jihadism.

Pray that the Kingdom of God would come to Burkina Faso through the work of the Gospel accomplished through the Church, and that the works of the kingdom of darkness would be defeated. 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. *(Philippians 4:7)*

Ongoing warfare between the Burkinabè junta and forces tied to the Islamic State and Al Qaeda have killed at least 10,000 people, displaced over two million residents, and heightened food insecurity and human rights abuses. Pray for Burkina Faso, that the Lord might shield and sustain the vulnerable, strengthen those ministering in His name, and stir the rest of the world to respond with aid to the unfolding crisis.

Christians from Muslim backgrounds face enormous pressure from families and communities to renounce their faith. Many are afraid to express their faith in public because of such threats. Pray the lives of believers will shine with the light of the Gospel as they experience these dark situations. *(Colossians 3:15)*

The threat from extremist Islamic groups has even spread to cities that were previously beyond their reach. Many Christians are being too scared to attend church services or send their children to school. Pray for protection for Christians and ask that they stand firm in their hope of Him, knowing He is their Rock and Refuge. *(Psalms 46:1)*

Education has been severely disrupted by the Islamist militants' campaign of violence – much of it targeted against Christians – which has resulted in the closure of more than 6,000 schools across Burkina Faso. Pray the lives of the children will be protected and resume full time education.

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5. Turkmenistan

Leader: President Serdar Berdimuhamedow

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Population: 6,202,000

Christians: 66,700 (1.1%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Turkmenistan?

- In Turkmenistan, persecution against Christians comes from most parts of society. The government heavily restricts religious freedom, even Russian Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic churches are heavily monitored by the authorities.
- The dictatorial government uses a huge network of police, secret services and local imams to closely monitor all religious activities.
- All religious groups are legally required to register with the authorities, but only those that have at least 50 members over the age of 18 are allowed to do so. All non-registered groups are effectively banned.
- Muslim families, friends and villagers exert pressure on converts, while the government imposes many restrictions on church activities.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians from a Muslim background come under pressure both from the state and from their family and community, who may subject them to house arrest, forced marriage and beatings to try to force them to return to Islam.
- Church leaders are particularly vulnerable as targets for persecution – whether through unwarranted fines, physical attacks or arrest and imprisonment on false charges.
- Churches are the target of police raids, which may result in those attending being arrested or fined. Fines can be issued for holding illegal gatherings, possessing religious literature and even for downloading Christian songs.
- Printing and importing Christian materials are restricted, so there is a dearth of resources to support local Christians. Even Russian Orthodox churches are monitored.

Prayer points for Turkmenistan:

Pray for the President. Pray his heart will be inclined in the direction towards religious liberty. Pray for the light of the gospel to shine upon the nation of Turkmenistan.

Pray that God would be at work in the hearts of its leaders, motivating them to address religious persecution, human trafficking, and other social issues.

Russian Orthodox churches and Armenian Apostolic churches are heavily monitored by the government authorities. Pray they experience the needed freedom to do the business of God's Kingdom without being threatened or intimidated. (*Acts 16:5*)

Churches from non-traditional denominations are frequently raided, and those who attend may be threatened, arrested or fined. Pray the government will continue to progress in its tolerance towards Christians and lift all restrictions on religious freedom.

Church leaders are fined, detained, denied exit visas to leave the country, or put under house arrest in an attempt to spread fear

throughout their congregations. Pray for bold faith for church leaders who are being monitored or threatened by the state.

Pastors and lay leaders of unregistered churches in particular have been insulted, beaten and humiliated. Pray that God would give them resilience and hope as they function under a close government watch. May His Holy Spirit clearly prompt them when it is time to share their faith and when it is time to remain silent. *(Acts 16: 6-10)*

The main obstacle for church registration is only those that have at least 50 members over the age of 18 are allowed to do so. Pray that the situation will be resolved, restrictions will be lifted or eased and that the authorities will not use this to hinder church registrations.

In conservative regions, a convert may be kidnapped by their own community and married off to a Muslim. Local imams preach against them, adding pressure. As a result, most converts choose to hide their faith. Ask for the Lord's blessing to be upon the small converts who generally live out their Christian faith in secret. *(Hebrews 10:36)*

Pray that Bibles and Christian literature will find their way safely to Christians, without interception from the authorities.

Pray for God to send more missionaries and evangelists into Turkmenistan. Pray for them to focus on building genuine relationship with the people. Though the soil is hard and rocky, it can become fertile if missionaries persist and persevere in their toil and have the faith to believe God for signs, wonders and miracles.

6. Central African Republic (CAR)

Leader: President Faustin Archange Touadera

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 5,017,000

Christians: 3,712,000 (73.9%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Central African Republic?

