

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – FEBRUARY 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. Yemen

Leader: President Rashad al-Alimi

Government: In Transition

Main religion: Islam

Population: 31,155,000

Christians: A few thousands

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Yemen?

- Yemen has risen two places on the World Watch List due to an increase in the number of reported violent incidents against Christians, such as opposition and limitations experienced by informal fellowships.
- Pressure on converts is at extreme levels in all spheres of life. Yemen is strongly tribal and tribal law prohibits members of the tribe from leaving.
- All Yemenis are affected by the humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing civil war.
- The influence of Islamic militants also adds to the already vulnerable position of indigenous Christians.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- It is extremely dangerous to be a Christian in Yemen, due to the country's strict Islamic laws and the presence of militant Islamic groups.

- Islamic extremist groups such as al-Qaeda and so-called Islamic State threaten so-called 'apostates' with death if they do not return to Islam.
- In other areas, including those controlled by Houthis, converts risk imprisonment. In detention centers, Christian detainees have reportedly suffered physical and mental torture.
- Yemeni Christian converts are at great risk of being killed, not just ostracized or expelled, by their families, clans and tribes.
- Displaying Christian symbols could lead directly to imprisonment, physical abuse or even execution.

Prayer points for Yemen:

Pray that God will touch and soften the heart of the President. Pray for his salvation.

Pray he and his cabinet might see the beauty of the gospel and the love Jesus has for them. (*Romans 10:13*) Pray for the long-awaited peace, stability, and revitalization of Yemen.

Pray that God would pour down his grace and mercy on those suffering at the hands of Muslim Extremists. Pray that God would convict the hearts of those who have been cruel. Pray that non-Christian prisoners would be struck by the faith of Christian believers and hunger to know more.

Pray that God would change the atmosphere of scrutiny and mistrust so that all Yemenis can live safely, and with openness and religious freedom.

Pray for the Spirit of God to strengthen and transform the hearts of Christ-followers to have a deep love for their enemies and pray for those who spitefully use them. (*Luke 6:28*)

Evangelism is against the law, punishable by death. Yet the Church in Yemen continues to grow, and more people are turning to Christ than ever before! Pray for the seed of the gospel that is planted in the hearts of the Yemeni tribes would yield an increased produce.

Christian men are likely to be imprisoned, detained or even killed if their faith is discovered. Imprisoned believers have reportedly suffered

physical and mental torture. Pray for brave secret believers who still choose to follow Christ, despite the imminent dangers.

A recent study found that in Yemen 60% of the male population and 35% of the female population chew “qat” every day for extended periods of their life. Pray that Yemeni people who now find temporary satisfaction from chewing qat will exchange it for the lasting joy and abundant life found in Christ!

Pray for communities in Yemen affected by conflict and displacement. Pray that God will bring peace and restoration to this nation. Pray for the millions of people in need of food and clean water. Pray that their daily needs will be met and that they will be able to receive humanitarian aid.

2. Eritrea

Leader: President Isaias Afwerki

Government: Presidential Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 3,662,000

Christians: 1,709,000 (47.0%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/ Christian denominational protectionism

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Eritrea?

- The situation in Eritrea remains unbearable for many. As in previous years, government security forces conducted many raids and hundreds of Christians were taken to detention centers.
- For 20 years, Eritrea has only recognized three official Christian denominations: Orthodox, Catholic and Lutheran, and closely monitors these churches.

- Over the years, government security forces have conducted hundreds of house-to-house raids to catch other Christians.
- Eritrea's re-integration into the international community after the lifting of the UN sanctions did not do any good for Christians or even the general public in terms of freedom.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Violence against Christians has increased slightly in the past year.
- Christians throughout Eritrea are constantly facing state-sanctioned persecution. The authorities perpetuate a stigma against believers and encourage neighbors to spy on and report on each other.
- Those becoming Christians from a Muslim background, or changing denomination from an Orthodox background, face the harshest oppression from all sides as their communities and families turn against them as well.
- Christian men and women as young as 14 are being conscripted into the armed forces to fight in the conflict. There's no time limit on military service and Eritrea does not allow conscientious objection. In fact, Christian prisoners are often 'released' into military service instead of being allowed home.

Prayer points for Eritrea:

Pray for the President. Pray that President Afwerki will allow for open diplomacy and will engage with the international community in discussion about human rights abuses.

Pray that God will bring peace to the country and soften the hearts of those in power. Pray for government acceptance of religious groups and for restoration of basic human rights and religious freedom to all Eritreans.

Since the Eritrean government outlawed religious groups (other than Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran or Islam) in 2002, many believers have been arrested. Many are imprisoned indefinitely and without trial. Conditions are often inhumane, and many inmates suffer ill-treatment, sometimes torture. Pray that the arrested would remain firm in the faith and for God's protection for them as they face difficult times ahead.

Pray that government officials will recognize that by imprisoning and killing Christians, they are persecuting Jesus Christ. (*Acts 9:4-5*)

Church services and gatherings are prevented from happening by the officials. The authorities perpetuate a stigma against believers and encourage neighbors to spy on and report about them. Pray the Children of God would be allowed to pray and worship in freedom.

Ask God to protect the secret gatherings of believers – may their meetings be places of divine encounter. Pray for wisdom, boldness and discernment for believers to know how to express their faith in society without drawing the attention of the authorities.

Muslim background converts endure the rejection of their families after they find Jesus. Pray these Christians will know the reality of their global family in Christ and will sense Christians around the world praying with them. (*1 Thessalonians 5:25*)

Ask God to reveal Himself to all those that are seeking after the real truth. Pray that more laborers will be released into the harvest. Pray that Christian workers if any will be wise and have grace to daily express God's love.

Pray for the Christian men and women as young as 14 that are being conscripted into the armed forces to fight in the conflict. Pray for the children left without parents or guardians with the security police who are monitoring them to make sure they do not receive support from the Christian community.

3. Niger

Leader: President Mohamed Bazoum

Government: Semi-Presidential Republic

Population: 26,084,000

Christians: 65,300 (0.3%)

Main Religion: Islam

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Niger?

