

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – MARCH 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. Pakistan

Leader: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 229,489,000

Christians: 4,194,000 (1.8%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Pakistan?

- Pakistan continues to be one of the countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian.
- A draft bill on forced conversion was rejected by parliament, after religious scholars had deemed it as 'anti-Islamic' and politicians had denied the need for it. The number of cases of blasphemy, which is punishable by death, continues to rise.
- Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws target religious minorities (including Muslim minorities), but affect the Christian minority in particular – roughly a quarter of all blasphemy accusations target Christians, who only make up 1.8% of the population.
- The influence of Islamic militants also adds to the already vulnerable position of the Christians.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The Christian community feels increasingly trapped between the Islamic extremist groups that operate in the region, and a government that appeases these groups. They feel vulnerable without a trusted authority to protect their rights.
- 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 addition to social hostility, Christians also experience apathy from the authorities who should protect them. The police force is more interested in appeasing local strongmen than implementing the law and protecting minorities.
- Christians are considered second-class citizens and face discrimination in every aspect of life. Jobs that are seen as low, dirty and degrading are reserved for Christians by the authorities, who continue to push them to the margins of society.
- There are growing numbers of Christian (and other minority religion) girls being abducted, abused and forcibly converted to Islam.

Prayer points for Pakistan:

Pray that God will touch and soften the heart of the President, Prime Minister and other officials. Pray for their salvation.

Pray all government officials might see the beauty of the gospel and the love Jesus has for them. (*Romans 10:13*) Pray for peace and stability of Pakistan.

Pray that Pakistan's blasphemy laws will be changed so that Christians will be safe from false accusations. Pray for the seed of the gospel that is planted in the hearts of the Pakistani's would yield an increased produce.

Currently terrorism in Pakistan is declining, however, the underlying root causes of extremism remain and haven't been properly addressed. 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.

Pakistan is the world's second-largest concentration of unengaged, unevangelized peoples and the world's second largest Muslim population. Pray that God would change the atmosphere for 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)*

Pray for the Muslim Background Believer networks to spread and fellowships to form for these believers so that they do not easily fall away. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders for these believers, and for their protection. Pray that any such movement will develop solid disciples with hearts to reach other Muslims.

Christian men are particularly vulnerable to being falsely accused under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. They are often compelled to take lower-state jobs referred to as 'chura', a derogatory word meaning 'filthy'. Pray for the brave secret believers who still choose to follow Christ, despite the imminent dangers.

Drug addiction is a massive challenge. Studies indicate up to 7 million chronic drug abusers, many of whom are university students or from the educated class. Pray for them to be delivered from the strongholds of addiction.

Pray for communities in Pakistan affected by the floods and are displaced. (Around 600,000 people are living in camps) Pray that God will bring restoration to the families. Pray that their daily needs will be met and that they will be able to receive humanitarian aid.

2. Syria

Leader: President Bashar al-Assad

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 19,365,000

Christians: 603,000 (3.1%)

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very high

What does persecution look like in Syria?

- Syria has risen three places on the World Watch List mainly because of an increase in violence.
- Christians in Syria still grapple with daily persecution that may become violent, despite the public threat from so-called Islamic State having largely subsided.
- In northern Syria, religious minorities (including Christians) are persecuted by Turkish forces and associated Islamic militias. They have been attacked, murdered, kidnapped and raped.
- Sharing the gospel is very risky, and church buildings have often been completely destroyed. The abduction of church leaders continues to have a considerably negative impact on Christian communities.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Violence against Christians has increased slightly in the past year.
- Those becoming Christians from a Muslim background, face the harshest oppression from all sides as their communities and families turn against them as well.
- A Christian woman who converts while married to a Muslim is likely to face divorce and losing custody of her children, since Sharia (Islamic law) dictates, that rights are given to the Muslim parent.
- Dozens of churches, monasteries, Christian cemeteries and other buildings vital to the Christian community were attacked, damaged or looted in the west and northeast of the country, mostly due to intense shelling by Turkish forces, or by criminals.

Prayer points for Syria:

Pray for the President. Pray he and his family will be saved.

Pray that God will bring peace and stability 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.