- The Central African Republic (CAR) is a majority Christian country. Most of the 15% Muslim population are in the north-eastern part of the country bordering Chad and Sudan.
- Christian communities in the CAR continue to be the target of violent attacks, despite a ceasefire between the government and 14 rival rebel groups that was signed in Rome in June 2017.
- Islamist armed groups such as the Seleka and Fulani militias have attacked Christian communities and their leaders, and burned down churches.
- The ongoing conflict in CAR since 2013 has resulted in thousands of Christians losing their homes and livelihoods, and many continue to live in camps for internally displaced people

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The persecution of Christians in CAR remains very high, with violence increasing year after year.
- Christians from Muslim backgrounds face pressure to still participate in traditional religious activities. At the most extreme end of the scale, women who have converted to Christianity may be forcibly married, impregnated or divorced.
- When Christian leaders have publicly denounced the violence, they've been threatened, and their churches ransacked and torched. Pastors are especially at risk, with some even being attacked during church services.
- Many churches have been forced to close, and Christians' homes and businesses have been destroyed. Christians are also caught in the fighting between different armed groups.

Prayer points for CAR:

Pray for President Faustin Archange Touadera. Pray for God's favor and mercy to be upon him so he can lead his nation well. Pray for peace, for stability and justice to return to Central African Republic.

Ask God to give the leadership and its representatives the wisdom and perseverance to lead and take the right path towards bringing an end to Islamist armed groups in the northern and eastern parts of the country.

Christian communities are targeted by the Seleka and Fulani militias. Pray that the Holy Spirit will embolden local believers to joyfully remain in their faith. 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)*

Most of the country is occupied by armed militia groups who are responsible for a range of human rights abuses. Ask the Lord to thwart the plans of the enemies. Pray that Christians will be given grace to forgive their persecutors and church leaders equipped to lead and minister to God's persecuted people.

The Christian Church exists under very difficult conditions. Christian leaders who speak out against corruption experience harassment and interference from the government. Ask God to strengthen Church leaders in the face of opposition, encourage them in their faith and keep them safe from harm.

Pray for a pure Gospel to be proclaimed that is devoid of syncretism and heresy. Pray for the Church to recapture the vision for evangelism of the entire country. Pray for an expansion of ministries that equip youth to decisively impact the nation for Christ. *(2 Peter 2:1)*

Denominational rifts and breakdowns between church leaders and missionaries have caused heartache, multiplied splits and isolated ministries from one another. A failure on the part of the Church leaders to demonstrate Christ-like humility and graciousness in their walk and ministry not only stunts their own fruitfulness but passes on their flaws to their congregations. Pray against the root causes that hinders Church growth. *(1 Corinthians 1:10)*

Women converts from a Muslim background can be disowned by families, forcibly married, impregnated or divorced. If their faith is widely known, the rebel groups will intervene to pressurize converts to renounce Christianity and participate in traditional religious activities.

7. Colombia

Leader: President Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 51,513,000

Christians: 49,002,000 (95.1%)

Main religion: Christianity (Catholicism)

Persecution Type: Organized corruption and crime/Clan Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Colombia?

- Colombia has risen 8 places on the World Watch List (#22), largely because of the increase in violence, including murders.
- In general, Colombian society's intolerance of churches' views on life, family, marriage and religious liberty has grown, putting pressure on many Christians.
- Armed guerrilla groups and gangs still control and fight over large parts of the national territory. Persecution from these groups intensified throughout the year, influenced by their political interest during the presidential elections.
- Indigenous people and Afro-Colombians also suffer the most violence from guerrillas, paramilitary groups, and Colombian security forces, who have committed wide human rights abuses including kidnappings, killings, and rape.
- Guerilla groups have displaced nearly 8 million Colombians since 1985 and continue to force thousands of new displacements each year.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians in rural Colombia are targets for criminal and guerilla groups and face persecution from their own indigenous communities.
- Churches are seen as a threat to their power and stability, particularly when gang members become Christians or church leaders speak out against violence and corruption.

- Church leaders are being threatened, harassed and even murdered, not to mention the mobility restrictions imposed by illegal means.
- Gang leaders target the children of Christian families, trying to recruit or abduct them to undermine the church and jeopardize the future of the Christian community.
- If recruited, young Christians are forced to take part in surveillance, extortion, trafficking, abuse and killings, or face life-long threats from the gangs. Girls are at risk of a life of sexual abuse.

Prayer points for Columbia:

Pray for President Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego. Pray for his presidency. Pray for stability and restoration of democracy. Pray, he leads a righteous government that will seek the good of all its people.

Pray for the Colombian government to overcome crime and corruption that will produce lasting benefits for the nation. Pray the leaders would seek God and walk with integrity. To give leaders divine wisdom in how to address the multiple, deep-seated issues plaguing this nation.

Pray about the decades of conflict raging in Colombia, and about the criminal organizations, drug cartels, revolutionaries and paramilitary groups who control large portions of the nation. Pray for God's peace to reign in Colombia. *(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

Christians in rural Colombia are targets for criminal groups and face persecution from their own indigenous communities. Pray for an end to the persecution of evangelical Christians in Colombia. Pray for mature leaders, deepening unity, and increased discipleship for the growing Church despite threats from guerilla groups.

Church leaders are being threatened, harassed and even murdered, not to mention the mobility restrictions imposed by illegal means. Pray specifically for the binding of these evil forces and powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution. *(Luke 10:19)*

Gang leaders target the children of Christian families, trying to recruit or abduct them to undermine the church and jeopardize the future of

the Christian community. Pray that God's people will not be discouraged or deterred by the gangs, but will be empowered afresh by the Holy Spirit to press on with all that He is calling them to be.