- Niger has risen five places on the WWL. It is a Muslim-majority nation and Islam is regarded as being part of the Nigerien ethnicity.
- The presence of militant groups such as Boko Haram, Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), remains a constant threat both to the state authorities and to Christians in the country.
- In the past five years, the Sahel region has seen a huge increase in violent Islamist attacks and the government of Niger has lost a lot of territory to the jihadists.
- Conversion from Islam to any religion is considered a betrayal, and converts to Christianity face hostility from their family and community.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians face discrimination and hostility. They are rarely able to secure employment within local government services and are frequently denied promotion.
- Many converts are denied their inheritance rights as a form of punishment for leaving Islam. They may be rejected by their families, chased out of the family home or put under house arrest.
- Christians have occasionally been hindered from coming together for meetings and the legal process for the registration of churches is very long and difficult.
- The law also lacks adequate protection for Christian parents. In custody battles, the Christian parent usually loses, and the trend indicates preferential treatment towards Muslim parents.

Prayer points for Niger:

Pray for the President. Pray the Holy Spirit will lead him to Christ.
Pray that God will soften his heart and his government would soften their stance towards Christians.

Pray that God would establish good and godly leadership for this impoverished nation among the world: leaders who will serve the people and not oppress them. *(1 Timothy 2:1)*

Ask God to move inside those in power in Niger, that they would not sit idly by as attacks and violence increase, but would instead move and pass legislation to protect their people—all people.

The extremist groups, such as Boko Haram, Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), remains a constant threat both to the state and on Christians who does not adhere to their strict interpretation of Islam.

Pray that messages of God's peace and love broadcasts would be heard by radical Islamists who are perpetrating fear, and that their lives would be changed as a result.

Pray for the believers to lead a victorious Christian life in the midst of persecution; that they would be empowered to die to self and live in Christ's new life. Ask God to make His presence known to them, comforting them, reminding them that He is their God and still in control.

Pray for Christian believers from Muslim background that suffer rejection and pressure to give up Christianity. Pray they persevere and remain faithful amidst all the difficulties they will face. *(1 Peter 5:10)*

Pray for Christians that suffer discrimination and hostility and are rarely able to secure employment within local government services and are frequently denied promotion. Pray they would feel the reality that God has given them a global family of believers who prays for them.

Pray especially for women in the country who have less access to education and less chances to earn income. Pray that God would grant them courage to step out in faith when they hear his call, and pray that he would cover them in protection when they do so. Pray for God's mercy upon them and His healing for the suffering and the marginalized in society.

4. Ethiopia

Leader: Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Population: 120,813,000

Christians: 72,396,000 (59.9%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Ethiopia?

- Christianity may be the majority religion in Ethiopia, but the true situation is much more complicated.
- Christians living in certain areas and from certain backgrounds can lose everything for their faith.
- Those who become Christians from a Muslim background face very severe pressure from their communities. They are perceived as bringing shame on the family and are likely to be shunned.
- In some areas, Islamic extremist mobs have attacked churches, taking advantage of a general rise in political violence.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- People who convert to Christianity from Muslim backgrounds, particularly in the east and southeast of the country, risk harsh mistreatment from their communities.
- There is also persecution for Christians who move from a traditional Ethiopian Orthodox Church background to a Protestant, evangelical or non-traditional denomination.
- Parts of Ethiopia are tribal, and Christians in these areas are expected to take part in tribal conflict. Believers who refuse to participate may experience violent backlash from the community.
- Women face the threat of rape, forced marriage or (if married) divorce and separation from their children.

Prayer points for Ethiopia:

Pray for Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali (a Christian, from a Muslim background and Ethiopia's first Oromo Prime Minister). Pray God will establish his government and through him bring religious freedom and stability to the nation. *(1Timothy 2:2)*

Pray for leaders on all sides will renounce violence as a means of settling political disputes and will respect and uphold internationally recognized human rights.

Pray for continued unity and cooperation among Christians. Although comprising about 60% of the population, Christians are still fragmented across denominational lines. Pray for greater unity that will enable the church to bear a clearer and stronger witness to the message of redemption through Christ.

Pray for the Christian leaders. Pray that He will guide His people to respond with the wisdom from above to be powerful witnesses of His unfailing love for the Muslims and other tribal majority.

Pray that Christians from Muslim backgrounds will be equipped, encouraged and empowered to stand strong and flourish in their faith. *(Romans 8:18)* Pray they will be the salt and light that draw their own to Jesus.

Christians living near the eastern and southeastern borders are potentially in danger from the violent Islamic extremist groups present there. Pray for protection of believers as they live out their witness to Christ and face the gravest danger.

In Ethiopia's tribal culture, being ostracized by one's family or tribe makes every aspect of life difficult – such as having a livelihood or marriage. Pray when these believers experience fierce pressure to return to Islam that they would not cower. Pray for protection and endurance.

The Church is growing fast amongst the Oromo ethnic group, with over 20 million Oromo Christians already. But millions of our brothers and sisters do not have a copy of the Bible in their own language. Only 1 million Oromo Bibles have ever been printed. Pray each will soon have a copy of the life changing scriptures.

The years of Marxist rule have resulted in much deprivation and suffering. As the Church seeks to minister to the poor and needy, please pray for funding and needed resources. Also, pray for provision to maintain structures and initiatives for reaching the people with the gospel. (*Philippians 4:19*)

5. Uzbekistan

Leader: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Population: 34,382,000

Christians: 351,000 (1.0%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Uzbekistan?

- Freedom of religion remains severely restricted in Uzbekistan. Although the population is 96% Muslim, the government is staunchly secular and no religious activities beyond state-run and state-controlled institutions are allowed.
- Improvement was expected when President Mirziyoyev came to power, but this has not materialized.
- The Islamic culture is hostile towards those who convert to Christianity, and converts are likely to be pressured by their families to return to Islam.
- They may face house arrest, disinheritance, physical and verbal abuse, and eviction from the family home. In conservative regions especially in the Fergana Valley in the east, 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.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- With the exception of foreign Christians, all Christians experience some form of pressure because of their faith.
- Churches from non-traditional denominations are frequently raided, and those who attend may be threatened, arrested or fined.
- 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.
- Pastors and lay leaders of unregistered churches in particular have been insulted, beaten and humiliated.
- All religious groups are legally required to register with the authorities, but must have at least 50 members.

