

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – MAY 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. Iraq

Leader: Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 42,165,000

Christians: 164,000 (0.4%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Iraq?

- Although Iraq fell four places on the World Watch List, the situation of the country's Christians has not improved significantly.
- It is home to a number of traditional churches, but all are seriously affected by intolerance, discrimination and persecution from local leaders, government authorities and Islamic extremist groups.
- In central and southern Iraq, many Christians choose not to display their faith in public to avoid harassment or discrimination at work, university or when trying to cross checkpoints.
- Christian persecution has been more prevalent in Arab areas than Kurdish areas, but the influence of conservative Islam is increasing throughout the country.
- Huge numbers of Christians were driven out of their towns and villages in 2014 when so-called Islamic State (IS) attempted to establish an Islamic caliphate in the north, and many have yet to return home.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians who convert from a Muslim background face the most persecution.
- They experience intense pressure from their families, clan leaders and communities, which can lead to being expelled from the family, losing the means to get married, or being forcibly divorced and losing their inheritance and access to their children.
- Believers may be arrested and prosecuted under blasphemy laws, if they are accused of trying to convert Muslims. It's not surprising that some choose to keep their new faith a secret.
- In the Nineveh Plains region, church leaders have been kidnapped in the past; those speaking out against local militias or political leaders are particularly at risk.

Prayer points for Iraq:

Ask the Lord to transform the hearts of the leaders. Pray for them to turn their hearts towards God's call to repentance – pray that they will be reconciled to Jesus and that they will finally find God's peace.

Pray for wisdom for political leaders in Iraq. Pray they may lead the country to peace and far from corruption. Iraq is going through an economic and political crisis. The country also experiences a deterioration of security because of the presence of militias supported by Iran. Their political and military interference and their presence poses a danger to the civilians.

Iran's lower rank on the WWL compared to last year does not mean that the situation for Christians has improved, because of the tense situation it has become much more difficult to establish for which reasons people suffered persecution. Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom.

Pray for protection and safety of the civilian families on Iraqi-Turkish borders. The military ground operations of Turkey have extended to neighboring villages; the Turkish army is opening fire on the villages causing panic and fear among civilians. Since the middle of June 2022, the Turkish army has been targeting PKK, the Kurdish workers' party, who are located in the mountain areas in Iraq's northern border region.

There is a lack of legal punishment for criminals who commit “honor crimes” – harming a woman under the pretext of protecting her honor; for instance, as a punishment for immodesty. This is a factor contributing to the increase of violence and murders against women and children. Pray to end the honor crimes and pray for a society free of violations.

Pray for the Nineveh Plains region, church leaders have been kidnapped in the past and those speaking out against local militias or political leaders are particularly at risk. (*Proverbs 2:8*)

In 2014 Christians in Iraq were the main target of the so-called Islamic state. They were expelled and displaced, their house and villages were destroyed and many of them left the country. The number of Christians decreased dramatically. While thousands of them are now back, the security situation remains unstable. Pray for peace.

Ask God to heal the Christians who suffered under the Islamic State (IS – also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) from their wounds. Pray for their physical recovery. But more than that, pray for the Lord to help the victims to forgive their attackers. Pray for God to take away the anger, bitterness, and resentment in their hearts. (*Ephesians 4:32*)

Thank God for the growing faith among many Christians in Iraq. Pray for the believers 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 for secret believers to find rest in Christ. Pray that they would surrender their worries and concerns unto the feet of Jesus, and that they can fully, completely entrust their future to him. (*Matthew 11:28*)

2. Turkey

Leader: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Government: Presidential Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 85,562,000

Christians: 170,000 (0.2%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Religious Nationalism

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Turkey?

- Pressure on Christians increased very slightly, with an increase in reported violence being the main reason why Turkey has risen one place on the World Watch List.
- Although no Christians were killed during the past twelve months, a higher number of church buildings were damaged, desecrated, converted into mosques or otherwise attacked.
- In Turkey, Islam is totally blended with fierce nationalism. Aggressive rhetoric from the government has left less space for other voices and perspectives, such as Christianity.
- There is a high level of distrust towards Christians, especially in inland Turkey, making public outreach hard and resulting in high levels of societal opposition.
- During the past year, Christian asylum seekers and refugees, including converts from Islam from Iran, Afghanistan, Syria and other nations, have faced very high levels of discrimination and abuse.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Someone who openly lives out a different faith, is seen to be a disloyal Turk. Christians are therefore not regarded as full members of Turkish society.
- They have limited access to state employment and experience discrimination in private employment, especially where employers have ties to the government. Since religious affiliation is still recorded on ID cards (nowadays via electronic chip), it is easy to discriminate against Christian job applicants.
- In recent years, the government has banned foreign Christians with Turkish spouses and children from settling in the country as residents.
- Although conversion from Islam to Christianity is not legally forbidden, converts are put under pressure by their families and communities to

return to Islam. If their faith is discovered, they may be threatened with divorce and the loss of inheritance rights.

Prayer points for Turkey:

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

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

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

78 foreign pastors and their families had been deported since the beginning of 2019, often on spurious national security grounds. At present many congregations in Turkey are reliant on these ministers. Pray that efforts to train and prepare Turkish pastors and ministers will be successful, and that the Lord will raise up faithful, qualified church leaders to shepherd His flock. (*Titus 2:7-8*)

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.

Pray for a reviving work of the Holy Spirit among the 130,000 Christians from these ancient confessions who remain in Turkey of whom the majority are Orthodox, Roman Catholics.

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.

