

ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – NOVEMBER 2023

“Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)”

PERSECUTED NATIONS:

1. Yemen

Leader: President Dr. Rashad Muhammad al-Alimi

Government: In -transition

Main religion: Islam

Population: 31,155,000

Christians: A few thousand

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia/ Islamic Oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Yemen?

- It is extremely dangerous to be a Christian in Yemen, due to the country's strict Islamic laws and the presence of militant Islamic groups. It has risen two places on the WWL due to a slight increase in the number of reported violent incidents against Christians.
- Yemen is strongly tribal and tribal law prohibits members of the tribe from leaving Islam.
- Islamic extremist groups such as al-Qaeda and so-called Islamic State threaten so-called 'apostates' with death if they do not return to Islam. In other areas, including those controlled by Houthis, converts risk imprisonment.
- The Houthis have been at war with Yemen's internationally recognized government since 2014 and control the capital city of Sana'a. All Yemenis are affected by the humanitarian crisis caused by the ongoing civil war.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Life is dangerous for all Christians in Yemen. But some believers in certain areas are at particular risk, such as Christians living in the south, where there is a strong al-Qaeda presence.
- Converts from Islam to Christianity have also indicated that there is more pressure in the Shiite Muslim-controlled areas in the west than in areas under control of the Sunni government.
- Pressure on converts is at extreme levels in all spheres of life. Christians in Yemen face physical and mental abuse, sexual harassment and rape, as well as forced marriages.
- Displaying Christian symbols could lead directly to imprisonment, physical abuse or even execution. The influence of Islamic militants also adds to the already vulnerable position of indigenous Christians.

Prayer points for Yemen:

Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom in Yemen. Pray for the government that is in transition. Pray for change of hearts for leaders.

Ask Father God, to break political deadlocks, change closed minds, open unhearing ears and bring stability to this country that has suffered so much conflict. Bring reconciliation to the factions in conflict and restore peace to this land.

Since conflict broke out in 2015, ongoing instability, supply chain breakdown, rampant inflation, and the near absence of public services has pushed Yemen into a downward spiral. It is now facing the worst humanitarian crisis on the planet, and 24.3 million people need humanitarian assistance.

Pray the Spirit of God would move over the darkness covering the nation in the same way He hovered over the waters to speak life. (*Genesis 1:2*). Pray that stories of redemption and hope would multiply exponentially.

The Christian community feels increasingly trapped between the Islamic extremist groups such as al-Qaeda and so-called Islamic State that operate in the region. Ask God to work deeply in the hearts of the

country's governing officials, so they will grant the people the freedom to worship Him and glorify His matchless name.

Most believers from a Muslim background cannot gather together, because of the growing fear that neighbors will report them to the local authorities. Displaying Christian symbols could lead directly to imprisonment, physical abuse or even execution. Pray for the leaders to be equipped to shepherd newly forming local fellowships.

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

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

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

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

Converts from Islam to Christianity have also indicated that there is more pressure in the Shiite Houthi-controlled areas in the north than in areas under the control of the Sunni Hadi government. Ask for Divine protection for Christian communities and intervention to end the ongoing violence in the region.

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

2. Iraq

Leader: President Abdul Latif Rashid

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Main religion: Islam

Population: 42,165,000

Christians: 164,000 (0.4%)

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/ Dictatorial Paranoia

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.
- Iraq is home to a number of traditional Orthodox and Catholic churches, but all are seriously affected by intolerance, discrimination and persecution from local leaders, government authorities and Islamic extremist groups.
- There are fewer reports of violent incidents – such as churches being forcibly closed or attacked – but this does not mean that church services can continue undisturbed everywhere in the country. For example, in northern Iraq, church services have not been able to take place for over a year due to Turkish bombings.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Iraqi Christians experience discrimination, harassment and violent persecution, without protection from the state.
- 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.
- 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.

- Believers from Muslim backgrounds 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. They may be arrested and prosecuted under blasphemy laws, if they are accused of trying to convert Muslims.

Prayer points for Iraq:

Pray for the Government of Iraq. Pray for President Abdul Latif Rashid and other leaders will seek to govern with justice, honesty, and integrity. *Proverbs 11:3 declares* “the integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.”

Pray for wisdom for political leaders in Iraq that 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.

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

The lack of legal punishment for criminals who commit honor crimes 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 hurting to find hope in Christ.

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. Pray for protection and stability for the Christians in the Nineveh plain.

Pray for adequate Church leadership, now that many good leaders have been martyred or have been forced to flee the country. Some Iraqis are

in training in Jordan, Lebanon, and elsewhere. Pray that many may return to Iraq.

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

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. Pray that those who are persecuting and oppressing people in Iraq would have powerful, supernatural encounters with Jesus, repent and come to know him.

Women are likely to be violently punished or divorced by their husbands and have their children taken away from them, if their faith is discovered. Pray that their legal position would improve, for strong faith and courage and they would have access to counselling for those who have endured abuse.

Praise God for the 16 Centers of Hope in Iraq which currently run a women's ministry group. Ask God for wisdom for local workers who equip and train existing groups and plan to establish new groups too.

3. Afghanistan

Leader: Hibatullah Akhundzada (Taliban leader)

Government: Totalitarian emirate within the Islamic theocracy

Population: 40,754,000

Christians: Thousands

Main Religion: Islam

Persecution type: Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic oppression

Persecution Level: Extreme

What does persecution look like in Afghanistan?

- Despite dropping from first place to ninth, Afghan Christians remain in grave danger.
- Afghanistan's ancient Christian community was finally driven out by Islamist conquest in the 14th century. The return to power of the Taliban in September 2021 threatens to do the same to a new generation of Christian converts. The Taliban gave Christians three choices: leave, reconvert to Islam, or face death.
- According to the Hanafi school of Islam, which historically dominates in Afghanistan following Jesus remains a death sentence, if discovered.
- The rigid form of society imposed by the militant group leaves no room for deviation, meaning Christians – almost all of whom are converts from Islam – must keep their faith secret.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The Taliban's takeover of power in August 2021 has forced most Christians either further underground or away from the country entirely.
- Many (if not all) house groups closed, with believers forced to leave behind everything they own. More than a year after the Taliban's takeover, any promises they made about recognizing freedoms have proved to be false.
- Leaving Islam is considered shameful and punishable by death under the prevailing Islamic law. Consequently, Christian converts face dire and violent consequences if their new faith is discovered, even from family members who must save their so-called 'honor' by getting rid of them.

