

# ALL NIGHT PRAYER POINTS – SEPTEMBER 2023

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

## PERSECUTED NATIONS:

### 1. Pakistan

**Leader:** Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif

**Government:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Main religion:** Islam

**Population:** 229,489,000

**Christians:** 4,194,000 (1.8%)

**Persecution Type:** Dictatorial paranoia/ Islamic Oppression

**Persecution Level:** Extreme

### What does persecution look like in Pakistan?

- Pakistan continues to be one of the countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian.
- Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws target religious minorities, but affect the Christian minority in particular – roughly a quarter of all blasphemy accusations target Christians, who only make up 1.8% of the population. The number of cases of blasphemy, which is punishable by death, continues to rise.
- The province of Sindh is notorious for being a hotspot for bonded labor, which affects many Christians as well.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians in Pakistan are considered second-class citizens and face discrimination in every aspect of life.

- Jobs that are seen as low, dirty and degrading are reserved for Christians by the authorities, who continue to push them to the margins of society.
- The Christian community feels increasingly trapped between the Islamic extremist groups that operate in the region, and a government that appeases these groups.
- Christians often languish in prison for years before judgment is handed down, and it is then too late to bring about change.
- There are growing numbers of Christian (and other minority religion) girls being abducted, abused and forcibly converted to Islam.
- Christians in Jaranwala saw a violent mob attack on August 16th after torn pages of the Quran were allegedly discovered nearby. At least 12 churches and two dozen homes belonging to Christians were lying in ruins. Numerous Bibles, hymnbooks and other Christian materials were burned and destroyed in the riots. And many in the Christian community were forced to flee the city to nearby villages.

### Prayer points for Pakistan:

Pray that God would change the atmosphere for openness and religious freedom in Pakistan. Pray for the President, Prime Minister and for their salvation.

Pakistan's coalition government has reached an agreement with an Islamist opposition party that includes classifying "blasphemy" against Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, as a terrorist offence. Pray that Pakistan's blasphemy laws will be changed so that Christians will be safe from false accusations.

The Blasphemy laws are often used to make false accusations in order to settle personal grudges. Christians and other non-Muslims are especially vulnerable, as simply stating certain Christian beliefs can be construed as "blasphemy" and lower courts usually favor the testimony of Muslims, in accordance with sharia (Islamic law).

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 that operate in the region, and a government that appeases these groups. 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.

Pray for strength and faithfulness for the many believers living in fear of arrest and torture. Pray for endurance for those facing torture for their faith. Despite this extreme persecution, the church in Pakistan is seeing remarkable growth. 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*)

Christians often languish in prison for years before judgment is handed down, and it is then too late to bring about change. Pray that prisoners feel God's presence and for His peace that transcends all human understanding (*Philippians 4:7*). Pray for the safe release of all who are presently being arbitrarily detained.

Pray for protection for women who suffer domestic violence and girls who are forced into marriage. Ask God to work in the hearts of their husbands to treat them with kindness and respect. Pray, abduction of Christian girls for forced marriage and forced conversion in Pakistan will cease, and they will develop and flourish in their relationship with their Savior.

At least 22 church buildings and dozens of Christian homes were attacked in anti-Christian riots in the city of Jaranwala. Ask the Lord to protect His people from extremists. Give thanks for the continued faith of our brothers and sisters amidst violent persecution.

Police had arrested 160 people that have involvement in the violence. Pray for the police, government officials and judges as they investigate the incident and initiate legal proceedings. May they have the wisdom to differentiate lies from the truth and stay impartial in their work.

Pray for Pakistani church leaders as they shepherd their flocks through this difficult time. They also lost their homes and everything they had worked hard for in their ministry. Pray they would hold on to Jesus no matter what and have the strength to lead others as well. May they be a source of encouragement to believers in the community.

Anti-Christian feeling in Pakistan remains high, as Islamist slogans were discovered painted on the walls of a church building in Faisalabad, Punjab, on August 28. The graffiti also included a curse against the church's pastor. Ask for Divine protection for Christian communities and intervention to end the ongoing violence in the region.