Thank God that, despite the dangers, brave Christians remain certain of their faith in Jesus, and are being salt and light in their communities. Pray they would remain firm in the faith and for God's protection for them as they face difficult times ahead.

Beseech the Lord to draw His children near to Him, all who suffer threats, intimidation and persecution for their faith in Him. Comfort them in their distress and heal the wounds that ongoing war has inflicted on them.

Christians are particularly under pressure in Idlib Province in the northwest and in Hasakah Province in the northeast, where so-called Islamic State has attacked civilians and churches. Pray extremists will recognize that by attacking and killing Christians, they are persecuting Jesus Christ. *(Acts 9:4-5)*

Converts are ostracized by their family and community and, in the most extreme circumstances, killed in order to restore the perceived 'honor' of the family. Pray they would remain firm in the faith and for God's protection for them as they face difficult times ahead.

Church buildings have either been demolished or repurposed as Islamic centers mostly due to intense shelling by Turkish forces and Turkish Supported Opposition, or by criminals. 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.

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.

In Syria, many of those affected by the earthquakes were already refugees internally displaced by the past 12 years of war. Ask God to comfort those grieving the loss of family and friends. Pray that his

loving presence will surround them in the face of unspeakable tragedy. Pray that those without homes will be given shelter and food and that God will grant them strength to rebuild their lives.

3. Sudan

Leader: Lieutenant-General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 45,992,000

Christians: 2,00,000 (4.3%)

Main Religion: Islam

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Sudan?

- Persecution of Christians remains at a high level in Sudan, and there are fears this will worsen amid the ongoing unrest.
- Mass protests led to the resignation of Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok in January 2022, and there are fears that Sudan will return to the authoritarian years of the former president. (Omar-al Bashir)
- This could undo the positive steps made towards religious freedom under the transitional government and may intensify the persecution against Christians.
- Social attitudes towards Christians have not changed, especially in areas outside the capital, Khartoum.
- Although the death penalty for leaving Islam has now been abolished, there are fears that this punishment could be reinstated.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Persecution of Christians has intensified, both in terms of violence and in pressures faced in various spheres of life.

- The most vulnerable Christians are those who have converted from Islam – this was once punishable by death in Sudan.
- Converts face sexual assault and domestic violence in their homes, as well as being vulnerable to imprisonment and violence.
- No real protections have been put in place for Christians and other religious minorities. Since the military coup, four churches have been closed, and confiscated churches and lands have yet to be returned to their Christian owners. Trying to build new churches is still extremely difficult.
- Church leaders are frequently targeted, including reports of drugs being falsely planted on them. Christian men and boys, particularly converts, are vulnerable to beatings, imprisonment or even murder.

Prayer points for Sudan:

Pray for the Lieutenant-General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan. Pray the Holy Spirit will lead him to Christ. Pray that God will soften his heart and the transitional government's stance towards Christians.

Pray that God would establish a good godly leadership for this nation as power is now firmly held in the hands of the military. Pray for leaders who will serve the people and not oppress them. *(1 Timothy 2:1)*

Pray for the converts 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)*

Church leaders are frequently targeted, including reports of drugs being falsely planted on them. Confiscated churches and lands are yet to be returned to their Christian owners. Pray God's people would feel the reality that God has given them a global family of believers who prays for them.

Christian women and girls in Sudan, are vulnerable to rape, forced marriage and domestic violence for their faith. 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.

Christian refugee children are confronted with "a terrible situation" in Sudanese camps. They are denied food unless they recite Islamic prayers. This is not right. Pray that the Holy Spirit might work in the hearts of those who oversee these camps that the faith of the children would be accepted and respected.

There are possibly as many as 9,000 Child soldiers still in Sudan. Many were forced to serve in the SPLA, the cultic Lord's Resistance Army or as pro-government militias. Since the war ended in the south, most are now in Darfur. Pray for more Christian ministries to serve these vulnerable children.

4. Burkina Faso

Leader: President Ibrahim Traore

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 22,103,000

Christians: 5,166,000 (23.4%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Burkina Faso?

- Burkina Faso has risen from number 32 to number 23 on the World Watch List.
- Across the country, violence against Christians is increasing, as is pressure – particularly on the church and from the community.