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. *(John 8:32)*

Pray for the evangelism and church planting of the past generation to carry on! There is a remarkable turning to Christ of migrants from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere who are refugees in Turkey. While ministry to Turks and Kurds is watched closely, there seems to be greater freedom to minister to these refugees.

Pray for a complete end to hostilities between the army and Kurdish separatists, and a fair resolution of the causal issues. Over 30,000 have been killed, thousands of villages razed and millions displaced and impoverished. Discrimination and desperation often drive Kurds into illegal and violent organizations such as the Kurdistan Workers' Party.

More than 50,000 people are known to have died, tens of thousands were injured and millions lost their homes when an earthquake struck in the early hours of February 6. Pray that the Lord will draw close to His people in the earthquake-affected areas and fill them with His joy, peace, and hope as they face the difficult days ahead.

Neither Turkish presidential candidate received the majority needed to secure victory in the election held on May 14, 2023. (Incumbent Recep Tayyip Erdoğan won 49.42% of the vote, while his main challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu won 44.88%)

The results mean that a run-off election will happen on May 28th, with Erdoğan currently favored to win the run-off. If Erdoğan wins the run-off, Christians can expect a continued hostile environment. Pray for the run-off elections. Pray for God's will to be done in the nation of Turkey.

3. Mali

Leader: Interim President Assimi Goita

Government: Semi- Presidential Republic

Population: 21,474,000

Christians: 490,000 (2.3%)

Main Religion: Islam

Persecution type: Islamic oppression/ Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Mali?

- Mali has risen several places on the World Watch List this year, and this is due to an increase in pressure in many different areas, particularly the government.
- Jihadists are expanding and the general situation in the country is deteriorating fast. The country has seen two coups in the recent past, which has helped the jihadists expand their power and target Christians.
- Militant Islamic extremists abduct people, including Christians, and kill them or keep them in sexual slavery. Others are put under pressure to join the groups, where they will be forcibly converted to Islam and made to fight.
- It seems that the government is only effective in major cities and those areas outside are in the hands (directly or indirectly) of jihadists who entice the youth into joining their ranks.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Islamic extremist groups took control of northern Mali, burned down churches and forced out the Christian population around ten years ago. The Christian community there has never fully recovered, and believers in that area still live with the threat of violent attacks.
- Christian missionaries and NGOs in the north cannot operate safely – there is a real danger of being attacked or abducted by extremists.
- If a Muslim background becomes a Christian, they are likely to face intense pressure and abuse from their family and the wider community to make them renounce their faith, or even be killed.
- Christians who publicly express their faith and try to share the gospel with others are likely to face arrest or retribution from extremist groups.

Prayer points for Mali:

Pray for Interim President Assimi Goita. Pray the Holy Spirit will lead him to Christ. Pray that God will soften his heart and the transitional government's stance towards Christians.

Currently Mali is dominated by Islamic extremist groups. The country has also seen two military coups. Citizens and civilian political figures are subject to violence and intimidation by the jihadists. Pray that God would establish a good godly leadership for this nation. Pray for leaders who will serve the people and not oppress them. *(1Timothy 2:1)*

Corruption is pervasive among government officials and criminal activity abound in the absence of functioning fiscal, judicial, and other institutions. Pray the rule of law will apply and be enforced across Mali, in a fair manner.

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

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. *(Philippians 1:21)*

In recent years several church leaders and other Christians have been abducted by jihadists. Malian Christians report that the government treats them as equals, and that many Muslim leaders teach against Islamic extremism. But Jihadi terrorism remains a grave danger, in Mali and its neighboring countries. Pray that the Lord will restrain the evil ones and those who threaten the safety of His children.

Militant Islamic extremists abduct people, kill them or keep them in sexual slavery. Pray against the evils of human trafficking and all who profit from human misery. Ask God to break their power and bring law, order and justice to the perpetrators. Pray for God's mercy upon them

and His healing for the suffering and the marginalized in society.
(Psalm 9:18, 113:7)

Pray earnestly for the release of Hans-Joachim Lohre, a German church minister, who was abducted by suspected Islamists in Mali's capital city, Bamako. Pray for his release in the powerful and mighty name of Lord Jesus Christ. *(Psalm 37:40)*

Pray for conditions allowing the church to flourish and that more and more of God's children in Mali will come to know Jesus; and allowing Christians, including converts to freely express their love for God.

4. Central African Republic

Leader: President Faustin Archange Touadera

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 5,017,000

Christians: 3,712,000 (73.9%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in CAR?

- Central African Republic jumped seven places to # 24 in the WWL.
- The ongoing conflict in Central African Republic (CAR) since 2013 has resulted in thousands of Christians losing their homes and livelihoods, and many continue to live in camps for internally displaced people.
- Most of the country is occupied by armed militia groups who are responsible for a range of human rights abuses.
- Christians are most at risk in the northern and eastern parts of the country, which are dominated by the Muslim population and where Séléka splinter groups are operating.

- Different armed groups, together with organized crime and corruption, are increasingly making life very difficult for Christians.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian leaders that have publicly denounced the violence, have been threatened, and their churches ransacked and torched. Pastors are especially at risk, with some even being attacked during church services.
- Christians are also caught in the fighting between different armed groups. Many Christians have fled the country or their homes.
- Those who convert from Islam are at risk of persecution from their family and local community – including forced marriage and separation from children, for women.
- Many Christian families live in extreme poverty, parents are sometimes enticed into giving their daughters in marriage in exchange for gifts, while some Christian women agree to convert to Islam to survive.