In many indigenous communities, there is strong opposition to sharing the gospel. Indigenous Colombians who leave their traditional beliefs to become Christians can face violence or imprisonment, be denied their basic rights, and can be driven out of their ancestral lands and left displaced. Pray for those who remain faithful to Christ despite the rejection of their own communities. Pray for strength, courage and joy for each of them. *(1 Corinthians 1:18)*

Missionaries are targets for the enemies of the gospel, both physical and spiritual. They live under constant threats of kidnapping, murder and extortion. Many areas miss out on vital ministry, since workers are forced to withdraw. Pray for courage and faithfulness for both native and expatriate missionaries.

8. Cuba

Leader: President Miguel Diaz-Canel

Government: Community State

Population: 11,306,000

Christians: 6,936,000 (61.3%)

Main religion: Christianity (Catholicism)

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia/Communist and post-Communist oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Cuba?

- Cuba has risen 10 places on the World Watch List, because of an increase in violence and pressure in all spheres of life.
- The communist regime is not tolerant of dissenting voices or any other institutions gaining influence or power.

- The dictatorial regime intensified its repressive tactics against all Christian leaders and activists that they view as opposing Communist principles.
- The state does not allow Christian's freedom of conscience on social issues and reduce the church's influence.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian activists or church leaders speaking out against corruption or political issues can be arrested and imprisoned.
- Communist Cuba has historically aimed to repress religion and reduce the church's influence. Today, this is done by refusing to register new churches or allow them to buy or use premises to meet legally.
- This forces many believers to meet illegally in unregistered house churches – if caught, they can then be fined, have their property confiscated or have their church shut down.
- Also, other Government measures include arrests, abductions, arbitrary fines, close surveillance, denials of licenses and religious visas and physical and mental abuse.

Prayer points for Cuba:

Pray for the Lord Jesus Christ to reveal Himself to President Miguel Diaz-Canel. Pray he and his family will understand the need for a Savior. Scripture says: For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? *(Mark 8: 36-38)*

Pray for those in political power in Cuba. Pray they will make the right decisions for their people, and not be driven by their communist ideologies. Pray for full religious freedom to be guaranteed in the nation.

Pray the Lord will touch all the communist leaders through His Holy Spirit to allow religious freedom for Christians. Pray that the Cuban diaspora might find Christ and influence their original homeland. Pray for reasonable reforms, freedom, forgiveness, and for every industry built on sin to be overcome by good.

Persecution remains, and is intensifying. It can come from the religious majority (Catholics) as Catholicism was the default religion before the revolution. Pray for the Catholic Church, that it might be purified, revived and established through the word of God as a place where millions will find Jesus.

Many new believers are young people. Charismatic/Pentecostal groups in particular reports say have seen spectacular growth. Pray that this dynamic faith community would be a light to the nation and have a powerful transforming effect on Cuba; the potential for positive impact is great.

Divisions among denominations offer a poor testimony, and gives ammunition for opponents of Christianity and hinder progress in evangelization. Pray for the Spirit of Unity and love to bring believers together in unity and encourage oneness in Christ Jesus their Lord. Continue to pray for unity, peace and understanding among the different denominations in Cuba. *(Mark 3:24)*

Communist Cuba has historically aimed to repress religion and reduce the church's influence. Today, this is done by refusing to register new churches or allow them to buy or use premises to meet legally. Pray for an end to hostility towards Christians, and they will be able to worship without threat or harassment.

Christian literature has been extremely hard to acquire for years and is an intense need. As the church and its leaders grow, more materials are needed. More can now be imported, but permission for local printing is difficult to obtain. Pray that the wide range of Spanish-language resources would make its way into Cuba.

The state does not allow Christians, freedom of conscience on social issues. For instance, if the state passes new legislation on marriage, churches will be forced to comply. If they don't, church leaders are likely to be monitored and threatened by the state security agency. Government measures also include arrests, abductions, arbitrary fines, close surveillance, denials of licenses and religious visas and physical and mental abuse. Pray for a change of atmosphere in Cuba to bring freedom and justice in everyday life, and strengthen the church there.

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1. Narisati (Arandui) in Afghanistan (nah-REE-sha-tay)

Population: 42,000

Main Language: Gawar-Bati

Largest Religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Narisati (Arandui) have only been reported in Afghanistan.

They live in the southern part of northern Pakistan's Chitral District, which is situated among some of the world's largest mountain peaks. This district is cut off from the rest of the country during six months of the year due to snow.

These people are divided into three subgroups, the Sniardai, Sultana, and Afghanis. They are craftsmen – woodworkers, weavers, potters, basket makers, blacksmiths and carpenters. Their skilled handiwork is put to use in every village dwelling.

Holidays and annual feasts held an important place in the clans' social lives. They praised their ancestors and danced to local-style music for entertainment. Sunni Islam and Taliban influence have largely suppressed the cultural expressions.

Sunni Islam is the practiced religion and there are no known Christian believers among them. Gawar-Bati is their heart language in which they need resources, although they do have gospel recordings. Many are bilingual in Pashto, in which there are Christian resources available.

Prayer points:

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

Pray for spiritual blindness and bondage to be removed so they can understand and respond to Lord Jesus Christ, the one who offers them life to the fullest. Pray they will not walk in darkness, but will follow Jesus, the light of life.