## **2. Iran**

**Leader:** Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

**Government:** Theocratic Republic

**Main religion:** Islam

**Population:** 86,023,000

**Christians:** 1,245,000 (1.4%)

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression/ Dictatorial Paranoia

**Persecution Level:** Extreme

### **What does persecution look like in Iran?**

- Iran is ruled by an increasingly strict Islamic regime, which views the existence of Iranian house churches as an attempt by Western countries to undermine Islam and their authority.
- The country's political institutions, including the presidency, are all dominated by hardliners who do not tolerate Christianity, particularly conversion to Christianity.
- Widespread protests in 2022 demonstrated that the younger generation is fed up with the legacy of oppression, bloodshed, cruel 'justice', corruption, economic hardship, and cultural isolation from most of the world.

- There is an ancient history of Armenian and Assyrian Christians in Iran; these are protected by the state, but treated as second-class citizens.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christians can only meet in secret house churches. They are at great risk of being monitored, harassed, arrested and prosecuted for 'crimes against national security' – an accusation that is notoriously poorly defined, and can be abused.
- Iranian house church leaders and members have received long prison sentences involving physical and mental abuse.
- Iranian Christians may be banned from education, lose their jobs and find it very difficult to get back into employment.
- For women, the situation is even more precarious because Iranian law grants women few rights. For trusting in Jesus, they are likely to be violently punished or divorced by their husbands and have their children taken away from them, if their faith is discovered.

### **Prayer points for Iran:**

Pray for healthy and just leadership to emerge in the nation and that God's divine clarity, wisdom and blessing would be poured out upon those seeking to bring Godly justice, peace and reconciliation.

Pray for an end to the injustice and oppression perpetrated by Iran's government, and that all people in Iran would experience freedom through Jesus' resurrection life.

Pray for comfort for Iranians, both in the country and around the world, who are hurting and grieving over what is happening/happened in their nation. Pray for the hurting to find hope in Christ. Pray for stability in the country as turmoil grows and rumors spiral on social media.

Pray in this time that the church in Iran would be able to do more than ever before to serve the poor and the oppressed, and that the church would keep the advance of the Gospel central at this time.

Pray Christian brothers and sisters in the church in Iran will be filled with supernatural strength to take a posture of forgiveness and grace in the light of such 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.

Pray for Godly leadership within the Christian community. Pray that God would provide missionaries with wisdom and resourcefulness to effectively do the work of evangelism in this country that has an increasingly strict Islamic regime.

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*)

Christians, meeting in urban areas are more likely to be monitored and arrested by the authorities. In rural areas, Christians face more social pressure and control, which makes meeting at all very difficult. Pray that those who are persecuting and oppressing people in Iran would have powerful, supernatural encounters with Jesus, repent and come to know him.

Pray that a new wave of intercession for Iran would break out at this time, with the global Church standing with the people of Iran and the church, fueling transformation and justice. Pray that Iranians of all backgrounds would encounter the King of all kings and encounter His power and glory in each of their lives.

Pray for prisoners to have fair, impartial trials. Pray for prisoners and officials to hear the Gospel. Pray for all judges to love justice and mercy. Pray for courage for Christians facing arbitrary arrest. Pray for the release of all imprisoned for their faith.

It is estimated that 60% of believers in Iran are women. 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.

### 3. Syria

**Leader:** President Bashar al-Assad

**Government:** Authoritarian Presidential Republic

**Population:** 19,365,000

**Christians:** 603,000 (3.1%)

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Persecution type:** Dictatorial Paranoia/Islamic oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

#### What does persecution look like in Syria?

- Syria has risen three places on the World Watch List mainly because of an increase in violence.
- More than a decade of civil war has inflicted terrible suffering and hardship on Syrians. For Christians the torment has been compounded by the rise of Islamist militant groups, including Islamic State.
- Dozens of churches, monasteries, Christian cemeteries and other buildings vital to the Christian community were attacked, damaged or looted in the west and northeast of the country, mostly due to intense shelling by Turkish forces and Turkish Supported Opposition, or by criminals.
- Turkish military are operating openly across the north of the country, including Hasakah and Qamishli, which makes these areas particularly dangerous for Christians.

#### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christians in Syria still grapple with daily persecution that may become violent.
- Sharing the gospel is very risky, and church buildings have often been completely destroyed. The abduction of church leaders continues to have a considerably negative impact on Christian communities.
- As the Christian population of Syria has diminished due to the civil war, more and more Syrian Christians come from a Muslim background. This makes them additional targets – including from their own family, who may attack or reject converts.

- Christians are particularly under pressure in Idlib Province in the northwest and in Hasakah Province in the northeast, where so-called Islamic State has attacked civilians and churches.
- Leaving Islam is most dangerous in the northwest and north east of the country. 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.

### Prayer points for Syria:

Pray for President Bashar al-Assad. Pray for his salvation. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide and lead him. Pray that God would establish a good godly leadership for this nation through him. *(1Timothy 2:1)*

Syrian Christians enjoyed respect and equality until the rise of Islamist groups during the civil war. Pray for lasting peace and reconstruction to come over Syria. Pray for Syrians to experience the freedom they once enjoyed in and through Christ Jesus again.

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)*

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Christians who publicly express their faith and try to share the gospel with others are likely to face arrest from extremist groups. Pray for Christians to be able to communicate safely with one another and be encouraged. Pray for deliverance for the families who have witnessed horrors from these evil attackers. *(Psalms 32:7)*



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Christian women are vulnerable to persecution in Islamist-held areas. In northeast Syria, where Islamic State's religious police has made a comeback, they must completely cover themselves in public spaces or suffer violence.

Around 5.5 million Syrians have fled the country to escape the conflict, which began in 2011, and 6.9 million have been internally displaced. Pray for Centers of Hope restoring hope to war-weary people. Pray for ongoing financial provision and that the workers will be reenergized to give help and compassion to those in need.

#### **4. Turkey**

**Leader:** President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**Government:** Presidential Republic

**Population:** 85,562,000

**Christians:** 170,000 (0.2%)

**Main religion:** Islam

**Persecution Type:** Islamic oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

**What does persecution look like in Turkey?**

- In his first years in the 2000s, Erdogan actually had a pro-European agenda which allowed religious people, including Christians, more space. However, this has all changed, especially following Erdogan's coalition with the ultranationalist MHP in 2015 and the coup in 2016,

which was the start of a crackdown on all dissenting voices, and which has led to significant deterioration of all freedoms in Turkey.

- Nationalism and Islam are intrinsically linked and anyone who is not a Muslim, particularly someone who openly lives out a different faith, is seen to be a disloyal Turk.
- Historical Christian groups like the Armenian and Assyrian Syriac churches face pressure and hostility in southeastern Turkey. For decades, they have been caught between the rivalries of the Turkish army and Kurdish resistance groups.
- The Protestant churches continue to face legal challenges, including not being recognized as religious congregations. This creates lots of practical difficulties when dealing with authorities, trying to rent a place to worship or opening bank accounts (which is impossible).

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christians in Turkey experience incredible pressure from very strong – and increasing – religious nationalism in Turkey. The government continues to target even foreign Christians in its borders, along with the foreign spouses of Turkish citizens.
- Even Christians who did not convert from Islam are hardly regarded as full members of Turkish society and encounter all kinds of legal and bureaucratic obstructions.
- All Christians have limited access to state employment and experience discrimination in private employment, especially in jobs with ties to the government.
- Although no Christians were killed in Turkey during the past twelve months, a higher number of church buildings were damaged, desecrated, converted into mosques or otherwise attacked.

### **Prayer points for Turkey:**

Pray for President Recep Erdogan. Pray for his salvation. President Erdogan emerged victorious for another term after the elections that was held in May' 2023 in Turkey. *(1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

Pray for the newer Turkish government to make policies that recognize Christians as equal to Muslims. Pray that Erdoğan will govern wisely at a time when Turkey faces a deepening economic crisis while also rebuilding after the terrible earthquake that struck in February.