Prayer points for Central African Republic:

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

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

Pray for pastors who are unable to move freely and carry out the work God has given them, burdened by threats, actual persecution or fears for family members. Pray that their lives will shine with the light of the gospel in some very dark situations, and that they will be able to reach the people they want to minister to. *(Hebrews 13:3)*

Denominational rifts hold back cooperative efforts. Pray against the root causes. A failure on the part of leaders to demonstrate Christ-like

humility and graciousness in their walk and ministry not only stunts their own fruitfulness but passes on their flaws to their congregations. Pray for healing of past wounds, for a deeper appreciation and level of trust among the servants of God. *(Philippians 3:13)*

Thank God for so many doors opened for the Bible translation in the local languages of the Central African Republic! The Banda-Linda New Testament went to print at the end of 2022, and now the Bhogoto team are typesetting their New Testament and Psalms.

Pray for persistence and precision for the translators in each language, and the consultants who support them mainly via the internet. Pray that these will all be top quality products that will be accessible to many in written or oral format, bringing about transformation and renewal across the country.

Lift up to the Lord believers in the troubled north-eastern region of the Central African Republic. Pray that those who have lost loved ones, and congregations that has lost its minister, will be comforted by the Lord. Pray that He will bring violence to a swift end so that our brothers and sisters can live and worship in peace.

There are reports of Christian mothers being allowed to attend Christian gatherings on condition that her children are sent to the mosque. Pray for Christian mothers in CAR. Pray that these women will get the support they need. Pray that God will help them to hold on to their faith and bless their children. *(Psalms 147:13)*

Many Christian families live in extreme poverty, parents are sometimes enticed into giving their daughters in marriage in exchange for gifts, while some Christian women agree to convert to Islam to survive. Pray that Christians will be able to make a living, to provide not only for their families but also to reach out to their local communities.

5. Kyrgyzstan

Leader: President Sadyr Japarov

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Population: 6,735,350

Christians: 357,000 (5.3%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Kyrgyzstan?

- The majority population of Kyrgyzstan is Muslim and there has been a revival of Islamic practices since the country gained independence from communist Soviet rule in 1991.
- Northern Kyrgyz are more Russian-influenced, but southerners are more traditional and Islamic.
- Muslim missionaries (200 registered, many more unregistered) from several nations seek to strengthen and purify Islam. Around 2,000 mosques and prayer rooms were built between 2000 and 2005, mostly funded by foreign money.
- The close association of Kyrgyz cultural identity and Islam makes becoming a Christian a difficult decision.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Russian Orthodox Christians are generally left alone by the state as long as they do not try to influence Muslim-background Kyrgyz.
- Christians can be punished for sharing their beliefs in public and religious literature requires state censorship.
- Most persecution comes not from the authorities, but from Muslim clerics, relatives, employers and the community, especially in rural areas.
- Believers from Muslim backgrounds are persecuted by both the state and their own communities.
- The authorities monitor and raid meetings of Christian converts. They can fine, detain and imprison believers – particularly Christian leaders.
- Many Christians suffered drought and economic downturn in Issyk Kul, eastern Kyrgyzstan, one of the worst areas for anti-Christian discrimination.

- Emigration is affecting the economy and also the Church, as church leaders leave the country in search of work. Converts and church leaders are at particular risk of losing employment due to their faith.

Prayer points for Kyrgyzstan:

Pray for President Sadyr Japarov. Pray for his salvation and of all the other leaders.

Pray for the Kyrgyz people to have leadership that governs as a servant to its citizens, that is free from corruption, and that uses the nation's vast wealth for the benefit of all.

The government needs courage, resources, and even miracles to make right the economy and society. The regimes that followed Communism have so far only brought more corruption, crime, and poverty. Many people migrate from rural to urban areas, which results in large slum populations in Bishkek (Capital). Others leave the country to find work. Pray for Christians to find good, legal jobs. *(Philippians 4:19)*

Like other Central Asian countries, Kyrgyzstan 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.

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)*

There are several hundred expatriate Christians from Asia, the Americas and Europe. Most are tentmakers and need to minister with discretion. Pray these Christians will be given the same wisdom as of Apostle Paul's fellow workers "Priscilla and Aquila" who risked their own necks for the life of Paul and also held a church in their house to help other believers. *(Acts 18: 2-3, Romans 16: 3-5)*

Missionaries need to work with the goal of developing the local church so that it is strong and has a healthy relationship with the global body

of Christ. Good relationships between national and expatriate believers are also a key; several informal networks focus on unity and strategy for all believers working for God's Kingdom in Kyrgyzstan.

Registration is commonly denied to churches, and expatriate work permits are limited. Beyond growing government hostility, resurgent Islamism targets evangelicals with intimidation, property destruction and physical violence. Pray that the situation will be resolved, and that the Kyrgyz authorities will see that the church does not pose a threat to national security.

Churches must have 200 members in order to apply for registration, and the process can last for several years. Many churches, mostly small (10-20 members), are unregistered, therefore operating illegally. Pray that these tighter restrictions will not come into force. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to smaller congregations who are not at present eligible to apply for registration.

There is widespread dysfunction and brokenness in many Kyrgyz families. High rates of alcoholism, drug trafficking, gambling, and prostitution create huge challenges. Family breakdown and widespread corruption exacerbate the suffering of many. Pray for Christians to have a powerful transforming effect on society as they demonstrate Christ's love. (*Psalms 34:18*)

6. Cuba

Leader: President Miguel Diaz-Canel

Government: Communist State

Population: 11,306,000

Christians: 6,936,000 (61.3%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Communist and Post communist Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Cuba?