Prayer points for Afghanistan:

Pray for the Taliban leaders. Pray for their salvation. Call forth transformation and Saul-to-Paul conversations for the Taliban soldiers. Ask God for the collapse and fall of the Taliban army. Ask the Holy Spirit, to send conviction to their minds and hearts and change them to desire to receive conviction, instruction and direction.

Pray for democracy to be established in the nation. Pray that God would bring a good godly leadership for this nation through Him. Pray

against violence, systemic discrimination, genocide and hate crime going on in Afghanistan. *(1Timothy 2:1)*

Pray for God to build His Church and demonstrate that even the harsh rule of the Taliban cannot stop the advance of His Kingdom. Pray also for the multiplication of the groups of Afghans who follow Christ outside their own homeland – may God build His Church among the Afghan diaspora!

Beseech the Lord to shelter and hide the underground church in Afghanistan. Ask God to give them strength and hope. Help them find ways to meet together, to share times of prayer, thanksgiving and encouragement. To help them grow in faith, despite the risks.

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

Leaving Islam is considered shameful and punishable by death under the prevailing Islamic law. 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 for the converts to lead a victorious Christian life in the midst of persecution.

Afghanistan's Taliban government has detained 18 charity workers from International Assistance Mission (17 Afghans and one U.S. citizen) for allegedly preaching Christianity. Ask God to eradicate every demonic assignment to steal, kill and destroy Christian workers doing the Lord's work in Afghanistan. Pray that all the staff members will be released unharmed and that the authorities will be convinced of the vital contribution Christians are making to help Afghan people.

Ask Father God, to be with the families who lost their loved ones who were soldiers keeping peace in Afghanistan. Pray for healing from trauma and every negative emotion soldiers who fought to keep peace in Afghanistan are now experiencing.

Intercede for Christians who remain in Afghanistan, that the Lord will protect them from harm and continue to provide for their needs. Ask

that those who have fled into neighboring countries will be able to find a safe place to settle.

Women and girls already suffer acute oppression and discrimination under the Taliban. Following Jesus can severely exacerbate this. Bind and restrict every demonic attack against women, children and the people of Afghanistan. Pray the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of the Taliban leaders towards women and religious minorities.

Thousands of Afghan refugees are now living in countries bordering Afghanistan, often in poor conditions in camps for displaced people, and many Christians are among them. Pray for Centers of Hope restoring hope to war-weary people.

4. Algeria

Leader: President Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Government: Presidential Republic

Population: 45,350,000

Christians: 139,000 (0.3%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Algeria?

- Persecution has significantly worsened in the past year, with Christians becoming very vulnerable to state pressure alongside the ongoing societal pressures that can come from families and communities.
- Laws that regulate non-Muslim worship are also used to quell the influence of Christianity. This includes prohibition of anything that would 'shake the faith of a Muslim' or could be used as a 'means of

seduction intending to convert a Muslim to another religion'. These laws are notoriously vague in their wording and are often abused in the courts.

- The Protestant churches continue to face legal challenges, including not being recognized as religious congregations. Although, according to a 2006 ordinance, the National Commission for Non-Muslim Worship can grant permits for churches, so far none have been issued, despite repeated requests by churches.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Most Algerian Christians are converts from Islam. They can face discrimination, harassment and pressure to follow Islamic customs from family members and the wider community.
- Christians have increasingly experienced restrictions and pressure from state officials to renounce their faith; many of these officials come under the influence of radical Islamic teachers.
- Christian men are prone to harassment in workplaces and communal spaces, with the loss of work having a crippling impact on families. While uncommon, men can be imprisoned for their faith. They can even be taken by force to the local mosque to pressurize them into returning to Islam.
- Both in public and private, Christian women can experience intense hostility to their faith. In many cases, this is compounded by the low status given to women in Algeria.

Prayer points for Algeria:

Pray for President Abdelmadjid Tebboune. Pray for his salvation. Pray for the Algerian government to make policies that recognize Christians as equal to Muslims.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) has called on Muslims to “unite” to ensure Algeria is ruled according to Islam “alone” and quell the influence of Christianity. Pray for wisdom for government officials. Pray they will bind their flesh and natural insights and do what is best for all people.

Though Protestant churches EPA (Église Protestante d'Algérie) continue to face legal challenges, including not being recognized as “religious congregations” and facing practical difficulties when dealing with authorities, yet the community has seen steady growth in the recent past. Thank the Lord for the growth.

Currently at least 49 church buildings have been forced to close by the Algerian authorities. Cry out to the Lord that the closure of churches on spurious administrative grounds will be halted. Pray that the authorities will issue permits for church buildings and that churches ordered to close will be reopened.

Christians continue to meet discreetly in small groups in homes and baptisms take place either in homes or in rivers. Pray for wisdom, strength and protection for pastors as they visit homes to pray, teach and encourage small groups, and ask that the Christians will grow in their faith. Pray the lives of the believers will shine with the light of the gospel as they experience these dark situations. *(Colossians 3:15)*

A few Christians are in prison while several others are under investigation. A group of congregations has committed to continual prayer and fasting, with the congregations taking turns to pray and fast for a day, and all of them doing so on Saturdays. Let us add our prayers to theirs that the power of God would magnify and will set those prisoners and captives free.

A church leader has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a \$725 fine for allegedly holding an unauthorized religious meeting in a building not permitted to be used for religious worship. Pastor Youssef Ourahmane is the Vice President of the Protestant Church of Algeria (EPA). On November 19th appeal against a sentence of two years' imprisonment is scheduled to be heard. Pray for the success of Pastor Youssef's appeal against his sentence. Ask the Lord to sustain His people in Algeria. *(Acts 12:12-16)*

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Women who convert from Islam to Christianity are most vulnerable to persecution. If their faith is discovered they can suffer violence at the hands of their own families, and in the most serious cases they are subjected to sexual violence. Pray women will experience spiritual, emotional and physical healing.