- Jihadist activity is expanding and many churches and Christian schools are being forced to close. The targeting and killing of Christians have created an environment of fear, with many Christians being too scared to attend church services or send their children to school.
- Jihadist groups are also replacing the government in areas that they are controlling, so have the power to withhold social services.
- Furthermore, the situation in neighboring countries like Niger and Mali is also contributing to the insecurity in Burkina Faso.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The expanding influence of jihadist groups in Burkina Faso is having a catastrophic impact on Christians.
- Believers have been targeted and killed in villages, churches and workplaces, and hundreds of churches have been forced to close, with many having been destroyed. The threat from extremist Islamic groups has even spread to cities that were previously beyond their reach.
- Christians from Muslim backgrounds face enormous pressure from families and communities to renounce their faith. Many are afraid to express their faith in public because of such threats.
- There are over a million internally displaced people in Burkina Faso, a significant number of whom are Christians who have fled the rising jihadist violence.

Prayer points for Burkina Faso:

Pray for President Ibrahim Traore. Pray God will establish his government and through him bring religious freedom and stability to the nation. *(1Timothy 2:2)*

Army Captain Ibrahim Traore, the country's interim president following a coup last year, warned that Burkina Faso's very existence is in danger from Islamist militants. Ask for Divine wisdom to direct the country's authorities so that they find a solution to the violence.

Pray that the Kingdom of God would come to Burkina Faso by the work of the Gospel accomplished through the Church, and that the works of the kingdom of darkness would be defeated. Pray that the peace of God would reign in every corner of the country, and that the glory and

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

After a long and relentless campaign of terror, much of it targeted against Christians, the militants now control more than 40% of the country. Thousands of lives have been lost as a result of the insurgency, 2 million people have been forced from their homes and, and at least 6,000 schools are shut. Cry out to the Lord to bring peace to Burkina Faso. Pray that the Lord of hosts will be a strong tower for His people. *(Proverbs 18:10).*

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.

The situation in neighboring countries like Niger and Mali are also contributing to the insecurity in Burkina Faso. A society that was very tolerant in the past has become very intolerant towards non-Muslims. Pray for protection of believers as they live out their witness to Christ and face the gravest danger.

Pray that Christians stand firm in their faith, looking to God as their Rock and their Refuge. Pray those who face the possibility of attack any time they meet for worship, who are forced from their homes and off their land, and who seem to be without any earthly protection, that the Lord will sustain them in their Christian faith.

As Mission Organizations seek to minister to the people by providing persecution survival training, relief aid, spiritual and trauma care, pray for funding and needed resources. *(Philippians 4:19)*

5. Tajikistan

Leader: President Emomali Rahmon

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Population: 9,957,000

Christians: 64,100 (0.6%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Tajikistan?

- Tajikistan's totalitarian leadership treats any perceived 'deviation' from cultural norms with suspicion. No religious activities beyond state-run and controlled institutions are allowed and religious laws that restrict religious freedom are strictly enforced.
- It has the highest percentage of Muslims in Central Asia. Christians make up only 0.6% of the population, the overwhelming majority of whom are Russian Orthodox.
- 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.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Russian Orthodox churches are registered and accepted in the country but they tend to keep themselves separate from the local population.
- Protestants in particular (who are regarded as 'extremists', unlike Orthodox Christians) face significant persecution.
- Church services are often disrupted and Christians face harassment and arrests for holding private prayer meetings or possessing 'illegal' religious material.
- Fines are imposed on Christians simply for practicing their faith. Registering non-Orthodox, non-Catholic Christian groups is effectively impossible, making all religious activities carried out by these groups technically illegal.

Prayer points for Tajikistan:

[Pray for President Emomali Rahman. Pray for his salvation and of all the other leaders.](#)

Tajikistan 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 in the Protestant churches. 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.

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

Pray for female Christian converts. Husbands have forced their wives and children out of the family home, leaving them with no shelter and nowhere to go. Pray they will be comforted with the words of our Lord, that “everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life” *(Matthew 19:29)*.

The recent national census that happened, has included a question about religious identity. There are concerns that the results – though not yet published – will be used to target Christians. Ask the Lord to protect His people, and to prepare them if necessary for increased persecution.