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Turks who convert to Christianity risk harsh mistreatment from their families and communities. Pray that Christian converts will feel loved and accepted by God, even when their own families reject them.

Though Protestant churches continue to face legal challenges, including not being recognized as “religious congregations” and facing practical difficulties when dealing with authorities, trying to rent a place to worship or opening bank accounts, yet the Protestant community has seen steady growth in the recent past. Thank the Lord for the growth.

Historical Christian groups like the Armenian and Assyrian Syriac churches face pressure and hostility in southeastern Turkey. For decades, they have been caught between the rivalries of the Turkish army and Kurdish resistance groups. Pray the lives of the believers will shine with the light of the gospel as they experience these dark situations. *(Colossians 3:15)*

Mature expatriate believers many of whom have lived in Turkey for decades, have long served in Turkish churches; however, the Turkish government has recently targeted these foreign workers for expulsion. Pray that God will strengthen missionaries facing deportation and guide those that have already been deported. Pray that new Turkish church leaders will arise to replace deported foreign workers.

During the past year, Christian asylum seekers and refugees, including Muslim converts from Iran, Afghanistan, Syria and other nations, have faced very high levels of discrimination and abuse. Pray the Lord Jesus may bring comfort and hope to those who have been rejected and abused. *(Psalms 72:13)*

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. This is more common in rural areas. Pray women will experience spiritual, emotional and physical healing.

## **5. Maldives**

**Leader:** President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

**Government:** Presidential Republic

**Population:** 541, 000

**Christians:** Hundreds

**Main religion:** Islam

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### **What does persecution look like in Maldives?**

- Maldives is a highly conservative Islamic nation and other religions cannot be practiced openly.
- The government is the main persecutor, and Maldivian society is aligned with the country's commitment to ensuring that every Maldivian remains a Muslim.
- In addition to government persecution, seekers and converts receive tremendous pressure from their families and communities.
- The Maldives has one of the highest divorce rates in the world. Crime rates and gang activity both continue to rise.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christian converts have to follow Jesus in the greatest secrecy as no religious minorities are recognized by the state, and every citizen is considered Muslim.
- Even foreign Christians working in the islands' tourist sector are closely watched by the authorities – they can only meet up for worship or weddings in a private place (such as their country's embassy) and must not express or discuss their faith with local citizens.

- If they do, they may be fined, deported or even imprisoned for a number of years.
- There are elements of violent Islamic extremism in the Maldives, including fighters returning from places like Syria, who pose a danger to suspected Christian believers, and the country is struggling to cope with the size of this challenge.

### Prayer points for Maldives:

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 among Maldivians. Pray against strongholds of pride, fear, and selfish pursuit of physical pleasures.

Migrant Christians in Maldives experience a relative amount of freedom although proselytization is not tolerated. Pray the government will continue to progress in its tolerance towards Christians and lift all restrictions on religious freedom.

Pray for expatriate Christians in the Maldives, 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)*

Foreign Christians are severely restricted in sharing their Christian faith and in gathering for public worship. Those who do so risk detention and deportation. Pray that the situation will be resolved, and that the authorities will see that Christian believers does not pose a threat to their national security.

Ask for the Lord's blessing to be upon the small converts who generally live out their Christian faith in secret. Pray they will have opportunity and courage to meet with each other, whether in person or online, to worship God and build up their faith. *(Hebrews 10:36)*

Pray for God to send more missionaries and evangelists into Maldives. 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.

The Maldives is made up of very close-knit communities, making it very difficult to talk to or meet up with anybody secretly. Pray that believers find ways to safely communicate and access Bible materials.