- Cuba has risen ten places on the World Watch List, due to an increase in violence and pressure in all spheres of life.
- The dictatorial regime intensified its repressive tactics against all Christian leaders and activists that they view as opposing Communist principles.
- Cuba's communist regime is not tolerant of dissenting voices or any other institutions gaining influence or power. The church falls into both of these camps and, as a result, Christians experience persecution from the authorities.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian activists or church leaders speaking out against corruption or political issues can be arrested and imprisoned. Others face smear campaigns against them and harassment or violence from the authorities and their sympathizers.
- The authorities compile a database of churches and pastors considered 'counter-revolutionaries', which these Christians fear will be another way to monitor and control them.
- Communist Cuba has historically aimed to repress religion and reduce the church's influence. Today, this is done by refusing to register new churches or allow them to buy or use premises to meet legally. This forces many believers to meet illegally in unregistered house churches – if caught, they can then be fined, have their property confiscated or have their church shut down.
- The state does not allow Christians' freedom of conscience on social issues. For instance, if the state passes new legislation on marriage, churches will be forced to comply. If they don't, church leaders are likely to be monitored and threatened by the state security agency.

Prayer points for Cuba:

Pray for President Miguel Diaz-Canel. Ask God to fill him with wisdom and an understanding heart to take care of all its citizens in the nation. Pray the regime would relax its surveillance and honor religious freedom. *(1 Kings 3:9)*

The government seeks to control and limit church influence. Pray that the believers in Cuba will not fear government reprisal but will stand firm in their faith and live in unconditional surrender to the Lordship of Christ.

The government also refuses to issue licenses for new churches. As a result, these churches have to operate underground. Church leaders or Christian activists can face arrest, churches can be locked down and businesses can be harassed. Pray for Church leaders and Christian activists.

The authorities compile a database of churches and pastors considered 'counter-revolutionaries', which these Christians fear will be another way to monitor and control them. Pray that all fear felt by them will vanish and that pastors will express their faith with boldness and expectation.

It's hard for Christians to get a visa to visit Cuban churches, and it's considered a 'suspicious activity' if a Cuban Christian tries to visit believers in other countries. This makes international fellowship, and getting Christian literature, very difficult.

The need for the state-appointed Council of Churches to approve Bible translations limits options and prevents good translations from being available. A new easy-to-read Spanish Bible will help make the gospel more accessible to many, but it is still difficult for many Christians to get a Bible. Pray that the wide range of Spanish-language resources would make its way into Cuba.

Christian literature has been extremely hard to acquire for years and is an intense need. As the church and its leaders grow, more materials are needed. More can now be imported, but permission for local printing is difficult to obtain. Pray for the import and distribution of Bibles into Cuba, and that everyone desperately waiting will soon experience the joy of having their own copy of God's Word.

There are over one million Cuban refugees (legal and illegal) living in the USA, predominantly Catholic. Pray that the Cuban diaspora might find Christ and have a redemptive influence on their nation of origin. Pray that their faith might shape their views and approaches to their home country.

7. Myanmar

Leader: General Min Aung Hlaing

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Population: 55,227,000

Christians: 4,421,000 (8.0%)

Main religion: Buddhism

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism/Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Myanmar?

- Myanmar has fallen two places on the World Watch List to #14, but persecution has actually got worse.
- The persecution of Christians in Myanmar continues to worsen since the military took control in February 2021.
- Fighting has increased across the country and the Christian minority is bearing the brunt of these attacks. Churches have been attacked and destroyed.
- More Christians than ever have become internally displaced people or refugees, and are living in camps or churches without adequate food and healthcare.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The daily reality is that Christians do not enjoy the same rights and legal protection as the Buddhist majority.
- Christians are often victims of violent attacks conducted with impunity. Even in predominantly Christian states like Chin State and Kayah State, long-established churches have suffered attacks and Christian aid workers and pastors have been killed.
- Government forces attack Christian villages and churches, while Buddhist monasteries remain largely untouched.
- Converts to Christianity also face threats, ridicule and physical beatings from their Buddhist, Muslim or tribal families, and are

shunned from community life. Communities that aim to stay 'Buddhist only' make life for Christian families impossible by barring their access to community water resources.

Prayer points for Myanmar:

Pray for General Min Aung Hlaing and all those in authority to have discernment and wisdom as they lead the people of Myanmar.

Pray for political strength, for the return of 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.

Pray God give His wisdom and revelation to Myanmar people, who have gone through so much suffering under the military junta. To look to Jesus Christ who understands all of their sufferings as He Himself walked through a journey of suffering. *(1 Peter 2:21)*

Lift up in prayer Christians in Myanmar who are being denied aid by the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw). Many of them Christians – who have been displaced from their homes by the ongoing violence. It is also alleged that the Myanmar authorities have refused to distribute international aid in Christian-majority Chin State. Ask that the Lord will provide for His people despite the opposition they face.

Pastors are not free to share the Gospel without fear of harassment. They must go to a village covertly and establish relationships by holding medical camps, doing relief work, working with local doctors, etc. Pray for freedom to share the Gospel.

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 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. *(Acts 8:4)*

Many families are mourning over the loss of their loved ones due to recent military air strikes across the country especially in Kachin State and Sagaing Division where many civilians were mass killed. Pray God would call Myanmar churches and Christian ministries to serve the brokenhearted using the Scripture and other different resources or tools of trauma available for healing.

According to UNICEF Myanmar, 5 million children are in dire need of humanitarian aid, 1.5 million are torn apart – children being forced to flee their homes and communities, half of Myanmar's children are growing up in poverty. Around 300,000 children are left unprotected from preventable diseases due to lack of vaccinations and live without access to clean water. 30% of children under 5, suffer from stunted growth due to malnutrition. More than a third of casualties from landmines and explosive devices are children. Pray for the children and all the hardships they endure.