5. Uzbekistan

Leader: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Government: Authoritarian Presidential Republic

Population: 34,382,000

Christians: 351,000 (1.0%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in Uzbekistan?

- Freedom of religion remains severely restricted in Uzbekistan. Although the population is 96% Muslim, the government is staunchly secular and no religious activities beyond state-controlled institutions are allowed.
- The government is the main persecutor and local imams preach against converts, adding pressure. As a result, most converts choose to hide their faith.
- In addition to government persecution, seekers and converts receive tremendous pressure from their families and communities, outside urban areas, especially in the Fergana Valley in the east.
- Christian evangelism or missionary work is effectively banned. Russian Orthodox churches experience the fewest problems as they tend to keep themselves separate from the Uzbek population.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The Islamic culture is hostile towards converts to Christianity. They may face house arrest, disinheritance, physical and verbal abuse, and eviction from the family home.
- In conservative regions, a convert may be kidnapped by their own community and married off to a Muslim. Local imams preach against them, adding pressure. As a result, most converts choose to hide their faith.
- Churches from non-traditional denominations are frequently raided, and those who attend may be threatened, arrested or fined.
- Church leaders are fined, detained, denied exit visas to leave the country, or put under house arrest in an attempt to spread fear throughout their congregations. Pastors and lay leaders of unregistered churches in particular have been insulted, beaten and humiliated.

Prayer points for Uzbekistan:

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

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

Russian Orthodox churches experience the fewest problems as they tend to keep themselves separate from the Uzbek population. Give thanks for the freedom they experience, but also pray they be obedient to Jesus's great commission "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

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

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

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

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

The main obstacle to registration is that church ministers are required to have university-level qualifications, and congregations must have their own buildings to worship. Pray that the situation will be resolved, restrictions will be lifted or eased and that the authorities will not use this to hinder church services.

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Uzbekistan has a 25- year history of battling Islamic terrorism from within its country; many of these groups now operate in secret. Torture, threats, and trumped-up charges are routine and almost mundane in the nation. Pray all Christians will be led by the Holy Spirit in everything they do and that the Lord will continue to add to their daily numbers. *(Acts 16:5)*

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

6. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Leader: President Félix Tshisekedi

Government: Semi-Presidential Republic

Population: 95,241,000

Christians: 90,570,000 (95.0%)

Main religion: Christianity

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression/Organized crime and corruption

Persecution Level: Very High

What does persecution look like in DRC?

- The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a Christian-majority (around 90%) land of great suffering.
- The country suffers continual violence caused by the ongoing conflict between the rebel Congolese Revolutionary Army (also known as M23) and the DRC government.
- Islamist violence is most acute in the provinces of Ituri and North Kivu in north-eastern DRC, which have been in an official state of emergency since May 2021.
- Here Christian communities are targeted by jihadi group the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), thought to be linked to Islamic State (IS, ISIS, ISIL, Daesh).
- Organized crime and corruption also make church and community life extremely difficult.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians in the eastern part live with the threat of kidnapping, and terrible violence is common. The ADF kidnaps women, rapes them and forces them to marry their soldiers, with Christian women sometimes being kept as a kind of 'trophy'.
- Christians from Muslim or indigenous backgrounds face pressure to still participate in traditional religious activities. At the most extreme end of the scale, women who have converted to Christianity may be forcibly married, impregnated or divorced.
- The persistent violence has forced many to flee over the border into Uganda. In April 2022 a Ugandan church leader said that Islamists were “mercilessly killing Christians” in DRC.
- Throughout DRC, Christian leaders who speak out against corruption experience harassment and interference from the government.

Prayer points for DRC:

Pray for President Félix Tshisekedi. Pray for God's favor and mercy to be upon him so he can lead his nation well. Pray for peace, for stability and justice to return to eastern DRC.

Ask God to give the leadership and its representatives the wisdom and perseverance to lead and take the right path towards bringing an end to Islamic extremism and eradicate all jihadi groups. (IS, ISIS, ISIL, Daesh).

Christian communities are targeted by jihadi group the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). Pray that the Holy Spirit will embolden local believers to joyfully remain in their faith. Pray they will stand firm in their faith, not crushed or perplexed, but live in unconditional surrender to the Lordship of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 4:8)*

Ask the Lord to thwart the ADF's plans to terrorize and Islamize Christians in the north-east of DRC. Pray that Christians will be given grace to forgive their persecutors and church leaders equipped to lead and minister to God's persecuted people.

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

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

DRC has rich mineral deposits, but this has become the cause of much hardship rather than prosperity. The mines remain places of violence – church leaders who seek to minister to the miners face fearful reprisals if they are seen to disrupt work. Efforts to reform the sector have led to little if any change. Pray for the success of efforts to reform and better regulate mining.

Child labor is common – of the 255,000 miners in the DRC it is estimated that 40,000 are children. Poverty and lack of opportunity constrain many families from sending their children to school. Around 5 million children still go without schooling today. Pray that churches and missions may use the immense opportunities for the gospel in the desperately needy education system.

The DRC needs a complete re-evangelization. Pray for a pure Gospel to be proclaimed that is devoid of syncretism and heresy. Pray for the Church to recapture the vision for evangelism of the entire country. Pray for an expansion of ministries that equip youth to decisively impact the nation for Christ.

7. Azerbaijan

Leader: President Ilham Aliyev

Government: Authoritarian government

Population: 10,412,651

Christians: 312,000 (3.0%)

Main religion: Islam

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism/Dictatorial paranoia

Persecution Level: High

What does persecution look like in Azerbaijan?