Prayer points for Uzbekistan:

Pray for President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. Pray for his salvation and of all the other leaders.

Uzbekistan recognizes the Russian Orthodox Church, but discriminates against other Christian denominations. Pray the government will continue to progress in its tolerance towards evangelical Christians and lift all restrictions on religious freedom.

The strict monitoring of all Christian activities has now intensified, even in the Orthodox Church. Outreach, training and youth activities are forbidden in unregistered churches. Pray for courage for church leaders under pressure from the authorities. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith and lead as a brave example to their congregations.

Church Registration is difficult. Pray for a softening of the attitude of the authorities, for courage for Christians in the country to stand firm and for Christians outside to pray and speak up against these hostile actions.

Almost every foreign Christian has been expelled. Several national pastors have been exiled, beaten, heavily fined or imprisoned. Pray for the winds of the Holy Spirit to awaken the people, and for bold kingdom workers to come back and share the Gospel again.

Beseech the Lord to defend His children who are daily persecuted by their family and community to recant their faith. Ask God to bless these converts, preserve their safety, and bring other believers into their paths that will help them grow in faith. *(Hebrews 10:36)*

Ask for more local believers to be raised up and the nation to be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the water covers the sea. *(Habakkuk 2:14)*

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

Praise God for the huge increase in people responding to the daily programs on medium and shortwave radio. Pray for the listeners, who are facing serious security threats, human rights abuses and harsh restrictions from those in authority. *(2 Corinthians 4: 8 - 12)*

6. Saudi Arabia

Leader: King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud

Government: Absolute Monarchy

Population: 35,845,000

Christians: 2,165,000 (6.0%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Saudi Arabia?

- Saudi Arabia is a highly conservative Islamic nation and other religions cannot be practiced openly.

- No official churches of any Christian denomination are allowed, and it remains one of the few countries in the world where church buildings are forbidden.
- The majority of the Christians in Saudi Arabia are foreigners who temporarily live and work in the country.
- Foreign Christians are heavily restricted from sharing their faith or gathering for worship, and any actions outside of the norm can lead to detention and deportation.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The level of persecution in Saudi Arabia is generally the same all over the country, although social control is likely to be higher in rural areas.
- Conversion from Islam to Christianity is unacceptable under Islamic law, so many live as secret believers. Those whose faith is discovered face severe pressure, especially from their families.
- Most Christians in Saudi Arabia are migrant workers from Asia and Africa. They are often exploited and poorly paid, and face discrimination because of their ethnicity, but also because of their Christian faith.
- Converts generally live out their Christian faith in secret. If discovered, men and boys are more likely to be forced out of the home, whereas women and girls are usually isolated and abused within the home. Both genders risk being killed to 'restore' the family honor.

Prayer points for Saudi Arabia:

Pray for King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud. Pray for his salvation. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all his people, to discern between good and evil like King Solomon. (*1 Kings 3:9*)

Pray for the nation as a whole to experience a revival. Pray migrant workers would be ambassadors for Christ, imploring the Saudis on Christ's behalf, to be reconciled to God.

There are also a small number of Saudi Christian converts. No country can ever be closed to the move of God. Gospel workers may be hindered in going and ministering, but God is outside all political considerations.

Ask Him to reach into the hearts of the Saudis' and reveal Himself to them in a powerful way that shakes their country and puts them on a path to following Him.

Foreign workers who convert to Christianity often live within their own national or ethnic communities and also experience the same pressure. Pray that immediate and extended families will accept and respect those who have chosen a new faith in Christ.

Foreign Christians are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith and in gathering for public worship. Those who do so risk detention and deportation. Pray they will not look on their threats, but with boldness may speak God's word.

The pressures on believers make it difficult to establish and sustain any form of Christian fellowship. Pray for believers to step up and lovingly disciple those who come to faith, despite the risks involved. Pray the new believers will begin to trust one another so that they can have fellowship and be built up in their faith. *(James 1:3)*

No one knows how many Christian converts exist in Saudi Arabia because it is too dangerous for them to reveal themselves, but missionaries and nonprofit organizations say that the number of underground believers is growing with the help of online evangelism. Pray that God will give wisdom to those who run media and internet sites which talk about Christ and the Good News.

Both men and women convert risk being killed to 'restore' the family honor. Physical violence against converts remains high, and a number of converts are forced to leave their homes. Pray for safety and support for the converts.

Women live under oppression and control from their families and society in general. Pray that God will lift their yoke of oppression and replace it with freedom found only in Christ. Pray for greater gender equality in Saudi Arabia and an end to the oppressive treatment of women. *(Isaiah 10: 27)*

7. Nicaragua

Leader: President Jose Daniel Ortega

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 6,779,000

Christians: 6,437,000 (95.0%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Nicaragua?

- The hostility facing Christians in Nicaragua has worsened, pushing the country into the top 50 of the World Watch List.
- Since protests broke out against his dictatorial rule in 2018, President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo, have forcefully sought to silence dissenting voices, especially the church given its influence in the country.
- Christian schools and TV stations have been closed, as have faith-based charities, while believers have been arbitrarily detained and prosecuted. The aim is to silence the Christian voice and make them lose credibility among the population.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Though most Nicaraguans are Christian, believers are still increasingly vulnerable to persecution.
- Churches that speak out against injustice and human rights violations by the government are viewed as destabilizing agents. This makes them a target for hostility, which can include intimidation, harassment, monitoring, arrests and attacks.
- To this day, these churches are still experiencing retribution from the government, including slander and surveillance.

- Recent elections and changes to the law have been used as a pretext to label church leaders as “terrorists” and “coup-plotters.” This has led to increasing restrictions on churches and other Christian organizations.

Prayer points for Nicaragua:

Pray for President Jose Daniel Ortega. Pray that he will have wisdom, insight and strength as he seeks to lead the nation from division to unity.