Since the coup, the opium production's rise is over 33 % in Myanmar. Estimated to be the world's largest region for meth production, the Shan State eastern regions which borders the infamous Golden Triangle of China, Thailand, and Laos flood the country with narcotics. Pray that ministry group and churches will actively involve in the ministry of liberating addicts from drugs and begin a new life.

8. Laos

Leader: President Thongloun Sisoulit

Government: Communist State

Population: 7,481,000

Christians: 207,000 (2.8%)

Main religion: Buddhism

Persecution Type: Communist and Post- communist Oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Laos?

- Laos has fallen five places in the World Watch List, but not much has changed in the country. The fall is mostly because persecution worsened in other countries.
- The ruling party is communist and there is no real freedom of speech or religion. The government monitors Christian activity and exercises a high level of pressure on all Christians.
- Most Laotians consider themselves Buddhist, but rather practice a syncretistic version of Buddhism mixed with tribal animism.
- While the government-controlled Lao Evangelical Church is allowed to exist, the Communist government and Buddhist monks actively persecute Christians.
- While churches have a bit more freedom in urban areas, such as the capital Vientiane, Christians in rural areas are generally seen as outsiders or even traitors. They are often believed to anger the spirits who, according to local beliefs, can determine the village's prosperity.
- Poverty, lack of infrastructure and mountainous terrain also make evangelistic outreach a challenge.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians live under intense scrutiny and are generally viewed as Western-influenced 'enemies of the state'.
- Some churches are registered and heavily monitored, but others cannot get permission to meet and have to operate secretly. Even among the government-approved churches, few have permanent buildings of their own and have to meet in homes. The Communist authorities of Laos consider most church meetings as 'illegal gatherings'.
- Converts from a Buddhist or Ethnic-animist background face the most severe persecution, not only from the authorities, but also from their families and communities.
- Christian men are harassed in the workplace and may face discrimination for their faith. The lack of educational and professional

opportunities has contributed to Christian boys and men getting ensnared in drug addictions.

- Christian women, particularly converts and those in tribal cultures, may be forced into early marriages and Christian girls are increasingly targeted as brides to be trafficked into China.

Prayer points for Laos:

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

Pray for the government of Laos -- that those in power will continue to improve policies and activities, recognizing the need for freedom for all their citizens.

Intercede on behalf of the Christian villagers who have lost their homes and belongings because of their faith, asking God to greatly encourage them and provide for their every need. As these Laotian followers of Jesus seek answers to resolve the ongoing onslaughts perpetrated against them, pray they receive His divine guidance and provision.

Pray that this persecuted group of believers, as well as the many other faithful followers of Christ living in Laos, will be effective testaments of His grace, love and peace to those who have yet to receive His gift of eternal salvation.

Government approved Christian communities can worship relatively freely, but all church activities are monitored by the authorities and church leaders are warned against doing outreach or becoming too public. Ask God to strengthen His people to remain bold and steadfast during times of hardship. (*2 Corinthians 3:12*)

Buddhist converts can be disowned by families or reported to the local government and the village chiefs. According to local beliefs, they are often believed to anger the spirits that can determine the village's prosperity. Pray that those facing pressure/persecution for their faith will feel the Holy Spirit empowering them to stand strong. (*1 Peter 1:7*)

Persecution is intense in north western region of Laos, where the church has grown dramatically in recent years. Pray that church leaders will be given wisdom as they disciple believers while navigating government restrictions and surveillance.

Pray for Christian men in Laos as they are harassed in the workplace and face discrimination for their faith causing many to flee their villages. *(Mark 10 :29-30)*

Pray for the youth of Laos ensnared in drug addictions, for those who will work with them on social challenges, and for the Church to find a way to be relevant to this growing challenge. Pray too for God to plant a vision for youth ministry in the hearts of more church leaders and pastors, so that young believers may be trained and mobilized and to become involved in a pure sinless life.

Christian women, particularly converts and those in tribal cultures, may be forced into early marriages and Christian girls are increasingly targeted as brides to be trafficked into China. Pray for protection over women and girls in environments that can be hostile to them.

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1.Afshari in Iran

Population: 399,000

Main Language: Azerbaijani, South

Largest Religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Afshari are descendants from the larger Azerbaijani people cluster that occupies a wide area from Caucasus to the Iranian plateau.

The Afshars (sometimes spelled Avshar) are a nomadic turkic tribe which originated in central Asia and is now found in parts of Iran, Syria and Turkey.

The Afshari language is of Turkic origin and adopts some Persian words. It is also related to the Azerbaijani language.

They are well known as skilled carpet weavers. The men practice animal husbandry, while the women sell their highly prized rugs, runners and decorative pieces.

Their large families live in tents in tents hand-woven from black goat hair. They are semi-nomadic, moving between winter and summer pasture lands.

The Afshari are primarily Muslims of the Ithna Ashari tradition but there are some Hanafite Muslims as well. Those living in Iran are very resistant to the Gospel. Currently, there are no known believers among them.

Prayer points:

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

The Afshari people are devout Muslims of the Ithna Ashari tradition. 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 Afsharis. Pray God empower them with the vision to reach out to the people with the gospel.

Pray for Christ-centered fellowships to be formed that will spread far and wide. *(1 Peter 3:15)*

Pray for an abundant blessing and protection on these semi-nomadic families and communities as they embrace Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords. *(Psalms 91:14)*

Most Afshari families own a radio and a cassette recorder and are connected to the world by radio. Pray they will have access to audio

technology that can provide discipling and training tools. Ask God to open the way for quality gospel radio to be heard throughout Iran.