The district they live is cut off from the rest of the country during six months of the year due to snow. Pray God empower Christian workers to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of the Narisati tribe.

Sunni Islam and Taliban have great influence over the people. Pray God would protect those taking the gospel to this people group as they are very negative to the Gospel. Pray, for Christ-centered fellowships to be formed that will spread far and wide. *(1Peter 3:15)*

Ask the Sovereign God to break the power of Muslim religious leaders and teachers (imams and panditas) who direct religious life and teach young boys to read and memorize the Koran and give them humble hearts that will seek truth and righteousness.

Pray for the entire tribe and its families to repent together and spend the rest of their lives following Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. *(John 1:29)*

Gawar-Bati is their heart language in which they need resources, although they do have gospel recordings. Many are bilingual in Pashto, in which there are Christian resources available. Ask God for a complete Bible in their language.

2. Nara (Nialetic) in Eritrea

Population: 59,000

Main language: Nara

Largest religion: Ethnic Religion: 95.50% Christians: 4.50 %

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

The Nara have only been reported in Eritrea.

The Nara live north of the Gash River in southwestern Eritrea. They have strong builds but are generally not as tall as other related groups.

The Nara language, also called Nara, belongs to the East Sudanic branch of the Nilo-Saharan language family. There is considerable dialect variation within their four main tribal sections and even from village to village. Tigre is used for intercommunication.

The Nara economy is based on agriculture, although many people weave, trade, hunt, or breed animals to supplement their incomes.

The Nara men practice polygyny. They smoke tobacco, and, to some extent, chew the stimulant kat. They drink liquor, even in public places.

The Nara are almost exclusively Muslim, having been forcibly converted to Islam during the late 19th century. Christian workers are greatly needed to take the Gospel to the Nara of Eritrea. Bible translation in the Nara language has just begun.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will lay the Nara in the hearts of many prayer warriors. Pray that our Heavenly Father will take our prayers for them today and break down the strongholds of resistance and complacency.

Pray the word of God that they have been introduced to them by kingdom workers, would work in them and bring them out of the darkness and into the marvelous light of Christ. Pray they will become people of God by obtaining his mercy. *(1 Peter 2:9-10)*

Pray that the veil of unbelief will be removed from their spiritual eyes and the truth about the living water, which Jesus wants to flood their souls, will burst forth into their community. Pray that the Lord would protect those who work among them for the sake of the gospel.

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

Pray the few Jesus' followers will multiply as the gospel is sown like a good seed into the lives of these farmers, and there will be a great harvest of souls for those God has kept working among them. Pray the people will be like a city set on a hill and cannot be hidden.

Pray for the Nara men to delivered out of all addictions and evil habits. Pray as heads of families they will live and lead exemplary lives pleasing God and family. Pray all those that has been bound to a hopeless future will be led towards righteousness and eternal life.

Pray for a complete Bible as translation has just begun in the Nara language. Pray they will as new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that they may grow thereby. *(1 Peter 2:2)*

3. Nafusah (Jabal) in Libya (na-FOO-sah- jah-Bahl)

Population: 201,000

Main language: Nafusi

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Nafusah Jabal have only been reported in Libya.

Lying southwest of Tripoli, the rocky Jabal Nefusa Plateau rises to an elevation of about 3,000 feet. It consists primarily of limestone formations with traces of ancient volcanic activity.

Nafusah villages are often difficult to reach. There is little industrial activity in the villages. Although the Nefusa have oil presses, these are small and primitive and only active a few months of the year.

The greater part of the country is arid and unproductive; however, over the years the Nafusah have become an agricultural economy well adapted to their semi-arid environment.

Although most Libyans are Sunni Muslims, the Nafusah belong to a tiny Islamic sect called Ibadaya (an off-shoot of Kharijism).

Muslim theology equates apostasy to treason, and in most interpretations of shariah, the penalty for apostasy is death." Perhaps this explains why there are no known Nafusah Berber Christians in Libya at the present time.

Prayer points:

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

Though the Ibadis observe many fundamental Islamic practices, some of their customs are quite unorthodox. Pray as the Nafusah hear the Gospel truth, the truth will set them free.

Pray for the Nafusah Jabal people who need the gospel of Jesus Christ and a reproducing Christ-centered church. How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Pray for those who will be sent to preach and share the gospel with the Nafusah.

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

Pray for Discipleship Making Movements to begin among the Nafusah Jabal 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*)

Increased mission efforts, additional laborers, Christian broadcasts, and evangelistic literature are greatly needed to effectively reach the tribe, for Libya is very restricted to the Gospel.

Only Bible portions are available. They do not have a New Testament in their language. If they do not have a New Testament, they will not know the Gospel truth, the birth, death and resurrection of Christ, salvation and eternal life. Pray that God will reveal the truth to them

through the Holy Spirit. Pray the word that was in the beginning with God will be revealed to them.

4. Ndut in Senegal

Population: 60,000

Main language: Ndut

Largest religion: Islam 70.00% Christianity 30.00%

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

The Ndut have only been reported in Senegal. They are part of the larger Cangin people groups.