Pray he and his wife (Vice President Rosario Murillo) will commit their ways to the Lord, so their thoughts and government would be established. (*Proverbs 8:16; 16:3*) Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those in government, prompting them to see Christians in a positive light.

Praise God for the courage of Christians in Nicaragua, who have raised their voices against injustice and human rights violations. May they know that their work is not in vain. (*1 Corinthians 15:58*)

Pray that Christians will be given grace to forgive their persecutors and church leaders equipped to lead and minister to God’s persecuted people.

Pray for great wisdom and courage for the church leaders there as they minister to the traumatized and displaced and advise their people how to face this persecution.

Pray for the children of God, for if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed they suffer with Him, that they may also be glorified together. (*Romans 8:17*)

Pray that God’s people will not be discouraged or deterred following crackdowns by the government, but will be empowered afresh by the Holy Spirit to press on with all that He is calling them to be. Ask God to heal those who are hurt, strengthen the weary and protect all Christians from harm.

Violence against children is a significant issue in Nicaragua with 6 out of 10 families estimated to experience domestic violence. Pastors from 40 churches have recently received child protection training in order to create a safer environment for children. Pray for the impact of the training programme: “Men against Violence” so that many more children and young people would be protected through this and other activities of the network in Managua.

Pray for the unity of the evangelical church in Nicaragua and for an understanding that all are called to be a part of the kingdom of God and to go and make disciples of all nations. Pray for a greater sensitivity in the church towards work with the poor and marginalized, especially with prisoners, women who suffer violence, youth and adolescents at risk and indigenous people.

8. Bhutan

Leader: King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 788,000

Christians: 18,800 (2.0%)

Main religion: Buddhism

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Bhutan?

- The Buddhist monarchy, the government policies to keep Bhutan isolated, and the strong hold of Vajrayana Buddhism resulted in Bhutan being one of the world’s least-evangelized nations.
- All Bhutanese citizens are expected to follow Buddhism, which means anyone who converts to Christianity is exposed to hostility from their family and community.

- Religions, aside from Buddhism, are not recognized. Those who practice other faiths can lose their citizenship and government benefits, including free education, health care, and even access to electricity and water.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Converts to Christianity can be exposed to harsh treatment from their family and local community in attempts to pressurize them into renouncing their faith.
- Bhutanese culture is very communal, and the protection of family is crucial, so ostracism by loved ones can have an enormous impact on a convert's life and livelihood.
- No churches have official state recognition, meaning that any Christians holding a service together are technically worshipping illegally.
- Local authorities often refuse to issue Christians with a 'non-objection certificate', which is essential for things such as jobs and registering property.

Prayer points for Bhutan:

Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to King Wangchuk and the royal family for He is the “King of Kings”. Pray they might know His abounding love and power. Pray for him and the salvation of his family.

Bhutanese who become Christian face the loss of their citizenship, of other benefits - such as free education, health care, employment - and of access to electricity and water. In some instances, harassment and beatings occur.

Anyone who turns from their traditional religious beliefs can face rejection, be ostracized from family and community. Pray that those facing pressure and persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. *(1 Peter 1:7)*

Praise God for the Border ministries. Indian believers in particular, Nepalis and others, are active in evangelism and literature distribution

among the Bhutanese. Many Christians in Bhutan have come to the Lord by these means.

Pray that Bhutanese as well as Bhutanese students in India and around the world may hear the gospel and respond positively. Pray for this vision to be established and accomplished by the power of God.

Pray for Christian groups to spread the good news of the Gospel wisely and appropriately. Pray for a greater sense of unity and for more partnerships that would be effective among the ministry groups.

(Psalms 133:1)

Ask God to pour fresh encouragement into the hearts of believers in Bhutan who are feeling discouraged because of the risks that come with following Him. Give them discernment, wisdom and boldness as they seek to express and share their faith in environments that can be hostile to them.

Pray for house churches who are spied on and are not free to distribute Bibles. Pray for Scripture translation and distribution. The New Testament has been translated in Dzongha, the national language. The majority of indigenous languages have no Scriptures whatsoever. Pray for the effective spread of Christian materials in the country and at the borders.

Polygamy is more common in Bhutan. Due to this social evil, there are many broken families and deserted children. Fatherless children in Bhutan are not allowed to own property, access governmental services or obtain passports. Pray they will believe in the Almighty God who is the defender of the poor and the fatherless. *(Psalms 68:5)*

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1.Druze in Lebanon

Population: 241,000

Main Language: Arabic, North Levantine spoken.

Largest Religion: Islam 99.95% Christians: 0.05%

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

Druze refer to themselves as 'Mowahhidoon' (plural) or 'Mowahhid' (singular), which means "monotheistic".

They are commonly referred to as "Druze", a name derived from el-Drzi, the name of one of the known propagandists of the Druze religion at its beginning.

Druze are village and mountain dwellers, attached only to their individual plots of land and property. They follow a lifestyle of isolation. Conversion, both to and from their faith is forbidden.

They are monotheists. Only 20% of this people group are initiated into the Druze religion, a mixture of Islamic, Christian and ancient Greek teachings. Contrary to popular belief, the Druze aren't Muslims.

The Druze are considered to be some of the best warriors in the world because they are not afraid to die! They believe in the transmigration of the soul, and at the moment of death, the person is reincarnated into another life. They believe that heaven and hell are only spiritual in nature, not physical places.

Since the Druze do not believe in conversion into or out of their faith, they are likely to be suspicious of anyone reaching out to them with the gospel.

Prayer points:

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

The Druze believe Jesus (only to be the son of Joseph) and one among the seven major prophets. Pray that the eyes of the Druze will be opened so that they will recognize that Jesus is not the son of Joseph, but the Son of the living God.

Pray for the veil to be removed from the eyes of these spiritual wanderers. Ask God to guide their hungry, but dissatisfied hearts into a relationship with the only one who can satisfy their longing: Jesus Christ.

The Druze do not allow converts to their religion. This presents a unique challenge to believers who wish to reach this unreached people group. Only the Holy Spirit can penetrate to the level of one's heart beliefs. And only He can melt the mental barriers that guard the Druze belief system.