6. Qatar

Leader: Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani

Government: Absolute Monarchy

Population: 2,980,000

Christians: 409,000 (13.7%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Qatar?

- Qatar has dropped 16 places on the World Watch List, to number 34. The country has seen a reduction in opposition towards Christians, which is largely due to no churches being closed in 2022.
- This may be linked to the FIFA World Cup and the spotlight it put on the country's human rights record. That said, a significant number of churches closed during the pandemic have not been allowed to reopen.
- Qatar doesn't officially recognize conversion from Islam, which causes loss of status and legal difficulties concerning property and child custody.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Converts from Islam to Christianity face more severe persecution, including discrimination, harassment and police monitoring.
- Conversion from Islam is not officially recognized and is likely to lead to loss of status and legal problems in property and domestic matters.
- Expatriate Christians are not free to openly practice their faith, and telling a Muslim about Jesus can lead to prosecution and deportation.
- Expatriate churches are closely monitored and only a select number have been allowed to establish buildings. Many migrant workers have to live and work in poor conditions, and their Christian faith adds to their vulnerability.

Prayer points for Qatar:

Pray for Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. Pray for his salvation. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all people, including the expatriates in the nation. *(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 Qataris on Christ's behalf, to be reconciled to God.

Pearl diving is one of the oldest professions in Qatar and has a rich heritage. Pray that Qatari men and women will recognize the "value of Christ" that surpasses anything this world offers and will abandon all else to follow Him like the merchant. *Matthew 13:45-46 says* "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

There are also a small number of Qatari converts. No country can ever be closed to the move of God. Gospel workers may be hindered/denied visa, but God is outside all political considerations. Ask Him to reveal Himself to them in a powerful way that shakes their country and puts them on a path to following Him.

During the pandemic, all 157 church buildings were closed. Since then, 61 have reopened, with many others still closed due to a revision of meeting guidelines by the government. Qatari believers who are very small in number are forbidden from having their own churches or even entering a church. Pray that all fear felt by them will vanish and that believers will express their faith with boldness and expectation.

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.

Pray that God's Word will become readily available in Qatar in print, online, and through creative media. Pray that God will give wisdom to those who run media and internet sites which talk about Christ and the Good News.

Christian women and girls 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 and an end to the oppressive treatment of women/girls. (*Isaiah 10: 27*)

7. Indonesia

Leader: President Joko Widodo

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 279,135,000

Christians: 34,185,000 (12.2%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Indonesia?

- Indonesia has taken on a more conservative Islamic character in recent years, which puts extreme pressure on Christians, especially those from Muslim backgrounds.
- The situation for Christians in Indonesia did not change very much in the past year. While the threat of violent attacks by Islamic extremists seems to have curbed, except for 'lone wolf' attacks, violence against Christians still takes place – including some faith-based murders.
- Organized radical Muslims secretly mobilize outside people to intimidate and pressure members of minority faiths.
- Indonesia's Joint Ministerial Decree of 2006 (SKB) makes requirements for obtaining permits nearly impossible for most new churches.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Muslims who become Christian believers will likely face disapproval, intense pressure to return to Islam, verbal abuse and possibly social isolation.
- If a church is seen to be preaching and spreading the gospel, they soon run into opposition from Islamic extremist groups, especially in rural areas.
- In some regions of Indonesia, non-traditional churches struggle to get permission for church buildings, with the authorities often ignoring their paperwork.
- Married women may keep their new faith secret to avoid the threat of their husbands divorcing them. Some women are faced with lots of psychological abuse, including death threats, for practicing Christianity.

Prayer points for Indonesia:

Pray for President Joko Widodo, and all those in authority to have discernment and wisdom as they lead the people of Indonesia. Pray ultimately, they come to know Jesus and live their lives for him. Most of the leaders in high positions are Muslims since Indonesia is a Muslim majority country.

Pray for political strength for the maturing democracy to stay balanced between national unity and regional identity. Pray also for the government to act with righteousness in honoring all peoples and communities; Indonesia's history, especially recently, is characterized by discrimination, exploitation and favoritism.

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 persecuted and advise their people how to face this persecution. May they know that their work is not in vain. *(1 Corinthians 15:58)*

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.