They all spoke one language, but over centuries they have distinct, separate languages. Today most of the Ndut people are fluent in the Wolof language and have integrated well into the national life. But they still continue to use and value their mother tongue and have maintained a sense of pride in their cultural uniqueness.

The Ndut are an agricultural people living in the west of Senegal near the coast. But increased desertification has made water scarce, so many have moved to Dakar (capital of Senegal), to work as teachers, masons, carpenters, domestic helpers, mechanics and other occupations.

Polygamy is practiced. One man may have up to four wives (Muslim), but traditionally will have only up to two.

Christianity came to the Ndut in the early 1800s. But in the last 40 years the area has become largely Muslim. Most claim to be Muslims but in reality, they live by their animistic worldview. It is these beliefs that need to be challenged with the Gospel.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over the Ndut people group, ask God to raise more and consistent prayer teams.

Pray for the people to see the signs of the times and give their lives completely to the Holy One, Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 5:16*)

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

Christian churches have won many converts. But churches have not insisted for separation from traditional beliefs and practices and so the converts continue to remain and retain it. Pray the converts will become a new creation in Christ for old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Pray the converts will be set apart and will completely rid themselves of their old belief system. Pray they put off their former conduct that grows corrupt and deceitful lusts and be renewed in the spirit of their mind put on the new man created according to God. (*Ephesians 4:22*)

Pray for the Lord to break down the resistance and reluctance of the Ndut to come to Christ. Pray that the Lord will send His Word to them in many forms and ways, so they can learn that anyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved.

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

Pray churches would blossom and produce a great harvest of believers. Pray for trustworthy, caring disciples to build loving relationships with the people through practical knowledge and demonstrating the love of Christ. (*Galatians 6:9*)

Praise the Lord for the Bible portions and the New Testament available in their language. Ask God to open their hearts to heed to the things said about the one true God in the Bible. Pray for more receptive hearts. (*Acts 16:14*)

5. Nyaw in Thailand

Population: 83,000

Main language: Nyaw

Largest religion: Animism/Buddhism 99.00% Christianity 1.00%

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

The Nyaw, and most other tribes now living in northern Thailand gradually migrated southward due to the pressure by the Chinese. By the tenth century, Thailand was their home.

They live along the lower slopes of the mountains. They speak various languages which come from either the Mon-Khmer or Tai group. Most of the people are bilingual, speaking both their own language and Northern Thai. Many also use the Northern Thai script.

As the tribes live in the mountainous areas of northern Thailand where they practice the slash and burn method of farming. Rice is the staple crop for most of these groups. They also raise maize and opium poppies.

The people of this region are very polite, respectful, and hospitable. The family is the basic unit of society.

Buddhism was introduced into Thailand in 329 B.C.; and today, most of the Nyaw profess to be Buddhist. Most have mixed elements of Buddhism with their traditional animistic beliefs. The people also believe that each village has a guardian spirit, as well as various spirits that are linked to the elements of nature.

Prayer points:

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

The people are afraid of evil spirits and of the spirits of their dead ancestors. In order to appease the angry spirits, they offer sacrifices.

Pray for the spiritual blindness and bondage to the evil one to be removed so the Nyaw can understand and respond to Christ.

They continue to be very superstitious and very concerned about doing everything they can to ensure that they keep evil away and enjoy good luck. Pray they who are in darkness and confusion of mind now, will become children of light and be delivered from all superstitions.

(Ephesians 5:8)

Mission workers are heavily restricted from sharing their faith as of now and evangelizing people is challenging due to the nature of their lifestyle, belief system and the country they live in. Prayer is the only key to reaching them with the message of the Cross.

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

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

Pray the 1% believers would grow in the faith and share the gospel with their families and neighbors. They need more prayers so that the subtle deceits of humanity's unseen enemy will be unmasked and that the people will find the truth of salvation.

The Nyaw need to make a way for Christ to transform their lives so they can experience life to the full. Bible, translation is needed in their primary language. Pray they hear the word of God and teachings through radio broadcasts and other resources.

6. Ndengereko in Tanzania

Population: 96,000

Main language: Ndengereko

Largest religion: Islam 98.00% Christians 2.00%

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

The Ndengereko have only been reported in Tanzania. Research indicates the people group migrated to Tanzania from West Africa.

They are a Bantu speaking tribe centralized between the Ruvu and Rufigi Rivers on the southern coast of Tanzania.

They are hard workers, and maintain their living through farming, small businesses, and serving as guides in some of Tanzania's spectacular national reserves.

They are very community oriented, living in houses made of packed mud and stick with thatched roofs, which are quickly being replaced with metal sheeting. Music is an intricate part of their lives and is woven into their social and religious events. The traditional drum beats are being combined with modern dance music.

Their primary language is Ndengereko, and their primary religion is Islam.

On the surface they primarily practice Islam but in reality, they are animistic – practicing their traditional religion. Unfortunately, Ndengerekos who decide to follow Christ usually face persecution, and most have to flee from their people.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Ndengereko 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 they will 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 outreach among the Ndengereko by other tribes. Ask the Lord to deliver the Ndengereko from the kingdom of darkness and bring them into the kingdom of His dear Son.