Pray for Christian workers to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of the Druze.

Pray that they will turn from darkness to light and realize that heaven and hell are real, that we have just one life to live on earth, and eternal life with God is only given through faith in Jesus Christ. (*John 17:3*)

There are few Christian believers among the Druze. May God empower them with the vision to reach out to their people with the gospel.

Only Bible portions are available for the Druze. Pray they have a complete Bible in their language. Pray they will understand and apply the Scriptures available to them, enabling them to be effective in their communities, affecting their culture for Christ.

2. Sanusi Bedouin in Libya (seh-NOO-see BEH-doo-in)

Population: 626,000

Main language: Arabic, Libyan spoken.

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00 %

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

The Sanusi Bedouin have only been reported in Libya.

The Sanusi are one of the most unique groups of Bedouin. They have been influenced by both the traditional nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouin

and the religious teachings of a prophet known as Sayyid Muhammad ibn' Ali as-Sanusi.

The Bedouin fall into two basic social classes. One class is known as the true Bedouin, and they live as nomadic shepherds. They travel with their tents from oasis to oasis searching for water and grass for their herds. The other group has embraced farming and is known as the fellahin.

As in most Bedouin societies, the women do most of the work, while the men tend to socialize and make plans for the group.

Almost all of the Bedouin in Libya are Sunni Muslims of the Malikite school. Evangelization efforts among them are challenging due to the harsh and unsettled nature of their lifestyle.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will lay the Sanusi Bedouin people in the hearts of many prayer warriors.

Pray that our Heavenly Father will take our prayers for them, and break down their hold on Islam, open their hearts to the good news of the Gospel. Pray for the people to be blessed with peace, joy and spiritual prosperity as they follow Jesus Christ.

Pray they will understand what it means to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord. Pray they will trust the missionaries who are willing to take the gospel to them. Only the Gospel of Jesus can bring them peace and break the bondage of sin and set them free.

Pray they will hear about the Risen Lord through radio broadcasts, gospel recordings, and from mission workers who come to share Christ's abundance with them. Boldly pray for angelic visions and dreams for their leaders that they might influence the rest of the people. (*Acts 10:3, 24*)

Getting the gospel to the Sanusi will be challenging due to their nomadic lifestyle. Pray for small churches and small groups to be

birthed and through the work of the Holy Spirit to maximize fruitfulness among this people group.

Pray the Sanusi come to see Jesus Christ as the living water, the one who can meet all their needs, both physical and spiritual. Pray that signs and miracles will show this people group that Jesus Christ is the true source of salvation. (*John 7:38*)

Pray for the availability of a complete Bible in their language. Ask God to open their hearts to heed to the things said about God and His Son Jesus Christ in the Bible. Pray for more receptive hearts. (*Acts 16:14*)

3. Mum, Bamun in Cameroon

Population: 656,000

Main language: Bamun

Largest religion: Islam/Ethnic religion 90.00% Christians: 10.00%

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

The Bamum, sometimes called, Bamun or Mum, are a grass fields ethnic group of Cameroon and have been only reported there.

Their kingdom, with its capital at Foumban in the high western grasslands of Cameroon, is ruled over by a king (*mfon*) whose position is hereditary within one of the exogamous patrilineal lineages.

The *mfon* rules with the help of his queen mother (*na*).

The Bamum are also one of the first peoples in Africa to develop a writing system under the auspices of King Njoya at the end of the 19th century.

The Bamum are noted craftsmen. The men do embroidery, weaving, leatherwork, wood carving, ivory carving, metalwork, and blacksmithing, and the women make pottery.

They believe in a supreme god who creates children, and they practice ancestor worship. They placed great emphasis on ancestral spirits

which were embodied in the skulls of the deceased ancestors. Bamum doctors practice divination by interpreting the earth spider's manipulation of marked leaves.

In modern times, most Bamum's are Muslim, and few are Christians, but both still mix their traditional practices.

Prayer points:

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

Pray that the gospel would penetrate and break their animistic/Islamic practices. (*Leviticus 18:30*)

Pray for the few Christian believers to not mix their faith, but become firmly established in the faith, and not wavering in their commitment to follow Christ.

Pray that Christians in neighboring tribes would have opportunities to share the love of Jesus with the Bamun. Pray believers would hold unswervingly to the hope they profess, for He who promised is faithful.

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

Pray for more mature church leaders to rise up from among their own people. Pray for them to be like-minded, have the same love, being of one accord of one mind. (*Philippians 2:2*)

The Bamun's place great emphasis on ancestral spirits which are embodied in the "skulls of the deceased ancestors" and hold onto them to ensure 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*)

Pray the word of God will purify and purge them as gold and silver as it is available to them. Ask God to take away their stony hearts and give them hearts of flesh. Pray they will be like the “Bereans of the Bible” in that they received the word with all readiness. (*Acts 17:11*)

4. Antaifasy in Madagascar

Population: 243,000

Main language: Malagasy, Merina

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 80.00% Christianity 20.00%

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

The Antaifasy have only been reported in Madagascar. They are an ethnic group of Madagascar inhabiting the southeast coastal region around Farafangana. Their name means "people of the sand."

Historically a fishing and farming people, many Antaifasy were heavily conscripted into forced labor and brought to Antananarivo as slaves under the 19th century authority of the Kingdom of Imerina.

Antaifasy society is historically divided into three groups, each ruled by a king and strongly concentrated around the constraints of traditional moral codes.

The majority of the population practices traditional religion, which is based upon ancestor worship. They believe there are spirits all around and have control over them.

The Antaifasy do not bury their dead but instead place them in a “*kibory*” funeral house located in a distant patch of forest. They consider the practice to be very sacred.

There is a Christian minority among them and a few Antaifasy churches, but not enough for them to have a movement to Christ. Most of them still need to hear the Gospel message.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over this indigenous 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.

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

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

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

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

It is hard for them to leave their traditional beliefs as conversion essentially equates to cultural dissimilation. Pray they would allow the light of the Holy Spirit to shine through them in such a way that others will be drawn to their Savior. *(Matthew 5:16)*

The moral codes that guide Antaifasy social life are very strict. Pray their "Kings" would have dreams and visions of Jesus that they cannot refute and will share them with their own clan members.