- Azerbaijan remains a politically volatile nation. The conflict with Armenia remains unresolved, with both sides manipulating the suffering of many for their own advantage.
- Regional tensions - involving Russia and its southern republics, Turkey, Georgia, Iran and with NATO - complicate matters further.
- Azerbaijani military spending is at an all-time high, and no long-term solution to any problem has been found, with most players being intransigent on key issues.
- Azerbaijan has a shame-honor culture in which those who leave Islam are considered to have brought shame on the family.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Families are the main persecutors of Christians. The government also pressures Christians with heavy fines.
- For many years now, churches have been denied the ability to register legally. Secret police attend and sometimes raid church meetings, which the government classifies as illegal.
- The Church faces intensifying opposition, even as it grows. Many churches find intimidation, surveillance and obstructionist tactics increasingly common.
- The government is tightening restrictions and often asks church leaders to submit lists of members' names. Some pastors and leaders feel this is an attempt to gather information for later use against church members or pastors.

Prayer points for Azerbaijan:

Pray for President Ilham Aliyev. Pray for his salvation. Pray ultimately, he come to know Jesus and live for him. Pray for stability and restoration of democracy.

Pray, for a righteous government that will seek the good of all its people. Pray for the Azerbaijani government to overcome corruption and invest its current oil wealth in building infrastructure and other sources of income that will produce lasting benefits for the nation.

Pray for an end to persecution of evangelical Christians in Azerbaijan. Pray for mature leaders, deepening unity, and increased discipleship for the growing Church despite of government surveillance.

For many years now, churches have been denied the ability to register legally. Pray specifically for the binding of these evil forces and powers and for continued growth of the Church in the midst of intense opposition and growing persecution. *(Luke 10:19)*

The government is tightening restrictions and often asks church leaders to submit lists of members' names. 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.

Pray for the Azerbaijan church to grow in spiritual maturity and help lead their Muslim neighbors to Christ, both in their communities and in nearby countries.

In 2015, the government published a list of banned religious books that included the Old Testament. Those caught with banned religious literature are fined. Pray for access to Bibles, as well as print and distribute Scriptures and other Christian literature.

Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian Christian region within the territory of Azerbaijan, has been cut off from Armenia for seven months. Azerbaijan began its blockade of the Lachin Corridor, the only land route linking Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, on December 12, 2022. Pray for an end to the blockade, which has caused shortages of food, medicines, and other necessities. Ask the Lord to continue to bless the efforts of mission organizations on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Nagorno-Karabakh.

On 19 September, Azerbaijan launched a military offensive to regain control over Nagorno-Karabakh, destabilizing and displacing the predominantly Christian Armenian population. Pray for an end to the violence carried out by the military against Christians and others in Armenia.

Ask for the Lord's protection for approximately 120,000 ethnic and Christian Armenians, all who are forced to flee attacks in Nagorno-Karabakh. Pray for the protection of the thousands of vulnerable people who are now refugees or internally displaced due to the ongoing conflict. Ask the Lord that military action against them is halted and that the blockade of the Lachin Corridor is lifted.

8. Nepal

Leader: President Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Government: Federal Democratic Republic

Population: 30,600,000

Christians: 1,500,000 (5.0%)

Main religion: Hinduism

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism

Persecution Level: High

What does persecution look like in Nepal?

- A growing religious nationalism has taken root in the country, with demands for Nepal to return to a Hindu state.
- A law that came into force in 2018 made it a criminal offence to attempt to convert a follower of a religion “being practiced since ancient times”. This is interpreted as a religion passed down through at least three generations, thus protecting Hindus and Buddhists but excluding most Nepali Christians, who are either first- or second-generation believers.
- The 2018 law also bans “hurting religious sentiment”, a wording so vague that it makes almost any public Christian activity potentially “illegal”. In effect, Christians can no longer evangelize Hindus or Buddhists, or even state publicly what they believe, without risk.
- Hinduism is more prominent in the south, along the Indian border, and Buddhism is more prominent in the north.

Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- It is estimated there could be as many as 1.5 million believers, or about 5% of the population, 85% of which is Hindu.
- Christians are generally marginalized and treated as second-class citizens. If discovered, might be expelled from their family home or even violently attacked. Christians who are members of indigenous groups might also be subjected to violent forms of persecution.
- Persecution remains, and is intensifying. It can come from the religious majority but also socially from within families and communities. It is more intense in rural areas.
- Most Christians are poor and many have suffered violence at the hands of Buddhist extremists as well as a growing Marxist (atheistic communist) movement.

Prayer points for Nepal:

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

Pray for those in political power in Nepal. Pray they will make the right decisions for their people, and not be driven by greed or prestige. Pray for full religious freedom to be both guaranteed in the constitution and upheld by the authorities.

Pray authorities will continue to recognize the need for freedom for all Nepalese, acknowledging that faith cannot be forced. Pray the Lord will touch all the Hindu hardliners through His Holy Spirit to allow religious freedom for Christians.

The public image of Christianity in Nepal is a foreign, mostly Western, intrusion that undermines traditional culture and society and appeals only to lower castes. Despite this, Nepal's Christians are with increasing confidence, defending their rights and building a fully Nepali Christian identity. Pray for discernment, courage and faithfulness for those seeking to overturn two generations of negative opinion.

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

Persecution remains, and is intensifying. It can come from the religious majority but also socially from within families and communities. Pray for grace and perseverance for believers, and that Christians may be accepted and appreciated for their contribution to the country's well-being.

Pray also for the efforts of Nepal Christian Society and others seeking to secure the legal and religious rights of Christians regarding arbitrary arrests, evangelism, property, discrimination and other maltreatments. Pray for an end to hostility towards Christians, and they will be able to worship without threat or harassment.

Church leaders in Nepal report attacks on at least seven church buildings in the last three weeks in September. Ask that attacks on Christians will come to an end. Pray that the two arrested Christians will not face charges despite the vague wording of a law banning “hurting religious sentiment,” which makes any sharing of belief potentially illegal.

Every year training is conducted to train and equip the local believers/leaders to reach the unreached in their communities and neighbors, friends and families in one of the most remote and least reached regions of the Himalayas in Nepal. This is a big task. Many rural evangelists have been trained for the work of mission to reach the unreached and the lost souls for Christ. Pray for them.

UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

1. Mallah in Pakistan

Population: 458,000

Main Language: Saraiki

Largest Religion: Islam 100.00% Christians: 0.00%

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

The Mallah are a traditional boatmen caste. The word “mallaah” is said to come from an Arabic word which means navigation on the sea or in the air. They are related to the Kewat community, who form the bulk of the boatmen class of north India.

The Mallaah community consists of a number of clans, referred to as nukh, the largest Mallaah nukh being the Dablo.

Mallah people are usually poor and often illiterate. They are involved in boating and some fishing and farming. They are strict about marrying within their own caste.

The Muslims like the Mallahs believe that Allah is the all-powerful God of creation. He is the center of their dedication, though most, sadly, also put their trust in the power of charms and amulets.

They have lacks in literacy, education, health, family planning, and economic advancement. All Mallah people need the chance to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and to become part of his holy family.

Prayer points:

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

Many of them are under the influence of Islam and others remain animists. Pray for the veil to be removed from the eyes of these people. Pray they will be called out of the darkness and come towards the wonderful light of Jesus.

Pray for Christian workers to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of the Mallah tribe. Pray God empower them with the vision to reach out to this tribe with the gospel.

Pray God would protect those taking the gospel to this people group as Pakistan is very restricted to the Gospel. Pray, for Christ-centered fellowships to be formed that will spread far and wide. (*1Peter 3:15*)

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

Pray these people who make their living by fishing will become “fishers of men” by following Jesus Christ. Pray they will also be called out like the brothers “Simon Peter and Andrew”, “James and John” by our Lord Jesus. Pray they will be obedient to the calling, just as the brothers did, leave everything and follow Jesus. (*Matthew 4:18-22*)

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

Ask God for a complete Bible in their language. Pray for audio format of the Bible as Mallah people are poor and often illiterate. Pray that Christian radio broadcasts and evangelical literature in simple forms will be made available to them.

2. Marka (Dafing) in Burkina Faso

Population: 211,000

Main language: Marka

Largest religion: Ethnic Religion: 86.00% Christians: 14.00 %

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

The Marka constitute a large language group who occupy 60 villages in western Burkina Faso. Several thousand Marka live in neighboring Mali.

The complexity of the group, with its varied tribes and dialects, makes evangelization and translation work difficult.

The Marka are typical of most Burkinabe groups in that they earn their living by farming and raising animals. More and more young men are traveling to Cote d'Ivoire to work on plantations; lack of job opportunities is a major problem for Marka youth.

Families live in square mud huts, and travel by foot, bicycle, moped, or donkey. People enjoy playing soccer, and also spend time making pottery, cloth, and wooden carvings.

The Marka retain a strict social and political hierarchy that includes a King, litigation chiefs, war chiefs, and heads of clans and families. There is one central "head" to unify the people, but also a certain amount of autonomy within each village.

Translators, literacy workers, and church planters are all needed in the area. Cooperation and teamwork among different missionary groups will help facilitate the spread of the gospel.

Prayer points:

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

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

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

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

Pray for cooperation and teamwork among different missionary groups that will help facilitate the spread of the gospel. Pray the small group of Marka believers to be used by the Holy Spirit to begin an unstoppable movement for Christ.

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

The Marka retain a strict social and political hierarchy that includes a King, litigation chiefs, war chiefs, and heads of clans and families. Pray for Marka elders to open the door to the eternal gospel.

As of now only Bible portions are available. The complexity of the group, with its varied tribes and dialects, makes evangelization and translation work difficult. Pray for a complete Bible. Pray they will as new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that they may grow thereby. *(1 Peter 2:2)*

3. Mossi in Niger

Population: 252,000

Main language: Moore

Largest religion: Islam/Ethnic Religions 80.00% Christians: 20.00%

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

The Mossi people constitute the largest single people group in Burkina Faso, but also live in other West African countries. (Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo)

The Mossi speak Moore and are very proud of their mother tongue. There are many primary schools, and some can read in French or Moore, but there is a great need for an extensive literacy effort.

A King still rules and influences the Mossi people today, although he has lost all legitimate political power.

Wrestling, going to the market, and visiting neighbors are other common recreations for the Mossi people in West Africa. They celebrate many traditional festivals that include dancing, drinking and singing.

Despite numerous churches and their own Bible translation, the Mossi remain largely animistic. Those who live in villages are reluctant to change, and cling tightly to spirit worship and the use of sacrifices. Therefore, in Niger they continue to waver between faith in Christ and faith in the spirit world.

Increased mission efforts, additional laborers, Christian broadcasts, and evangelistic literature are greatly needed to effectively reach the Mossi tribe with the Gospel.

Prayer points:

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

Though the Mossi people adhere to Islam, they also practice their own ethnic religion and remain largely animistic. Pray as they hear the truth, the truth will set them free.

They believe these ancestral spirits stay with them and need to be appeased. Mossi people are also superstitious and use curses, omens, charms, and magic in their daily lives. Pray that the gospel would penetrate and break their severe animistic practices and superstitious beliefs. *(Leviticus 18:30)*

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

Pray 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)*

Those who live in villages are reluctant to change, and cling tightly to spirit worship and the use of sacrifices. Increased mission efforts, additional laborers, Christian broadcasts, and evangelistic literature are greatly needed to effectively reach the Mossi tribe with the Gospel.

They celebrate many traditional festivals that include dancing and singing. Pray their talents would be used to praise the Lord for his excellent greatness. *(Psalms 96:1-2)* Pray they create gospel music, sharing the love of God and His son Jesus to their tribes and build the Kingdom of God.

Pray for families to be delivered from the bondage of drinking. Pray all those that has been bound to a hopeless future will be led towards righteousness and eternal life.

Thank God for the numerous churches and their own Bible translation available for this group. Pray that God will reveal the truth to them through the Holy Spirit. Pray the word that was in the beginning with God will be revealed to them.

4. Mbeere in Kenya

Population: 204,000

Main language: Kimbeere

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 66.00% Christianity 34.00%

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

The Mbeere have only been reported in Kenya. The people are a Bantu ethnic group inhabiting the Eastern Province of Kenya. The name "Mbeere" means "first," referring to their belief that they were the initial occupants of their territory.