Pray for mission workers 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 for the Ndengereko Christians to have contact with Matumbi and Swahili Bantu believers in Christ, and that as they begin to see how broad the fellowship of the Body of Christ is, they will be strengthened to proclaim the gospel to their neighbors and families.

Pray that the Ndengereko will become deeply dissatisfied with Islam, with secularism, with materialism, with animism and witchcraft. Pray that their search for truth will lead them to Jesus, and that they will not fear what man can do to them if they choose to put their faith in Him.

Pray for the complete Bible translation in the Ndengereko language. Pray for wisdom and guidance for translators. Pray for translation efforts that have begun to progress and the work to not be hindered. Pray the project would thrive.

7. Nosu Tianba in China (Nor-soo Tee-en-bah)

Population: 110,000

Main language: Nuoso

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Nosu Tianba have only been reported in China. They are part of the Yi nationality.

Violent conflict, intertribal and interclan warfare, and the taking of slaves were some common issues among the various branches of the Nosu until recently.

The Nosu Tianba have been influenced by Chinese culture more than the other Nosu groups in Sichuan, although they still retain their traditional dress and most of their ceremonies and customs.

When preparing for war, clear rules were followed by the Tianba Nosu. War costumes were extremely colorful. The War songs were equally awe-inspiring: 'We are the famous Black Nosu! We are the tigers who eat up human flesh! We are the butchers who skin people alive! We are the supermen!' to name a few.

The religious world of the Nosu Tianba is a complicated mixture of polytheism, animism, and ancestor worship. Because of Chinese influence, elements of Buddhism and Daoism are also present.

There are no known Christian believers among them today. Catholic Father Baptistin Biron worked at Mabian, on the edge of the Nosu Tianba, in the early 1930s. "All seemed to be in place and orderly, with every necessary precaution taken.

But then a few Lolos [Nosu], controlled by another chief, possibly irked that Biron had not come to live in his territory, argued with the priest and killed him ... a victim of the savage Lolos."

Prayer points:

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

There are no known Christian believers among them today. Pray the Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed to this people as a witness, before the end comes. (*Matthew 24:14*)

Pray these polytheists 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*)

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 Mulao people who live in the region and shadow of death will see the great light dawn on them. (*Matthew 4:16*)

There are no reports of any missions happening after the Catholic priest's killing focusing on the Nosu Tianbo. Pray that the missionary work that is forbidden would gain access where the people can have a fair hearing of the gospel presented to them.

Without the guidance of Christ, these people will be lost in this life and the life to come. They need someone to go to them as Christ-bearers. Beseech the Lord to prepare workers to be ready for a new assignment from Father God.

Ask the Lord to thrust out workers like "Father Baptistin Biron" who lived and died among them. Pray for Spirit filled and compassionate mission workers to live among this people group and minister to them with the love and compassion of Christ. (*Acts 8: 4-8*)

Pray for a complete Bible to be available in the primary language Nuoso. Pray for appropriate gospel materials to be made readily available for the Nosu Tianga people.

8. Nafana Banda in Ghana (nah-FAH-nah BAHN-dah)

Population: 105,000

Main language: Nafaanra

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 75.00% Christians: 25.00%

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

The Nafana are a Senufo people living in the central north-west of Ghana and the north-east of Côte d'Ivoire.

They speak Nafaanra, a Senufo language. The Nafana people relate that they come from Côte d'Ivoire, from a village called Kakala. In 1894 a treaty with Britain enabled them to settle in Ghana and brought an end to their wanderings.

They are predominantly farmers with main cash crops of yams and calabashes. Crops for local consumption include corn, millet, beans, groundnut and okra.

The primary religion practiced by the Nafana is Folk Islam, a syncretistic belief system, with superstitious practices such as warding off spirits with incantations and magic amulets, and reciting verses of the Qur'an to bring about miraculous healings.

Something very interesting about the Nafana people, they are attracted to Christianity by processions, singing, and the Christian funeral customs, however they are put off by Christian rules about drunkenness and polygamy. They are attracted to Muslims' demonstrations of mutual loyalty and brotherly love however they are put off by the strict Muslim rules governing animal slaughter.

Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Nafana people group living in Ghana. 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 completely in Jesus the Son of God and the Savior of the world who can forgive their sins and grant them eternal life.

The Nafana struggle to leave their folk beliefs and also have two different assumptions about Christians and Muslims. Though there are Christian converts, they still falter between two opinions. Pray they will be clear minded in following and serving the one true God and not compromise to the demands of their culture. *(1 Kings 18:21)*

Pray that the darkness and hardness of heart that is keeping Nafana people captive to Satan will be illuminated by Jesus, the light of the world. Pray that those who believe in Him will no longer walk in darkness but will walk in the light of life, and that others will come to know Him too.

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 direct encounters for the Nafana men, with the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray the Spirit of God would penetrate the hearts of these men setting them free from their adulterous ways and addictions and allowing them to cry out, "Abba, Father." Pray that God will complete the good work begun in the hearts of these men through adequate discipleship. (*Philippians 1:6*)

Thank God for the complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the truth, develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith. (*Ezra 7:10*) Pray their hearts will be prepared to seek the Law of the Lord, obey and to teach the statutes and ordinances to their children.