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

2. Southern Birifor in Ghana

Population: 212,000

Main language: Birifor

Largest religion: Ethnic-religions: 80.00% Christians: 20.00 %

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

The Birifor are found in the north west of Ghana, in the Wa region, and also in the south west of Burkina Faso. But their Birifor dialect again is different.

The language they speak is Birifor which is found in two dialects, the northern dialect, spoken in the Malba region, and the southern dialect, spoken in the Batie region.

They live in extended families, in very large mud houses. They live off the land and sometimes have small cattle and chickens. Their economy is one of exchange; on the market that takes place every fifth day, they sell their surplus goods and buy what they need.

Primary needs are economic. Harvests are not sufficient to feed the people all year round. Malaria is common.

The main religion is Animism. Mission activity took place from 1961 onward and a Protestant evangelical denomination is now established in Burkina Faso as well as in Ghana. The New Testament is translated in the northern Birifor dialect (1993) and in the Ghanaian dialect.

Prayer points:

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

Pray *Matthew 4:16* “the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned” on this people group. Pray that Jesus will appear to them in dreams and visions and draw them towards Him.

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

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

Pray for a strengthening of the church as well as greater boldness in proclaiming the Good News. Pray that the church in this region would deeply abide with the teachings of Jesus Christ and not mix any animistic practices.

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

Pray for good health care system. As Malaria is very common, pray they will look unto Jesus for healing for the scripture says (*Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:24*) “who took on our infirmities and bore our sicknesses on Himself” and “by whose stripes we are healed.”

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

3. Nyambo, Ragwe in Tanzania

Population: 785,000

Main language: Nyambo

Largest religion: Ethnic Religions 55.00% Christians: 45.00%

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

The Nyambo or Ragwe are a Bantu ethnic and linguistic group based in the Karagwe District of Kagera Region in far northwestern Tanzania.

Their primary language is Nyambo.

The Nyambo or Ragwe were/are cattle herders, and so cows were a measure of wealth and power. Iron production also played a key part in the economic balances within the kingdom.

The Ragwe are exonomous, marrying people outside their immediate clan, they are patria-lineal and maintained divisions of labor based on clan membership.

Individual villages usually centered around an extended family and were controlled by royally appointed governors, some of whom were women.

Their religious ideas are closely tied to their king. The king, like the smelter, is responsible for maintaining a productive and fertile kingdom.

There is no Bible available in their language.

Prayer points:

Beseech the Lord to raise prayer teams who will begin to pray for the Nyambo or Ragwe 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 and syncretistic practices. *(Leviticus 18:30)*

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

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

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

Pray for Christian believers to fall on their knees and seek the face of the God on behalf of other brothers and sisters in their community. God wants for every one of his creations to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, and also be filled with all the fullness of God.

(Ephesians 3:19)

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.

The Ragwe's religious ideas are closely tied to their King as they exercise control on their society. Pray their outlook will be changed to place their faith on the "Lamb who has overcome this world, as He is called the Lord of lords and King of kings and those who are with Him are called, chosen and faithful."

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

4. Kedayan in Malaysia

Population: 384,000

Main language: Brunei

Largest religion: Islam 94.00% Christianity 6.00%

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

The Kedayan are residing in Brunei, Labuan, Sabah, and parts of Malaysian state of Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

The Kedayan are Malay-speaking and Muslim agriculturalists. Despite their language and religious affiliations with the ethnic Malay majority, the Kedayans are closer in status to the animistic, interior tribal groups because of a number of their similar cultural practices.

The Kedayans are experts in making traditional medicines. They also have a reputation for specializing in medicinal plants which they grow to treat a wide range of ailments and to make tonics.

The Kedayan beliefs include Islam, Animism, and ancestor worship.

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. Bible translation is needed in their language.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over this frontier people group ask God to raise more and consistent prayer teams. Pray for the people to see the signs of the times and give their lives completely to the Holy One, Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

Pray that new Discipleship Making Movements will begin among them that will transform their communities and families, bringing God's

blessings. Pray they be strengthened by the feeling that “Greater is He that is in them than he who is in the world.” (*1 John 4:4*)

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

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

5. Algerian Arabs in France

Population: 472,000

Main language: Arabic, Algerian -speaking

Largest religion: Islam 99.40% Christianity 0.60%

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

The lives of the French Algerians are vastly superior to the one of the Arabs who live in the North Africa. Most of the Algerians fled poverty and repression in Algeria to live in peaceful, prosperous France.

They continue to speak Algerian Arabic at home and French with others.

Most French Arabs would fit into the lower or lower middle class of the nation as shop keepers, factory workers, construction workers, restaurant employees, and agricultural workers. As they gain more education and job skills they are moving into the middle and upper classes.

Algerian Arab society is paternalistic. The husband controls the family with the wife and children submitting to his authority.

Most French Algerian Arabs are Sunni Muslims, the largest branch of Islam. More and more young Algerian people are becoming secularized

in France. Their Islam is becoming more cultural rather than religious. Bible portions and the New Testament are available in their language.

Prayer points:

The French Algerian Arabs 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*)

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

Ask God to open the spiritual eyes of the Algerian Arabs in France as they hear about Isa al Masih. (Jesus Christ) Pray they will understand their good works will not get them right with God. God forgives sins and grants eternal life only through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus or Isa.

Pray that the Lord sends French believers to build friendships with Arabs and tell them the good news about Jesus. Pray the Lord raises up a Disciple Making Movement among the Algerian Arabs in this decade.