They speak Kimbeere language, which is a dialect very similar to the one spoken by their neighbors, the Kamba, Embu and Kikuyu.

The Mbeere customarily live in small, circular, thatched houses made of wooden poles and mud. A group of houses comprises a homestead, which includes families related to each other, usually through patrilineal kinship ties.

The Mbeere value livestock, particularly cattle, sheep, and goats, as markers of wealth and prestige. The Mbeere traded various goods, livestock, and foodstuffs with their neighbors. Their farmers grow maize, millet, sorghum, beans, cassava, sugarcane, bananas, and mangoes. Tobacco and cotton are the most important cash crops.

The Mbeere believe in a High God, Ngai, said to live atop Mount Kenya. Ngai created humanity and all else in the world. Diviners,

medicinal specialists, and healers who treat illness induced by magical means are all part of their belief system.

Christian churches, particularly Catholic and Anglican, have won numerous converts. The churches have shown little tolerance for traditional beliefs and actions regarding ancestral spirits. Though Mbeere have accepted Christ, most have not yet heard a clear presentation of the Gospel and to not mix their beliefs.

Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over the Mbeere people group, ask God to raise more and consistent prayer teams. Pray for the people to see the signs of the times and give their lives completely to the Holy One, Jesus Christ. (*Ephesians 5:16*)

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

Ask God to reveal Himself through visions and dreams and leading them to Jesus Christ as He has done with many other people groups. The Mbeere consider "Ngai" (God) as the creator of humanity and all else in the world. *Matthew 4:10* says "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." Pray God the Father will remind this truth to them.

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

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

Christian churches, particularly Catholic and Anglican, have won numerous converts. But churches have not insisted for separation from traditional beliefs and actions regarding ancestral spirits. Pray they will be a new creation in Christ for old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. Pray they will be set apart and completely rid themselves of their old belief system. *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Praise the Lord for the complete Bible in their language. Ask God to open their hearts to heed to the things said about God in the Bible. Pray for more receptive hearts. *(Acts 16:14)*

5. Mro-Khimi in Myanmar

Population: 202,000

Main language: Mro-Khimi

Largest religion: Animism/Buddhism 92.60% Christianity 7.40%

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

The Mro-Khimi have only been reported in Myanmar.

The Mro-Khimi people also known as Mro, Awa Khami Mro, Wakim, Mro Chin or Awa Khami, are one of the 135 ethnic groups recognized by the government of Myanmar.

They are identified as a sub-group of Chin people. They live widely in some parts of northern Rakhine state, Chin state, the townships of Matupi and Paletwa, and the regions of Samechaung and Michaung.

According to the Rakhine Chronicles, the Mro people were the first people who entered the Rakhine land. They call themselves as Khami. It means 'human'.

They are Tibeto-Burman and have their own language, culture and customs which are still in existence. For Chin specifically, the Mro people are one of 53 sub-groups identified by the government of Myanmar.

The ancient Mro-khimi people worshiped traditional spirits. Later, most of them practiced Buddhism. In the matter of deity worship, the village people seem to believe in a traditional deity called “KNIQKHOEQMAQ”; as special gods. The people are afraid of evil spirits and of the spirits of their dead ancestors.

There are also Christians among them. The first Christian of the people of the Mro-khimi was from the Mi Chaung region. In April 1932, a villager from the Mi Chaung area of Palatwa Township accepted Christ and was baptized for the first time.

Prayer points:

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

The people are afraid of evil spirits and of the spirits of their dead ancestors. In order to appease the angry spirits, they offer sacrifices. Pray for the spiritual blindness and bondage to the evil one to be removed so the Mro- Khimi can understand and respond to Christ.

They continue to be very superstitious and very concerned about doing everything they can to ensure that they keep evil away and enjoy good luck. Pray they who are in darkness and confusion of mind now, will become children of light and be delivered from all superstitions. *(Ephesians 5:8)*

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

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

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

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

Pray they will follow Jesus wholeheartedly and not waver in their thoughts. Pray they will come back to the first love that they have left and be willing to be restored. Pray they be reminded from where they have fallen and repent and do the first works. *(Revelation 2 :4-5)*

6. Makonde in Mozambique (mah-KOHN-duh)

Population: 552,000

Main language: Makonde

Largest religion: Islam 95.00% Christians 5.00%

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

The Makonde live on both sides of the Ruvuma River which forms the border between Tanzania and Mozambique.

They live in an under-developed area and thus isolated from much interaction or trade with their neighbors. Most Makonde are slash and burn farmers growing maize, sorghum and cassava. Those who live along the coast or near the Ruvuma River also practice fishery.

On the surface the Makonde primarily practice Islam but in reality, they are animistic – practicing their traditional religion. They have been in contact with Muslim traders for hundreds of years and have received limited Christian witness.

Their religion centers on the veneration of their ancestors. This fact is highlighted in the carvings of their family trees that depict the older generation on the bottom supporting later generations.

Cross cultural missionaries are needed who are committed to identifying with the Makonde: speaking their language, eating their food, living among them and recognizing their value as one made in the image of God – deserving respect as a fellow human being. They need to see the love and grace of Christ lived out before them in practical ways.

Prayer points:

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

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

Pray they will understand that the only one who can offer them salvation is Jesus.... for the scripture says: Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. *(Acts4:12)*

Pray for mission workers to show that “Jesus” is God’s mediator between God and man, and is essential for their salvation. Pray for great breakthroughs to happen, for a rapid multiplication of disciples and house churches to be birthed. *(2 Corinthians 12:12)*

Pray 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 for direct encounters with Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God will complete the good work begun in the hearts of these believers through adequate discipleship. (*Philippians 1:6*)

In most regions where they live, it is under-developed and thus isolated, education is not readily available. Because of this, illiteracy among the people is very high. Pray for Christian Educators who would be able to provide valuable service for these Muslims, while also sharing Christ with them.

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

7. Mulao in China (Moo-laow)

Population: 227,000

Main language: Mulam

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 99.20% Christians: 0.80%

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

The Mulao have only been reported in China.