Prayers for Revival in the Nation: United States of America

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For the kingdom is the Lord's and He rules over the nations." (Psalms 22:27-28)

Pray for the Church:

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

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

Leaders: “An awakening is needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.” Pray for God’s supernatural anointing on Pastors and spiritual leaders for boldness to always proclaim His Word in all circumstances and at all times without compromise. (*Acts 4:29, 2 Timothy 4:2-4*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Biblical literacy is a tragic issue in the church today. A recent study found that only 45% of those who regularly attend church, read the Bible more than once a week.

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law”. (*Psalm 119:18*) Pray as the psalmist did for wide-open eyes to discover many wonders in the Bible that we might not see without enhanced spiritual vision. Pray God to saturate minds with Bible truths and expect more revelations from the Lord each time they do.

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

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

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

Pray for a shift in mindset within the church. Pray for the church to move beyond half-truths and embrace the complete gospel and welcome the transformative power of the Holy Spirit for true freedom and deliverance in Christ.

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

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

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

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

heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

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

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

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

Pray for believers to walk in His ways, to walk in love, to walk in light, to walk in wisdom, to walk in newness of life, to walk in faith, to walk in Spirit, to walk in truth, to walk worthy of the Lord.

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

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

5-fold ministry gifts: Apostles, Prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Pray for ministries to be fruitful and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance. *(1Peter 4: 12-16)*

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)*

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 *Psalms 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*) Pray all worship leaders will have an anointing to understand the splendor of God’s Holiness and lead worship with that same understanding.

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)*

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

Pray 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.

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

Pray every believer by the grace of God, will deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (*Titus 2:11-13*)

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 for members of the House and Senate as they address the antisemitism, both blatant and hidden, that exists in the U.S. Congress.

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*)

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.

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*)

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

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

Parents are "both a primary influence and a gatekeeper to other influences" on their children, shockingly, only few parents intentionally

Speak to their children about beliefs and behavior based upon a biblical worldview. Pray for all parents to obey the command of God and talk to their children.

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

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

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

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

Thank the Lord for He is the father to the fatherless and husband to the widow. To restore the broken families with His wholeness and let them turn to Him for all spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. (*Psalms 146:8-9*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Education/Students/Educators and School Systems:

Pray God would lead the Department of Education as they set learning standards in place. Pray for students throughout the nation who are relying on digital and virtual learning. Ask God to eliminate the distractions in their lives that keep them from excellence.

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

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

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

Pray for a revelation of truth to be revealed to children who do not know Jesus; the truth is what sets people free. Pray for the love of God

to abound, even in times where lawlessness seems to be on the increase.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for 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.

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.”

More than 1,000 school districts across the US have adopted policies that permit or advise staff/personnel to withhold information from parents about their child's desire to identify as trans or nonbinary, according to the advocacy group Parents Defending Education.

The "Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Policies" are driving “a wedge between parents and their children.” 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.

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

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

Pray about all the threats to cut funding to public schools that won't promote transgenderism as normal, or violate privacy and safety of girls by forcing them to endure co-ed locker rooms and bathrooms to be destroyed in the name of Jesus!

Pray for Society/Social Issues /Businesses

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.

Gender Clarity: Although men, women, and children know their identity, pray they would not be blinded by a confusion about it. Ask God to lift up all those who are struggling to reconcile their thoughts and desires with the gender of their birth. Pray for God's intervention to help all of them to know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made — that their lives have a purpose exactly as God created them to be. *(Psalm 139:14-16)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gun violence/Mass shootings: Pray that all people will realize the profound impact gun violence has and does. Pray God to teach us to value all life.

Pray for 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.

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

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

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

Pray for Repentance/ Revival in India:

“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, ...” (Exodus 20:3-5)

Pray for the Government/Leaders:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Churches, Missions and Organizations:

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

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

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

Pray that the Church worldwide might rise to pray for the Indians and see them reached with the Glorious Gospel of the blessed God. Pray

that the Church will rejoice in suffering for Christ and in the strength of His promises.

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

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

Pray that the Church will be one, just as Jesus was one with His Father. Ask God to heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregants, and between denominations so that the nation may see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom he has come to save. *(John 17:21)*

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

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

Pray about the Christian Persecution:

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

Pray for Hindutva groups like VHP, RSS, Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena, Sangh Parivar, Hindu Yuva Vahini, Hindu Yuva Sangatam, Hindu

Aikya Munnani and other religious organizations for their eyes to be opened to the one and true God.

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

Anti-conversion laws are being used to target Christians in at least 10 of India's 28 states. (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh) The laws have been used to justify persecution of Christians in a variety of situations. Pray the laws will be repealed in all these other states like how it happened in Karnataka.

There are currently 89 Christian leaders imprisoned in the state of Uttar Pradesh. 18 more pastors were arrested in the state last week, on false charges of forcibly converting Hindus to Christianity, says a news report.

The local police, media, and the Hindutva supporters are trying their best to send out fabricated, tailored stories about religious conversions to suit their agenda. Attacks on churches have been reported in the past few weeks, and local media have been falsifying information about them to stir up anti-Christian sentiment.