Indonesia's Joint Ministerial Decree of 2006 makes requirements for obtaining permits nearly impossible for most new churches. Even when, new churches are able to meet the requirement of obtaining 90 signatures of approval from congregation members and 60 from area households of different religions, they are often met with delays or lack of response from officials. Pray there will be no delays in response.

40% of children never make it to middle school. Nearly three million are child laborers, often in dangerous jobs and, every year, thousands of others are trafficked for more nefarious purposes. Pray for the children's protection. Pray they will be led towards the Kingdom of God and not be hindered.

Out of the 789 people groups in Indonesia, 235 are still unreached. Pray for God to send believers to these unreached people groups to share the gospel and disciple new believers. Pray His glory would spread to every people group and they would hear of His marvelous deeds.

8. Brunei

Leader: Sultan and Prime Minister Sir Hassanal Bolkiah

Government: Absolute Monarchy

Population: 445,000

Christians: 53,500 (12.0%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Brunei?

- The growing implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) in Brunei – which applies to both Muslims and non-Muslims and has the goal of making the country fully Islamic.
- This is making it increasingly challenging for the country's tiny Christian minority to express and share their faith.
- It is estimated that Brunei has more mosques per square kilometer than any other country in the world.
- Conversion from Islam is illegal, meaning converts can face enormous pressure to renounce their faith in Jesus. Islamic oppression is the main source of persecution in Brunei.
- In general, the situation for Christians has not changed much in recent years. However, for the last few years, a slowly growing pressure on churches and their activities can be seen.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Converts from Islam face the most extreme persecution in Brunei. They can be disowned by families, separated from children, forcibly married or made to attend Islamic rehabilitation programs.
- All church activities are monitored by the authorities and surrounding community, and church leaders are warned against doing outreach or becoming too public.
- To encourage the spread of Islam, the government has been giving aid to those who become Muslims, which has led to some Christians being coerced into converting to Islam.

Prayer points for Brunei:

Pray for Jesus to reveal Himself to Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and the royal family for He is the “King of Kings”. Pray they might know Jesus' abounding love and power. Pray for the Sultan and the salvation of his family.

Pray all leaders and authorities in the Bruneian government will have a change of heart and give greater freedom to those who choose not to follow Islam.

The recent implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) – which governs non-Muslims as well as Muslims – has increased insecurity and fear among Brunei's small number of Christians. Pray for the converts for fresh faith and boldness.

Converts from a Muslim background can be disowned by families, separated from children, forcibly married or made to attend Islamic rehabilitation programs. Pray that those facing pressure and persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. *(1 Peter 1:7)*

Traditional Christian communities can worship relatively freely, all church activities are monitored by the authorities and surrounding community, and church leaders are warned against doing outreach or becoming too public. Pray that church leaders will be given wisdom as they disciple believers while navigating government restrictions and surveillance.

The penalty for evangelizing Muslims is a \$15,000 fine, up to five years in prison or both. 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 Brunei 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.

The Brunei Malay's are generally very wealthy, with many having luxurious homes and a number of cars. Pray the "pride of materialism" will not keep them away from following Jesus like the rich young ruler who had great possessions did in the Bible. *(Matthew 19:21-22)* Pray that worldly wealth would not leave them complacent in seeking spiritual truth.

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1.Pashayi in Afghanistan

Population: 128,000

Main Language: Pashai, Southwest

Largest Religion: Islam 99.99% Christians: 0.01%

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

The Southwest Pashayi, also called the Tagau, Pashai, and Pasyayi, are of the Kashmiri people cluster. They live in Afghanistan, mostly in the valleys of the Hindu Kush in northeastern Afghanistan.

The Southwestern Pashayi speak the Southwest dialect of Pashayi, which is unintelligible to other Pashayi speakers.

Pashayi are tribal people and are mostly rice farmers and herders.

To them the ideal man is one who is a proud warrior, loyal to his family, dangerous to his enemies, and always prepared to deal with a feud. Every Pashayi man carries a knife or a gun.

The Pashayi culture has a rich tradition of songs and folklore which is passed down by oral tradition. Songs are often sung about their culture and traditionally, around harvest time.