Thank God for the availability of the complete Bible in their main language. Pray the Helper, the Holy Spirit will teach them all things and bring to remembrance all things that is been said about Jesus Christ the Savior and every truth. *(John 14:26)*

5. Pila in Benin

Population: 462,000

Main language: Yom

Largest religion: Islam/Ethnic religion 85.00% Christianity 15.00%

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

The Pila or Kpila have only been reported in Benin. They are part of the Gur people cluster within the Sub-Saharan African affinity bloc.

They live mainly in the hot, dusty city of Djougou, Benin. Their king wields great power over the people and in villages around Djougou.

The kings of people groups in Benin hold the religious standard of their people. For the Pila, this is a strict adherence to their mix of Islam and African traditional religion.

The Pila have been resistant to the message of Jesus Christ. Although there are Christians of other ethnicities in Djougou, typically the Pila do not intermingle with them.

A mission organization called SIM is finalizing the page layout for the entire Bible in Yom (the language spoken by the Pila), and the team is recording the New Testament for an organization called "Faith Comes by Hearing." They are planning radio broadcasts in Yom with follow up for seekers.

Prayer points:

The Pila people need 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*)

Although there are Christians of other ethnicities in Djougou, typically the Pila do not intermingle with them. Pray they will understand that they can find God while they seek Him, and can call upon Him while He is near. (*Isaiah 55 :6*)

Pray for the church to be made pure, steeped in the power of prayer and having an uncompromising faith. Pray for the believers: for victory over the enemy and his schemes, for energy and strength every day, and for practical needs to be met such as peaceful home lives, and provision of daily necessities.

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

Pray for believers to be well disciplined in the faith and not engage in non-Christian practices which weaken their testimony. Good teaching and discipleship are needed in the churches, and division among the churches along church group lines should not exist.

Pray for those who practice voodoo and witchcraft to be set free from the powers of darkness. Beseech the Lord to disarm the principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness that has heavily influenced this people group and has a grip over them including the few Christians. *(Colossians 2:15)*

Thank God for the mission organization called SIM that is finalizing the page layout for the entire Bible in Yom (the language spoken by the Pila), and the team that is recording the New Testament for an organization called “Faith Comes by Hearing.” Pray God bless the work of these mission organizations.

6. Panxian Nasu in China (Pan-sheeun Nah-soo)

Population: 376,000

Main language: Nasu, Wusa

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 98.00% Christians 2.00%

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

The Panxian Nasu have only been reported in China. They are officially considered part of the Yi nationality in China.

The Panxian Nasu have lived in their present location for numerous centuries. Over the past 300 years, under pressure from an influx of Han Chinese into their areas, many Panxian Nasu living near the townships have lost the use of their language, traditional dress, and culture.

Ancestor worship is the main religion of the Panxian Nasu today.

The name Nasu means "black people." in reference to the small basket they carried around with them which supposedly contained the souls of their dead ancestors. They are trapped in a never-ending cycle of spirit appeasement.

There are Panxian Nasu believers in Longyin Township of Pu'an County. The Panxian Nasu of southern Guizhou, Yunnan, and Guangxi have had less exposure to the gospel. Bible portions and New Testament are available in their language.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Panxian Nasu people so they would accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Ask the Lord for a breakthrough, to send forth laborers into this harvest field, to preach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God.

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

Pray that the beautiful feet of evangelists from nearby people groups will hike the trails to bring the glad tidings of peace and great joy to these polytheistic people group. (*Isaiah 52:7*)

Pray the Panxian Nasu will incline their ear to wisdom and apply their heart to understanding. Pray they will not turn away from the grace of Christ. Pray they will have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Pray they may be filled with the fullness of God. (*Colossians 2:2*)

Pray God will remove all strongholds ruled by fear, legends and superstitions, restraints of animistic beliefs. Pray our Merciful God would provide fresh perspective for their lives in Him. Refresh their sight from all occult practices and spirit worship.

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

Pray for the spiritual blindness and bondage to the evil one to be removed so they can understand and respond to Christ and His calling. Pray for Christ-bearers to show that Jesus is God's mediator between God and man, and that He is essential for their salvation.

Pray today for those who are struggling to make God's Word clear and understandable in people groups where the knowledge of Christ has not broken through. Pray that soon the people will have His Word in its entirety available to them through translation and gospel recordings.

7. Tekna in Morocco

Population: 633,000

Main language: Arabic, Hassinya

Largest religion: Islam 99.99% Christians: 0.01%

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

The Tekna people are one among the Berber tribes that lives on Morocco and Western Sahara.

They were once semi-nomadic. Their yearly cycle was divided between herding camels and goats and farming.

Today the main vocation of the Tekna Berbers is settled in agriculture. While many characteristics of Berber society have survived, they have been dramatically modified by the economic and political changes of the 20th century.

The Tekna people are completely Sunni Muslims and try to live a righteous life through the Koran and the Hadith.

The Tekna depend on the spirit world for their daily needs since they regard Allah as too distant. Allah may determine their eternal salvation, but the spirits determine how well they live in their daily lives. For that reason, they must appease the spirits. They often use charms and amulets to help them with spiritual forces.

Prayer points:

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

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

Pray 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.

Pray for a holy dissatisfaction with Islam and appeasing the spirits to live well in their daily lives. Pray many are led to seek and find their Savior. Pray they will be saved, and their minds would comprehend the meaning of real salvation??

Pray the Lord, bring the blind by a way that they don't know. Lead the Tekna's in paths that they don't know. To make darkness light before them and crooked places straight and to not forsake them. *Isaiah 42:16*

Pray they can get an answer for their search for a new and better life. Ask God to reveal to them the right way, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (*Acts 2: 38*)

Thank the Lord for the Bible portions and the New Testament. Pray for a complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Gospel truth, develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith.

8. Mochi in Bangladesh (Hindu traditions)

Population: 237,000

Main language: Bengali

Largest religion: Hinduism 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Mochi people live primarily in India and Bangladesh, but there are smaller communities in Nepal and Pakistan.