The Mulao, also known as Mulam, are the descendants of the ancient Liao and Ling tribes of the Jin Dynasty (AD 265-420).

For centuries the Mulao have struggled to prevent their ethnic identity from being swallowed up by the dominant Han Chinese, Zhuang, Miao and Dong groups.

Although Mulao is spoken by most members of the Mulao nationality, many are bilingual or multilingual in Chinese, Zhuang, and Dong. The Mulao have used the Chinese orthography for reading and writing since the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

The Mulao used to be polytheists, but now religion does not play a large part in their everyday lives. In the past they observed the Yifan

Festival. They sacrificed pigs and sheep, performed lion and dragon dances, and Mulao shamans chanted incantations.

A recent visitor reported, "Nobody he spoke with had ever met a Christian before, and most did not even know what the word Christian meant."

There are no reports of missionaries prior to 1949 specifically focusing on the Mulao. Without the guidance of Christ, these people will be lost in this life and the life to come. They need someone to go to them as Christ-bearers.

Prayer points:

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

It is said of the Mulao people, "that nobody had ever met a Christian before, and most did not even know what the word Christian meant." Pray the Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed to this people as a testimony, before the end comes.

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

Father God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved, so pray for all of the Mulao people who live in the region and shadow of death will see the great light dawn on them. (*Matthew 4:16*)

There are no reports of missionaries prior to 1949 specifically focusing on the Mulao. Pray that the missionary work that is forbidden would gain access where the people can have a fair hearing of the gospel presented to them.

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 for a complete Bible in their primary language Mulam. Pray they develop a love of hearing and learning the word of God available in other languages such as Chinese, Zhuang, and Dong as many Mulao are bilingual or multilingual.

8. Massa in Cameroon

Population: 328,000

Main language: Masana

Largest religion: Islam/Animism 55.00% Christians: 45.00%

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

The Massa people, also called Masana, Banana, or Yagoua are a Chadic ethnic group in Cameroon and Chad.

The Massa are also sometimes referred to as the Banana people which means “friendly”.

Their primary language is Masana. The Massa often hold contests to determine the strongest person of the land. That person is looked upon to solve disputes and other issues in the village. They essentially become the warrior of the village.

They fish, raise cattle and grow their own food. Because of that they are always found living close to water.

They were targeted by slave traders who came from Tripoli during the Middle Eastern slave trade. The Massa never participated in the slave trade. They resisted capture, and never sold their fellow Massa into any form of slavery.

The primary religion practiced by the Massa is ethnic religion. Ethnic religion is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity and conversion essentially equates to cultural dissimulation.

The Massa people will have to be obedient to the word of God, not mix their beliefs. Complete Bible is available in their language.

Prayer points:

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

Ask God for this precious people to see His glory, for they need to be a part of His Kingdom. (*Acts 26:18*) Pray they will believe completely in Jesus the Son of God and the Savior of the world who can forgive their sins and grant them eternal life.

The Massa struggle to leave their ethnic beliefs as conversion essentially equates to cultural dissimilation. Though there are many converts, they still falter between two opinions. Pray they will be clear minded in following and serving the one true God and not compromise to the demands of their culture. (*1 Kings 18:21*)

Pray the entire community will be zealous to know Christ and follow his ways and surrender their lives to the Lordship of Jesus. (*Romans 10:15*) Pray for God to raise up the right people with patience and sensitivity to minister to the spiritual needs of this people group.

Pray for the few Christian believers pray that God would use dreams and visions to show this people group that He is the only true path to salvation. Pray for them to hear that Jesus Christ wants them to have an abundant life now and forever more.

The Massa often hold contests to determine the strongest person of the land. That person is looked upon to solve disputes and other issues in the village. They essentially become the warrior of the village. Pray for the warrior of the tribe to be transformed by the love of Jesus. Pray he will be like the "Centurion" mentioned in the Bible deserving the favor of God. (*Luke 7:3-10*)

The Massa people have been affected by the Middle Eastern slave trade. They did not participate and resisted slavery. Pray they will forgive all those who subjected them to slavery and rejoice in the Lord for the newer freedom they have received in Christ Jesus.

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

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. (*Psalms 104:4*) Anoint them with the power of the Holy Spirit. To keep them from the traditions of men and religion which deny the full presence and power of God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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

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

Salvation: Pray for the lost souls to confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead, so they can be saved. *Romans 10:10* says “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

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

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

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

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

Unity in the Body of Christ: Ask the Lord to grant a spirit of unity in the local church. Pray that all may be one, just as God the Father and

His Son Jesus Christ are one. Pray that the members would be one in God, so the world may believe that Jesus was truly sent by God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray true worshippers to worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (*John 4:23*) Pray all worship leaders will have an anointing to understand the splendor of God’s Holiness and lead worship with that same understanding. (*Psalms 29:2*)

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

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

For the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit: Pray in Jesus' name every family, every church, every ministry, every city, every community, every nation, be baptized anew with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit - Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Gifts of healings, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning between spirits, Different kinds of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues. (*1 Corinthians 12: 7-11*)

Ask the Lord for the church to eagerly desire spiritual gifts and to use their gifts to minister to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. To help exercise the gifts in love. To remind the church body to keep fanning into flames the gifts He has entrusted to each one. (*1 Corinthians 14:1, 1 Peter 4:10-11*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Government/Leaders/ Government affairs:

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

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

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

Pray the Legislative Branch (**Congress**) would enact laws that follow God's commands. "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth". (*Deuteronomy 28:1*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the law enforcement agencies in every state that God would protect them from harm and to have the strength and courage they need in every situation they face. Pray for perseverance, to endure unjust condemnation, danger, and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected.

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

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

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

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

Pray for Family:

Foremost among the institutions here is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Pray the laws and leaders reflect this truth and reflect God's commands about what marriage is. (*Hebrews 13: 4*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank the Lord for He is the father to the fatherless and husband to the widow. To restore the broken families with His wholeness and let them turn to Him for all spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

(*Psalms 146:8-9*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Education/Students/Educators and School Systems:

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

Intercede for an atmosphere of learning that would encourage students to publicly express their faith and reverence for God. Pray for all

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The "Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Policies" are driving “a wedge between parents and their children.” Pray God will raise more parents who will protect their children by respectfully and wisely challenging a corrupt system, a satanic system committed to destroying young hearts, minds, and bodies in order to dominate the world of the future.