The Pashayi are Sunni Muslims. There are very few Christ followers among the Pashayi or the Southwestern Pashayi. Few Christian resources are available in their languages, and no mission agencies are permitted to enter Afghanistan except as relief workers.

Prayer points:

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

Pray that the laws in Afghanistan which restrict the preaching of the gospel will soon be changed. 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 Pashayi belief system.

The Pashayi people are Sunni Muslims, yet they depend on amulets and charms for their daily needs. Pray for the veil to be removed from the eyes of these people. Pray that they will turn from darkness to light.

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

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

Only Bible portions are available for the Pashayi. 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.

Ask God to send medical teams and humanitarian aid workers to minister to the physical needs of the South west Pashayi thereby sharing the wonderful love of Jesus to them.

2. Barawani Swahili in Somalia (swa-HEE-lee)

Population: 292,000

Main language: Swahili

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00 %

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

The name Swahili literally means "coast," and is the name given to several people groups that share a common culture (Uswahili), language (Kiswahili), and religion (Islam).

Groups of Swahili have migrated to different parts of the East African coast, and their highest populations are in Somalia and Tanzania. The Swahili has some subgroups; among them are the Barawani.

The backbone of the Swahili economy has been commerce no matter what part of Africa they live in. They worked as cross-national merchants trading spices, slaves, ivory, gold, and grain.

Since the Swahili in Somalia are predominantly Muslim, Islamic practices play a large role in their daily activities.

However, many of their traditional pre-Islamic beliefs and practices still exist. For example, they believe in many spirits, both good and evil. They also believe in the supernatural power of witches and sorcerers.

By African standards, the Swahili are economically prosperous but spiritually poor. There are no known Christ followers among them.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will lay the Barawani Swahili people in the hearts of many prayer warriors.

Like the church in Laodicea that was economically rich but spiritually needy, the Barawani Swahili are in great need of knowing the only Savior. (*Revelation 3:17*)

Pray that our Heavenly Father will take our prayers for them, and break down their hold on Islam and folk practices, 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*)

Pray for small churches and fellowship groups to be birthed and through the work of the Holy Spirit to maximize fruitfulness among this people group.

Thank the Lord for the availability of the Bible in the Swahili language. Pray the word of God will purify and purge them as gold and silver as it is available to them.

3. Kreda in Chad

Population: 154,000

Main language: Dazaga

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Kreda have been only reported in Chad. The primary language of the Kreda people is Dazaga.

They are nomadic, so they have few possessions, which they keep in simple, portable tents.

They live in a land where there are few trees, some bushes, and not much else in the way of vegetation. They have to go to wells to get their water.

The primary religion practiced by the Kreda people is Islam. Like most African Muslims, the Kreda people depend on the spirits more than they do Allah for their daily needs.

There are no Christ followers among the Kreda people. Bible portions are available in their language.

Prayer points:

Beseech the Lord to raise prayer teams who will begin to pray for the Kreda 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 that Christians from neighboring tribes would have opportunities to share the love of Jesus with the Kreda. Pray believers would hold unwaveringly 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 community. Pray they will keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Pray as these nomadic people search pasture for their cattle that their souls will thirst for salvation and righteousness. Pray the Good Shepherd will make them to lie down in green pastures and lead them beside still waters and in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. *(Psalm 23: 2-3)*

The Kreda's place great emphasis on ancestral spirits. 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 for a complete Bible. 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)*

4. Mahafaly in Madagascar

Population: 427,000

Main language: Malagasy, Tandro

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 75.00% Christianity 25.00%

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

The Mahafaly have only been reported in Madagascar. Their name means either "those who make holy" or "those who make happy", although the former is considered more likely by linguists.

The Mahafaly are believed to have arrived in Madagascar from southeastern Africa around the 12th century. They became known for the large tombs they built to honor dead chiefs and kings.

They are mainly involved in farming and cattle raising, they speak a dialect of the Malagasy language, which is a branch of the Malayo-Polynesian language group.

Mahafaly society is generally patriarchal. It is expected that male family members (fathers, sons, brothers) should live in close proximity to one another, while women are expected to move to their husband's village.

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. As in other parts of Madagascar, ancestors are venerated.

There is a Christian minority among them, but not enough for them to have a movement to Christ. Most of them still need to hear the Gospel message. Only Bible portions are available.