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 Whapsi**” 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 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 Repentance/ Reconciliation/Restoration/Revival in Israel:

“He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.... The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.” (Psalms 46: 9-11)

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, 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*)

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*)

Ask the Lord God to pour out His Spirit on the whole Haredi (Ultra-orthodox) communities, as well as Israelis who call themselves traditionally Jewish saying they know about Him greatly and yet not really having a living relationship with, and personally knowing, Him.

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

Pray about the ongoing war in Israel:

It is difficult to know how to pray for Israel at this time. The frustration and anger against the unreasonable demands from Israel's allies among the nations as well as their frustration and anger at the current government's lack of a clear goal of what should happen after the war makes it hard to discern what God is saying to them. Please

pray for the Israelis to have the Holy Spirit's discernment and to not be discouraged or overwhelmed in this battle.

Beseech the Lord to give leaders on all side's wisdom leading to peace through righteousness.

Pray God to use PM Bibi Netanyahu for His glory, and strengthen him to repeatedly tell the world what Israel has to do both during, as well as after, the war in Gaza.

When **Hamas invaded Israel** from the Gaza Strip, they deliberately targeted the elderly, women and children with a premeditated plan to murder, rape, torture, and kidnap.

Beseech the Lord to help Israel reveal the sexual-terrorism against its women that was a major part of the massacre, so that at least some women's groups will openly condemn this demonic barbarism.

Ask God to reveal Himself to every survivor of the Hamas massacres and speak healing and peace into their minds and hearts.

Ask God to reveal the IDF how to destroy the extremely dangerous underground tunnels that crisscross Gaza and are filled with terrorists and explosive traps.

Pray that the fear of the Almighty God will come upon Iran's leadership as they recognize it is with Him that their proxies are fighting and that His power to destroy Israel's enemies is limitless.

Pray that their supply routes to Hamas will be cut off and their ability to provide training, weapons, funding and technological knowledge will come to an abrupt end. Pray that they will be held accountable by the international community for their part in the atrocities of October 7 and the loss of innocent life in Gaza.

Hamas is a barbaric radical Islamic terror organization whose charter calls for the mass murder of Jews. Its reporting reliability and believability are not only questionable but erroneous. Pray against the deception and lies that Hamas continues feeding the media and the nations consume as truth.

Since the beginning of the war that began after Hamas's October 7 massacre known as the "Black Sabbath", more than 10,000 missiles, rockets, mortars, and drones have been launched at Israel.

Ask God to confound every Palestinian terror organization and use their arrogance and hatred against Israel to pit them against each other.

Pray for the complete collapse of the "two-state-solution" idol and fortify Israel as it resists the pressure of many world leaders who see that as the final solution.

Ask God to raise up more people to speak truth and confront the lies of the mainstream media.

Pray Israel would respond with strength against all of its "allies" who have turned into its "enemies" as a result of it defending itself – like Turkey, Jordan, South Africa, and others. (*Job 19:14*)

Pray the innocent Palestinians in Gaza would find encouragement in *Romans 15:13*. Ask God to lift their perspective beyond their difficult circumstances to Him, so they can hold onto hope and remain resilient, even in their most challenging times.

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.

Beseech the Lord to sustain Israel's war against Arab terrorists in Judea and Samaria until all Hamas members are either captured or killed, along with any other terrorists residing there.

Pray that Israel will continue to successfully respond to escalating aggression from Iranian proxies in the region. Also beseech the Lord that both Israel and the United States will be ready should there be full-scale broadening of the war to include both Hezbollah in Lebanon as well as Iran. Pray that the Lord will bring about Israel's soon and complete victory.

Beseech the Lord to protect and strengthen Christians and churches throughout the region as they share their faith and serve with compassion.

Pray this crisis is a “new turning point,” not for escalating conflict but for a spiritual awakening? Pray God would use the October 7th attacks to convince all people that dividing His land only results in war, death and ruin, and turn them away from this anti-biblical policy for Israel.

Pray for a quick resolution to this war – one that brings an end to the suffering and paves the way for a brighter future.

Over the course of the last week, 78 Israelis and 24 foreign nationals released (97 released as part of the present deal, 5 returned/rescued earlier) from captivity in Gaza, and are expecting more to be released. Continue to pray for the remaining hostages to be released safely and without harm by the Hamas.

Lay the borders of Israel before the Lord and pray for His hedge of protection in the north, east, south and west. Pray for the men and women who guard these borders, that God will make them bold and courageous, regardless of the enemy’s plans, threats and upgraded arsenal.

Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:

Antisemitic incidents across the globe, including violent ones and online hatred, has increased significantly after October 7 massacre. 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.

Pray for the U.S. president and Israeli prime minister as they consider the options for Israel to address terrorism, and for God’s will to be accomplished in Israel and her leadership.

In the four weeks following the massacre, German police registered some 2,000 anti-Semitic incidents linked to the war against Hamas. In response, authorities have moved to boost security around Jewish institutions.

Marking the 85th anniversary of the Nazis' Kristallnacht pogrom on November 9, Chancellor Olaf Scholz vowed to protect Germany's Jews amid a "shameful" upsurge in anti-Semitism. Thank God for the position taken by the German government and cry out to Him that more and more nations will embrace that same commitment to support and protect the Jewish community and stand with the nation of Israel.

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

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

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.