The Algerian Arabs need to see biblical Christianity as not just the Europeans' religion but as their own as well. Pray that leaders in the French Arab community would be willing to investigate the claims of Christ.

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

Pray for the complete Bible translation in their language as only Bible portions and New Testament are available. Pray their lives would be shaped through the wisdom of scripture and by faith in a Holy God. Pray they read or hear the word of God available to them.

6. Nong Zhuang in China (Nung Zhoo-ung)

Population: 546,000

Main language: Zhuang, Nong

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 99.80% Christians 0.20%

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

The Nong Zhuang have only been reported in China. The people group live in southeastern Yunnan Province.

The Nong Zhuang, who call themselves Pu Nong or Pu Day ("Pu" meaning "people" or "tribe"), are known to surrounding ethnic groups as "Nongzu" or "Longzu"

Most members of this ethnic group continue to speak a unique Central Taic language, though some young people who group up in or near cities only speak Chinese.

The Nong Zhuang have a long history of contact with the Han Chinese, but they maintain their own distinctive culture. Their religion is Animistic and also incorporates ancestor worship.

Animal sacrifices and other offerings and ceremonies are conducted through a male shaman in order to try to bring prosperity and ward off evil spirits. Female mediums channel spirits during trances to tell fortunes and give advice.

The Nong Zhuang have been sedentary rice-paddy farmers for millennia. Their villages are usually located in river valleys along water sources. In addition to agriculture, the Nong Zhuang work in government, local commerce and as wage laborers.

The vast majority of Nong Zhuang people have never heard a clear presentation of the Good News. Today there are reported to be only "a very small number of Christians" among the Nong Zhuang. Bible portions are available in their language.

Prayer points:

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

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

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

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

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

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 for signs and wonders to happen among them and for great breakthroughs with a rapid multiplication of disciples and house churches. *(2 Corinthians 12:12)*

Pray the Nong Zhuang will have God's Word in its entirety available to them through translation and gospel recordings.

7. Toukaleur Fulani in Senegal

Population: 705,000

Main language: Pulaar

Largest religion: Islam 99.95% Christians: 0.05%

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

The Toukaleur Fulani are located in the Futa Toro region of northeastern Senegal, West Africa.

The Toukaleur Fulani are related to the Fulani people and speak a Fulani dialect. Fulani tribes are often grouped and named according to their locations and dialects.

The Toukaleur Fulani consist of primarily two groups: the semi-nomadic peoples and the nomadic peoples. The Toukaleur Fulani primarily farm, fish, and raise livestock for their livelihood.

The village is the principal focus of activity for the Toukaleur Fulani. Local disputes are handled by the village headman, who lives in the central court, and the imam (Muslim leader) from the mosque. A supreme chief serve as the head of a cluster of villages.

Virtually all of the Toukaleur Fulani are Muslims. Fulani are expected to follow a code of high moral behavior known as Pulaaku. Pulaaku extols virtues such as kindness, bravery, patience, tolerance, perseverance, honesty, diligence, generosity, and dignity.

Bible portions and New Testament are available in their language.

Prayer points:

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

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

Pray for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts and turn them from their indifference towards Christ for it is written "that God shows no

partiality, but in every nation, whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” *(Acts 10:34-35)*

Pray 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.

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)*

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

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

Pray the Fulani’s eyes will be opened to the above said truth as they are expected to follow a code of high moral behavior known as “Pulaaku” which they cannot do it on their own, they need Jesus.

Pray for the complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Gospel truth as the New Testament is available in their language. Pray they develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith.

8. Zaghawa in Chad and Sudan

Population in 2 countries: 298,000

Main language: Zaghawa

Largest religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Zaghawa (also spelled Zakhawa) are an ethnic group of eastern Chad and western Sudan, including Darfur.

They have their own language, which is also called Zaghawa, and the breed of sheep that they herd is called Zaghawa by the Arabs. They are semi-nomadic and obtain much of their livelihood through herding cattle, camels and sheep and harvesting wild grains.

While they are not very powerful in Sudan, they politically dominate Chad. The current president, Idriss Déby and several former prime ministers of Chad are Zaghawa, as well as many other members of the government. Thus, the Chadian Zaghawa are among the richest and most influential people of Chad.

However, in Sudan, the Zaghawa are caught up in the Darfur crisis, and have suffered much loss from the troubles there. The Zaghawa of Sudan are among the peoples living in the refugee camps in Darfur and eastern Chad.

In the 1940s, the Zaghawa began to turn to Islam from Animism en masse as a result of the Tijani Muslim missionaries from West Africa who were traveling through their area to make the pilgrimage to Mecca.

Prayer is the key to reaching these precious people with the Gospel. Bible translation has just begun in their primary language.

Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Zaghawa people group living in the Chad and Sudan. Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among them.

Ask God for this precious people to see His glory, for they need to be a part of His Kingdom. (*Acts 26:18*)

Pray for whole households to be reached for Jesus, much like what happened in the book of Acts when Peter won Cornelius and his family

to Christ and Paul and Silas won the Philippian jailer and his household to the Lord.

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

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

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

Pray for the Zaghawa that are caught up in the Darfur crisis, and have suffered much loss from the troubles there. Many of them are living in refugee camps. Pray for their peace and provision.

Ask the Lord that the Zaghawa will soon have recordings of Bible stories in their language. Pray God would speed the translation project that has begun and spread His Word among them.