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 the Mahafaly who are walking in darkness now to see the great light. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

Since the Mahafaly society is generally patriarchal pray for fathers, sons and brothers to comprehend who Jesus Christ is and transfer the knowledge about Him to their families.

Pray 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. Cape Malay in South Africa

Population: 324,000

Main language: Afrikaans

Largest religion: Islam 99.50% Christianity 0.50%

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

The Cape Malay have only been reported in South Africa. The origin of the Cape Malays is Indonesia.

Their name, "Cape Malay" is not fully correct, since the Cape Malay not all have their ancestors in Java-Malaysia. Therefore, some prefer the name "Cape Muslims."

They got mixed with the population at the Cape on one hand, and on the other they lost over 300 years of history and the cultural contact to their homelands.

The homeland for the Cape Malay is still the Cape and Cape Town. There is a relatively small group of them living in the Gauteng area and Johannesburg.

Since the Cape Malay ancestors arrived as skilled workers, to this day they follow great traditions of building and tailoring. In the last years young people also went to university and became established in higher positions in business or teaching. There is a high percentage of poor Cape Malays.

The Cape Malay define themselves as Muslims. Being a Muslim is part of their identity. Some of them are very well trained and know Arabic fluently.

They are surrounded by many Christians. They also have much Christian literature and the Bible translated in different versions for their primary languages.

Prayer points:

The Cape Malay 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 Cape town, typically the Cape Malay 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*)

Beseech the Lord to prepare workers to be ready for a new assignment from Him. Ask the Lord to thrust out workers who are Spirit filled and

compassionate to live among this people group and minister to them with the love and compassion of Christ. (*Acts 8: 4-8*)

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

The Cape Malay believe that all men will give account for their actions after they die. Pray they will come to the knowledge that a man cannot give anything in exchange for his soul. Only the God of peace and His son Jesus Christ can sanctify anyone completely and preserve the spirit, soul and body. (*1 Thessalonians 5:23*)

Thank God for all the Christian literature and the Bible translated in different versions in their primary languages. 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.

6. Shui in China (Shway)

Population: 330,000

Main language: Sui

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 99.72% Christians 0.28%

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

The Shui have only been reported in China. The Shui are one of China's 55 official minorities.

Their name, which means "water" in Chinese, reflects their history. They were originally part of the Luo-yue tribe who lived along China's southeastern coast. Centuries later they were forced to migrate inland to their present mountainous location.

The Shui live in villages that are arranged according to family clans. All Shui worship their ancestors. This is considered their main religion.

Several French Catholic missionaries first went to the Shui in 1884. By the early 1900s some 30 Catholic churches and 5,000 Shui Christians existed. However, all the believers were put to death or fell away during the anti-Christian movement of 1906.

Today there are reported to be only "a small number of Christians" among the Shui. Bible portions are available in their language.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise intercessors for the Shui 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*)

Their name, means "water" in Chinese. Pray the Shui will be revealed once again the truth about Jesus Christ the "living water". Pray the water Jesus gives them will flood their souls, will burst forth and overflow into their community.

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

Pray the Shui will incline their ear to wisdom and apply their heart to understanding. Pray they will not turn away from the grace of Christ if offered a second chance. 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*)

Ancestral worship keeps them in bondage to the past and prevents them from receiving Christ, because to do so would be considered an insult to their ancestors. 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 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 the Shui will have God's Word in its entirety available to them through translation and gospel recordings.

7. Turk (Rumelian) in Bulgaria

Population: 557,000

Main language: Turkish

Largest religion: Islam 99.98% Christians: 0.02%

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

The Rumelian Turks are descendants of the Ottoman Turks who migrated from Central Asia during the 13th century and established the Ottoman Empire.

The Turks settled in Bulgarian towns and served as military personnel or administrators or worked as craftsmen.

During the communist rule in Bulgaria (from 1947 to 1989) the Turkish community suffered growing discrimination and resentment by the Bulgarian population. Thousands were beaten, imprisoned or killed and 350,000 Turks fled to Turkey.

The remaining Rumelian Turks now work in the export-oriented agricultural business.

Most Rumelian Turks in Bulgaria are Sunni Muslim, even though the communists closed most of their mosques and converted them into schools, libraries, museums, and government buildings.