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

Pray Isaiah 49: 24-25: Children across the nation are being subjected to transgender treatments with hormones, surgery, and counseling.

Cry out to the Lord for deliverance from the spread of transgenderism in the nation. Protect the people and children from the predatory trans agendas.

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

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

Pray for Society/Social Issues /Businesses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mental health: Pray for stability among young Americans. Emergency room visits for mental health crises among 12-17 years old increased

31% during the pandemic. Recent statistics show steeply rising levels of depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and other very serious problems.

Gun violence/Mass shootings: Pray that all people will realize the profound impact gun violence has and does. Pray God to teach us to value all life. Pray for open doors in school systems across the nation to receive help from Christian parents, adult volunteers, and ministry organizations.

Pray for God's care for the people of Lewiston, Maine, as they mourn the loss of loved ones.

Pray for the Media/ News Corporations/Networks:

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Repentance/ Revival in India:

"You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the You're your God." (Leviticus 26:1)

Pray for the Government/Leaders:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Churches, Missions and Organizations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray about the Christian Persecution:

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

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

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

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

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

Another report says that 30 Chhattisgarh Christians were summoned by their Hindu village leaders and ordered to renounce their newfound faith in Christian and return to Hinduism. "When they refused, the Hindu nationalists attacked and beat them with rods and clubs."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India's tribal communities have already faced centuries of discrimination and marginalization, while Christian tribals suffer additional ostracization. Pray that the persecutors who bring false

accusations against the innocent tribal Christians are convicted of their sins forgiven by Jesus Christ and renewed by the Spirit of God.

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

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

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

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

Pray about Idolatry/ Family/ Social and Other issues:

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

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

Pray that generations will bond together. Pray for fathers and mothers to rise and accept their place as authority figures who will boldly, yet lovingly give direction to the younger generation. Pray for a covenant to unite the generational ages together with strong affection, one for another. (*Malachi 4:6, Proverbs 31:25-26, 28*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Jerusalem and the Land of Israel:

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the Church/ Salvation of the Jewish people:

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

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

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

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

For Believers to not be ashamed of the Gospel but to share its saving power with everyone, Jewish People first and also to Gentiles, so they

have opportunity to believe. May they be enabled to love their enemies, and have a prophetic voice amongst their peoples, and be truly united together as the One New Man in Messiah Jesus. *(Romans 1:16)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for Government and leaders:

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

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

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

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

Pray about the ongoing war in Israel: Read and pray Psalm 83.

It is difficult to know how to pray for Israel at this time. The frustration and anger against the unreasonable demands from Israel's allies among the nations as well as their frustration and anger at the current government's lack of a clear goal of what should happen after the war makes it hard to discern what God is saying to them. Please pray for the Israelis to have the Holy Spirit's discernment and to not be discouraged or overwhelmed in this battle.

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

Pray God give His plans to Israel to know how to battle Hamas despite the more than 240 hostages who are being used by them as human shields.

Over 1,400 Jewish people have been murdered, since October 7 (including 332 soldiers) and 4,100 injured. Terror squads are attacking Israel along the Lebanese border. And Iran is threatening to deal out "harsh consequences" if Israel continues to root out and destroy Hamas operatives.

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

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

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

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

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

Pray for the success of Israel's pinpoint raids as the nation prepares for a ground incursion. Ask the Lord to protect every member of the IDF who faces death during these raids and pray there will be no fatalities among them. But also beseech the Lord that innocent civilians will be able to get out of the way and will not become casualties of war because Hamas refused to let them evacuate.

Cry out to God for the children (about 116) who have lost their families and have been robbed of their innocence. Pray that He will erase from their minds the atrocities that they witnessed and heal their trauma quickly.

Pray that the orphan/ foster care system will be expedited so that each child will find a loving home where they will receive the help, care and resources they need to recover. Also pray that they will know that God has not deserted them but still loves them and is watching over them.

Ask God to "Comfort all who are mourning," both Jews and Palestinians.

Pray the innocent Palestinians in Gaza would find encouragement in ***Romans 15:13***. Ask God to lift their perspective beyond their difficult

circumstances to Him, so they can hold onto hope and remain resilient, even in their most challenging times.

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

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.

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

Pray this crisis is a “new turning point,” not for escalating conflict but for a spiritual awakening? Pray as a consequence of this horrific war, the One who was born in this ancient land is born again in millions of hearts?

Pray for a quick resolution to this war – one that brings an end to the suffering and paves the way for a brighter future. Ask God to bring about reconciliation and understanding between everyone involved in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Help leaders on both sides find the wisdom and courage to seek a peaceful resolution that respects the dignity and rights of all people, regardless of their background.

Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:

Antisemitic incidents across the globe, including violent ones and online hatred, increased significantly between Oct. 7 and Oct. 25. Pray for people to stand up to this and for antisemitic posts to be blocked.

In the three weeks since Hamas terrorists attacked Israel on Oct. 7, the number of antisemitic events rose 500% compared to the same period in 2022. A third of the new incidents recorded took place in the United

States, largely in Jewish centers such as New York, Florida, Chicago and California. Many occurred on college campuses.

There was also elevated antisemitism in Germany (a 240% rise, according to its Federal Association for Antisemitic Research) and the United Kingdom (a 1,357% increase, per London Police).

Violent antisemitic incidents increased 330% compared to last year, with approximate rises of 128% in the desecration of Jewish sites (including cemeteries), 660% in anti-Jewish harassment and 300% in threats.

Most (80.5%) of the online antisemitism comes from Arab and Islamic groups and individuals. There is also “extensive use of Hitler as a hero in the Arab world and expressions of regret that he ‘did not finish the job.’” 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.

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

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

Pray for those who choose Israel as their home, making Aliyah. Scripture says in *(Jeremiah 32:37)* Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them ... I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.