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Prayers for Revival in the Nation: United States of America

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

Pray for the Church:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beseech, the Lord to place in them a true hunger for God's Word so they desire to know the Scripture, study it responsibly, teach it reverently, share it boldly, and live it faithfully as if it's the food that sustains them and the very air they breathe. Help them to recognize

the difference between human philosophy and Godly wisdom by being diligent to study the Word, “rightly dividing the word of truth.” (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Churches to have peace and be edified, walking in fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Pray it be strengthened in its faith and increase in numbers daily. (*Acts 9:31*)

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

Acts 4:12 says “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Pray for understanding and spiritual clarity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pentecost: The global church will celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, May 28. the event found in the book of Acts in which Jesus's followers received the Holy Spirit. ‘When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place’ (*Acts 2:1*)

Pray at this Pentecost there would be an undeniable explosion of power in every nation that each person would be washed afresh with the precious Holy Spirit. Pray in Jesus' name every family, every church, every ministry, every city, every community, every nation, be baptized anew with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

Pray for outpourings of God's Holy Spirit that result in individual and corporate transformation, including personal holiness, greater love of neighbor, and boldness to proclaim the gospel of Jesus.

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. Ask God to remove unforgiveness and anger from the hearts and help to love one another with a love of Christ.

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

Same-sex Marriage: About six-in-ten adults (61%) express a positive view of the impact of same-sex marriage being legal, including 36% who

say it is very good for society. Roughly four-in-ten have a negative view (37%), with 19% saying it is very bad.

Intercede with God for the abolition of same-sex marriages and for these practices 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 all students to be shielded from agendas that oppose biblical values and morality. Ask God to guard our students from those who bully or tease because of their own insecurities.

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

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

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

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

Praise Report: An innovative education program is offering children who attend public school the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and helps them to build their faith – all during school hours.

“LifeWise Academy” offers religious instruction during the school day and so far, 14,000 students are seeing their lives changed by the curriculum. The organization points out it's all completely constitutional because the US Supreme Court has allowed for off-campus Bible education, even during school hours.

The program is growing in communities across the country says its founder and CEO. LifeWise, isn't the only group providing this off-site, Bible-based schooling. Educators, community leaders, and parents are jumping at the opportunity to bring these types of programs to their communities.

“Bible2School” is another organization that teaches the Bible to public school kids during their school day.

Praise God and Pray for more organizations to arise and spread the word of God in the public schools across all states in the nation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ask God by the Blood of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit to cut the webs of witchcraft and anything blinding the people of the Lord.

(Ecclesiastes 4:12). Pray for God to close all the doors that bring foreign and occult worship cultures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drug Overdoses: The **fantanyl** 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 fantanyl. 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 for all the various arms of the government to work for all the citizens of India, rather than serving the interests of the rich and powerful alone.

Pray 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, ICCA, AEFI, IEM, UESI, Gospel for Asia, YWAM, OM, CMS, Scripture Union, AG missions, FGPC missions, CNI & CSI, World Vision, Compassion India, etc. to name a few.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray about the Christian Persecution:

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

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

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

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

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 for the state of Manipur:

This month, a terrible crisis unfolded there. 400 churches burned and 70 from the Christian-majority Kuki tribal group have been killed in anti-Christian violence that has raged in Manipur, India, since May 4. Over 66,000 innocent people (mostly believers) were driven from their homes by angry Hindu mobs. These violent crowds embrace a truly

dangerous ideology, that Christianity should be eliminated throughout India.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray about Idolatry/ Family/ Social and Other issues:

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

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

Pray that generations will bond together. Pray for fathers and mothers to rise and accept their place as authority figures who will boldly, yet

lovingly give direction to the younger generation. Pray for a covenant to unite the generational ages together with strong affection, one for another. (*Malachi 4:6, Proverbs 31:25-26, 28*)

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

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

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

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

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

Vacation Bible School: VBS is conducted through Churches and Mission Organizations during the summer break. Pray for God's protection and provision for all the ministry groups involved. Pray for a curriculum that lays foundational truths that help kids understand who Jesus is and why they need a personal Savior.

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:

*“For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell for I have desired it.”
(Psalms 132: 13-14)*

Pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel:

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Church/ Salvation of the Jewish people:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Government and leaders:

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

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

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

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

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

Concerning both the budget and the judicial reform, ask God to change Israeli politicians' hearts if necessary, granting flexibility and the ability for godly compromise where needed, but stiffen their resolve to stand firm when doing that is in line with His will.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray that the IDF will be successful in crippling the operations of any and all terrorist groups in Lebanon and Syria who are responsible for attacks on Israel. Pray for an end to Hamas's presence on Israel's northern border and beseech the Lord that there will be no further rocket fire from the north.

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

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

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

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

Thank God for restoring peace for the citizens of Israel. At the same time, beseech Him to bring a permanent solution to the Palestinian groups in Gaza sparking a seemingly endless cycle of violence followed by a negotiated cease-fire—only to repeat the same pattern months later. Also ask for God's physical and emotional protection over the Israelis who live near the Gaza border and bear the brunt of these attacks.

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

Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:

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.

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

80% of the schools in East Jerusalem follow the curriculum of the Palestinian Authority, which means they are not supervised by the Israeli school system. Unfortunately, this means that the education is often anti-Jewish, and glorifies violence against Jews. Pray for the children who attend these schools. Pray that God will work a miracle in their lives that keeps them from joining in the hatred.

Bless the Lord for the warming ties between Israel and Sweden. Pray that Foreign Minister Cohen's visit will bear good fruit, resulting in continually improved diplomatic relations and goodwill for Israel on the part of this vital European ally. Ask the Lord to bless Sweden as the nation blesses Israel, standing as an example of God's faithfulness to His promise to those who deal favorably with the Jewish people.