Many Turks consider themselves secularists or atheists because they are frustrated with Islamic fundamentalism, corruption and hypocrisy.

They are not open to Christianity because they have had so many Christian enemies in their past.

The Turks in Bulgaria have very few opportunities to respond to the gospel. Though radio broadcasts and the Bible is available in Turkish, they need loving followers of Christ to go to them.

Prayer points:

Pray that God will raise an army in the body of Christ to pray for the Rumelian Turks, 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 Rumelian Turks 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*)

The Turks are not open to Christianity because they have had so many Christian enemies in their past. Pray for God to raise up loving Christ followers with patience and sensitivity to minister to the needs of this people and build a trust in them.

Many Turks consider themselves secularists or atheists because they are frustrated with Islamic fundamentalism, corruption and hypocrisy. Pray for a holy dissatisfaction with Islam. Pray many are led to seek and find their Savior.

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*)

Pray the hearts of the Turkish people would be stirred by a sovereign work of the Holy Spirit readying them for the time when they hear and respond to the gospel. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Turks in Bulgaria.

Thank God for the 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. Halebi (Romani) in Egypt

Population: 405,000

Main language: Arabic, Egyptian spoken

Largest religion: Islam 99.95% Christians: 0.05%

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

Halebi is an Egyptian name for Romani. The Halebi reside in the Nile delta in four tribes. They claim to come from Yemen or Syria, but this is uncertain.

There are three main Romani subgroups in Egypt: the Nawar, Ghagar and the Halebi. Some migrated to Sudan because of economic hardship.

Traditionally, the men trade in horses and the women practice folk medicine, fortune-telling and divination. They also performed music for weddings.

Today the Halebi Romani have low status in Egypt just as they did in generations past. For that reason, most have low-income jobs. Some try to disguise their identity.

The Halebi Romani people are Sunni Muslims. They believe Allah 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 is the key to reaching these precious people with the Gospel.

Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Halebi people group living in Egypt. 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. Ask the Lord to

set them free from the power of darkness, and prepare them for eternal life in Jesus Christ.

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 they read the word of God on a regular basis as it is available in the Arabic language. Pray the Spirit of God would send a “Philip” among them who will guide them to understand what they are reading.

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.

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

Leaders: “An awakening is needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.” Pray for God’s supernatural anointing on Pastors and spiritual leaders for boldness to always proclaim His Word in all

circumstances and at all times without compromise. (*Acts 4:29, 2 Timothy 4:2-4*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)*

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 for the U.S. banking System: Lift the nation's bank system to the Lord. Ask God to intervene in all the turmoil. Pray God give His wisdom to bankers, regulators, politicians, and Federal Reserve governors. To help them do what is right in His sight. Stabilize the banks and the economy.

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.

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 religions 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 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 the newly brokered diplomatic relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia will not result in a decrease in the number of Arab nations willing to establish relations with the Jewish state. Pray that China will be unsuccessful in its attempts to further its own interests, using this deal as leverage in its dealings with Moscow and Washington. Beseech the Lord for a long-term outcome that is indeed “good for the Jewish state.”

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 every soldier in the IDF who serves with integrity and a concern for human life. Ask the Lord to not only protect them physically, but also to shield them from false accusations that seek to blaspheme and malign. Pray against discouragement and that they will know that there are Christians around the world who see the truth and stand with Israel.

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:

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.

Bless the Lord for showing Himself faithful and true to bring to pass His promises of a homecoming for the Jewish people, particularly those in Russia. Pray that He will bring peace to their hearts and pave the way for them to come.

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.

Hungary is reportedly preparing to move its embassy to Jerusalem next month. Ask the Lord to remove any obstacles standing in the way of Hungary moving its embassy to Jerusalem, and pray that God will pour out His blessings over the nation and people of Hungary for their decision to bless Israel, according to His promise.

Thank God for the relations between Jerusalem and Warsaw and for the resumption of the youth delegation trips to Holocaust sites in Poland. Pray that the two nations will reach consensus on issues of political importance and beseech the Lord that the information being imparted at Poland's Holocaust sites will be truthful and not manipulated to reflect an anti-Semitic agenda.