They are subdivided into subgroups and clans, and there is a social ranking system between the subgroups. Any Hindu community that deals with dead matter, especially that of the cow, has low status.

The Mochi makes leather products out of raw hides. In the past, some of the Mochi were involved with removing carrion and selling the bones and hides.

Hinduism and ethnic beliefs are all a part of the Mochi's religious lives.

There are no known followers of Christ among the Mochi people in Bangladesh. It will likely require much effort and expense to reach them with the gospel message.

Prayer is the key to reaching these precious people with the Gospel. The Bible has been translated in the Bengali language.

Prayer points:

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

Pray these who are considered low in status are truly unique, made for a specific purpose: to worship the true and living God. Pray for the Lord to set them free from Hindu ideologies, and prepare them not for death, but for eternal life in Jesus Christ.

It takes time, perseverance and commitment to reach the entire society with the Gospel because of the culture and the religious influences on the group. Ask God for this precious people to see His glory, for they need to be a part of His Kingdom. *(Acts 26:18)*

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

Ask God to deliver them from the fear of performing all rituals and their obligation to appease the spirits for a better living. Ask God to give them an understanding heart about His son Jesus, His might and His power over the demons? *(Luke 11:20)*

Pray their lives would be shaped through the wisdom of scripture and by faith in a Holy God. Pray they read the word of God on a regular basis as it is available in their language. Pray for everyone who has gladly received the word to believe and be baptized.

Pray these people who are considered as having a low status to be able to improve their lot in life, with rising educational levels. Pray especially for children to gain skills to make them employable.

Prayers for Revival in the Nation: United States of America

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalms 9:17)

Pray for the Church:

Repentance: Receive the Forgiveness of God and repentance from sins. Return to the God of the Bible. All divisions removed. Unity and oneness to come back to the nation.

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

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

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

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

Pray that pastors would lead their congregation as a good shepherd. Pray they would love and care for the flock God has entrusted with.

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

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

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

Today we see a cultural shift in America wherein the Bible, once revered, is now dismissed and demeaned. **41% of the population believes the Bible, the Koran and the Book of Mormon all express the same divine truths.** Ask the Lord to pour out on the church body a deep hunger and thirst for His Word.

Pray for America's millennials (ages 24-40) Although a majority identify as Christians, only 2% hold a biblical worldview.

Pray for America's Gen Z (ages 9-24). Among American teenagers, 40% claim no religious affiliation.

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

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

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

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

Spiritual clarity: Among Americans who claim to embrace a Biblical worldview, many also believe reincarnation is possible and that Jesus is not the only way to salvation. Pray for spiritual clarity.

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*)

Unity in the Body of Christ: Pray for the Body of Christ and its leaders. Ask the Lord to grant a spirit of unity in the local church – that all may be one, just as God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are one. Pray that the members would be one in God, so the world may believe that Jesus was truly sent by God. (*John 17:21*)

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

Churches to be blessed by the 5-fold ministry gifts: Apostles, Prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

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

Pray for ministries to be fruitful and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance. (*1Peter 4: 12-16*) Pray and ask the Lord to work again like in the days of the Apostles, in mighty signs, wonders and miracles that will baffle human knowledge and understanding and that will dumbfound the scientific world.

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, pray we have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Pray all worship leaders will have an anointing to understand the splendor of God's Holiness and lead worship with that same understanding. (*Psalms 29:2*)

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

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

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

For the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit: 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*)

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 to give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (*1 Timothy 4:13*) and also to note those who

cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine they have learned and avoid them. (*Romans 16:17*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spiritual Awakening: Thank the Lord for the Asbury Revival and allowing it to spread to more college campuses. Pray Christians will be

more passionate for God than ever. Pray this Spiritual Awakening to be so powerful, that it would shape future generations, and an awakening of historic proportion.

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

Pray for the Government/Leaders/ Government affairs:

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

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

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

Pray that God would put the great Restrainer of evil, the Holy Spirit, into the White House and absolutely bind and prevent any evil from occurring there or being legislated from the American government at any level. The Bible says, "Many are the plans of a man BUT it is the counsel of God that prevails." *(Proverbs 19:21)*

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)*

Lift up the newly elected members of the 118th United States Congress. All newer members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find God’s peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to His Word.

Pray against the divisiveness that plagues the land. Humbly plead that, by His miraculous power, the members of Congress would put their agendas aside to work together in humility to serve for the good of the nation. Pray for Congress to exert efforts toward more bipartisan cooperation to solve the issues facing the nation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is a new "woke" political bias in America's military institutions. Social justice and critical race theory-focused trainings are pervading the military and are antithetical to biblical, conservative, and

traditional values that have long been part of the nation's military code.

Violence against police officers surge as Gun violence hits all-time high. The FBI and law enforcement agencies are working to stop surging violence against police officers as other violent crimes run rampant nationwide.

Pray for the law enforcement agencies in every state that God would protect them from harm and to have the strength and courage they need in every situation they face.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Family:

Foremost among the institutions here is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Pray the laws and

leaders reflect this truth and reflect God's commands about what marriage is. (*Hebrews 13: 4*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God created man in his own image...male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." *(Genesis 1:27 - 28)*

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

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

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

Divorce is of the devil; it is his handiwork. Pray and bind the power and activities of the spirits of divorce in the name of Jesus. Pray for the restoration of marriages as God intended to be.

"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.

Intercede with God for the abolition of same-sex marriages and to be completely stopped. Ask God to rise leaders to resist any effort to force people of faith to violate their consciences in order to satisfy unbiblical social mandates.

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 students **(about 77 million)** to be shielded from agendas that oppose biblical values and morality. Ask God to guard our students from those who bully or tease because of their own insecurities.

Pray NEA's ungodly stranglehold will be broken. Ask God for the revoking of the "NEA's federal charter" privilege by the government. Beseech the Lord to send those He know to go up against the city of the mighty and to pull down the stronghold in which they trust. *(Proverbs 21:22)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Society/Social Issues /Businesses

Critical Race Theory:

Pray for those who are speaking up against the CRT agenda--teachers, administrators, and parents. They need protection and support.

Encourage them to speak out--even anonymously.

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

Thank God for some state governors/parents who are protesting the introduction of controversial materials like CRT and sexually explicit books in school libraries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 and other very serious problems.

Gun violence/ Mass shootings:

Pray that all people will realize the profound impact gun violence has and does. Pray God to teach us to value all life. Pray for open doors in

school systems across the nation to receive help from Christian parents, adult volunteers, and ministry organizations.

Pray for the Media/ News Corporations/Networks:

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

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

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

Ask the Lord to provide the television, radio and print mediums with staff members and executives who are committed to accuracy and integrity. Pray that “Social-Media” shall not be a platform for propagating hatred.

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

Pray for Repentance/ Revival in India:

“For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold-sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.”
(*Isaiah 31: 7*)

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 against the corruption in the country. 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*)

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.

The world's least-evangelized people groups are concentrated in India. Of the 159 people groups of over 1 million people, 133 are unreached. 953 ethnic groups have populations greater than 10,000; of these, 205 have no church and little to no outreach from Christians. They can be found in every state, although they tend to be more concentrated in the north.

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 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.

Even amid hostility, pray that the transforming power of Christ's gospel will move across the vast nation of India in a great might, proclaiming the name of Christ as Lord and King. Pray that the Church will rejoice in suffering for Christ and in the strength of His promises.

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

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

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

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

Pray about the Christian Persecution:

Under BJP's leadership, Hindu nationalist attacks against Christians have risen, believers are given fewer rights in some areas and the

government is frequently accused of turning a blind eye to brutal attacks against religious minorities like Christians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many of those who are coming to faith are poor, converts from impoverished areas and are often accused of illegally being paid to become Christians. Pray for those who have been falsely accused of paying people to become Christians, that their names will be cleared.

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

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

Pray the newer Christian converts in India would receive courage and strength to resist the pressure to leave Jesus, and would know the great value of faithfully following 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.

Pray that God will change attitudes and practices in society to reflect His care for women and children.

Of the 400 million children, possibly up to 35 million are orphans. 11 million are abandoned (90% are girls). 3 million are homeless. Some families sell children into slavery to pay off family debts.

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

Pray for the ministries among Children and Youth and other community-based programs that are reaching out to the next generation today that God would provide for them and use them to reach many unreached youths in every part of our country.

Pray that God would strengthen them, meet their daily needs, and raise up Godly leaders who will champion their cause among the powerful.

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

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

“Let all those who hate Zion be put to shame and turned back. Let them be as the grass on the housetops, which withers before it grows up...” (Psalms 129: 5-6)

Pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel:

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

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

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

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

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

Pray the Lord would override all attempts to restart a "peace" deal based on two-states in Israel under Biden Administration. As most Western and Arab nations are dead against this pray God will give the new leaders and Israeli government courage to do what is best for Israel. (*Genesis 13:14-17*)

Pray for the Church/ Salvation of the Jewish people:

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

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

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

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

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

For Believers to not be ashamed of the Gospel but to share its saving power with everyone, Jewish People first and also to Gentiles, so they have opportunity to believe. May they be enabled to love their enemies,

and have a prophetic voice amongst their peoples, and be truly united together as the One New Man in Messiah Jesus. *(Romans 1:16)*

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Government and leaders:

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

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

Pray for each one of the prime minister's four main goals. His goals being: 1. blocking Iran [from achieving a nuclear weapon]; 2. restoring security and governance; 3. addressing the cost of living and housing problem; and 4. expanding the "circle of peace."

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

Ask the Lord that each member of the coalition will be committed to a strong and united Israel and a just government that is truly working on behalf of every Israeli citizen.

The American administration's foreign policies are very negative towards Israel, pressuring it to make anti-biblical moves. Pray the Lord arise and scatter this ungodly pressure from the US government. Ask God to give Israel, leaders who honor His Word and treasure their land.

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

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

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

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

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

Beseech the Lord to stop Islamic terrorists in their tracks. Send spirits of division and paranoia into all of Hamas and Hezbollah's ranks, as well as between their leaders and Iran's leaders. "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." (*2 Timothy 1:7*)

After a string of Palestinian terrorist attacks on Jews across Jerusalem researchers have found disturbing anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic incitement in textbooks used by the school that one of the teenage gunmen attended. Pray that young Palestinians who have been indoctrinated by those who should have had their best interests at heart will be able to see the truth that Israel is not their enemy.

Pray for Prime Minister Netanyahu and his team as they are faced with serious threats against Israel's northern border and the nation as a whole. Cry out to the Lord for wisdom and for sound military and diplomatic strategies that will protect the people of Israel. Also, pray that Israel's enemies will heed the prime minister's red line warnings.

Ask God to raise up a defense minister who will crack down on all illegal buildings that the Palestinians are doing – with EU's help.

Pray God give Israel's new leaders wisdom and boldness in dealing with its "friends" like America, who now "demand" that Israel not build or extend its sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, or the EU which has for years financed illegal Palestinian building in areas of Judah and Samaria.

Beseech the Lord to guide the next government to extend Israel's sovereignty over all the land west of the Jordan River and to build both communities and houses throughout the land.

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

Pray for its borders to be secure (*Exodus 23:31*). Pray that along Israel's dangerous borders Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza Israel's military will have success in carrying out the security strategies.

Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:

A report presented by Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs Amichai Chikli shows 68% of anti-Semitic discourse on social media originates from Palestinian or pro-Palestinian progressive circles. 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 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.

Praise God for the 70,000 people who made Aliyah in 2022. Thank Him for bringing them safely back to their ancient homeland and pray that their transition into Israeli society will be smooth and without roadblocks.

Pray that the “Jewish Agency” will be able to reach an agreement with the Russian government that will leave the door open for immigration for Russian Jews.

Israel will sign a peace agreement with Sudan later this year in Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen has announced. Cohen said the signing of a peace agreement with Sudan will help Israel establish relations with other African countries and strengthen existing ties. Thank the Lord for increasingly better relations between Israel and African nations.

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 and 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.