There are elements of violent Islamic extremism in the Maldives, including fighters returning from places like Syria, who pose a danger to suspected Christian believers, and the country is struggling to cope with the size of this challenge. 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)*

The perception of Christianity is so bad (largely due to Western media and tourist immorality) that political opponents use the term "Christian" to slander one another. Pray for the true name and nature of Jesus to be made known in this nation. Pray that the state's contradictions and heavy-handedness toward Christianity would generate a great movement for Christ. *(2 Corinthians 5:21)*

## 6. Brunei

**Leader:** Sultan and Prime Minister Sir Hassanal Bolkiah

**Government:** Absolute Monarchy

**Population:** 445,000

**Christians:** 53,500 (12.0%)

**Main religion:** Islam

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression/Dictatorial Paranoia

**Persecution Level:** Very High

**What does persecution look like in Brunei?**

- The growing implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) in Brunei – which applies to both Muslims and non-Muslims and has the goal of making

the country fully Islamic – is making it increasingly challenging for the country's tiny Christian minority to express and share their faith.

- Conversion from Islam is illegal, meaning converts can face enormous pressure to renounce their faith in Jesus.
- Islamic oppression is the main source of persecution in Brunei.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- Christian communities are monitored, and a Christian from a Muslim background can face beating, can be disowned by families, separated from children, forcibly married or made to attend Islamic rehabilitation programs.
- All church activities are monitored by the authorities and surrounding community, and church leaders are warned against doing outreach or becoming too public.
- They must register not as a church but as a secular entity and are required to submit their financial and operational reports to the government every year.
- To encourage the spread of Islam, the government has been giving aid to those who become Muslims, which has led to some Christians being coerced into converting back to Islam.

### Prayer points for Brunei:

Pray for the Sultan of Brunei, that his heart might be softened to hear and receive the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give the leadership and its representatives the wisdom and perseverance to lead and take the right path toward bringing an openness to the gospel.

Brunei enforces Islamic Law, which forbids anyone to leave Islam. Pray that the Holy Spirit will embolden local believers to joyfully share their faith (*Acts 4:29*). May many in Brunei turn to Christ and receive eternal life with God. Pray for the Gospel to infiltrate every part of the nation.

The Christian Church exists under very difficult conditions. Evangelism is illegal, and although the number of Christians have grown, no foreign Christian workers are permitted - visiting ministers must arrive unannounced and in secret. Ask God to strengthen Church

leaders in the face of opposition, encourage them in their faith and keep them safe from harm.

Converts from a Muslim background can be disowned by families, separated from children, forcibly married or made to attend Islamic rehabilitation programs. If their faith is widely known, the authorities will also intervene to pressurize converts to renounce Christianity, because leaving Islam is considered illegal.

Pray that the small number of believers will not be afraid of the threats that come from their communities. 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)*

To encourage the spread of Islam, the government has been giving aid to those who become Muslims, which has led to some Christians being coerced into converting to Islam. Pray for boldness, courage and unity. In *Luke 9:62* Jesus said, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Pray they would remain in the truth of God.

Protestant Christian groups have difficulty getting government approval to open new churches or church facilities. Gatherings of believers are monitored, and Muslims who convert to Christianity often meet privately in homes to avoid drawing extra attention. Pray for the secret congregations gathering in Brunei.

The harsh treatment of the authorities has drawn together most of the churches and birthed a holy determination among many. Pray for Christians to stand strong in the face of persecution and authorities will have a change of heart and give greater freedom to those who choose not to follow Islam. *(Colossians 4:3)*

Churches in Malaysian territories bordering Brunei have been bold in their evangelism directed at Bruneians who come across the border for work or leisure. Some have initiated numerous conversations with Bruneians who seem hungry and seeking for spiritual truth. Pray that these conversations will linger in their minds, and that the Holy Spirit will bring revelation and understanding of spiritual truths. Pray He will make many inquisitive to know more about Jesus.



## 7. Myanmar

**Leader:** General Min Aung Hlaing

**Government:** Parliamentary Republic

**Population:** 55, 227, 000

**Christians:** 4,421,000 (8.0%)

**Main religion:** Buddhism

**Persecution Type:** Religious Nationalism/Military Coup

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### What does persecution look like in Myanmar?

- Myanmar has fallen two places on the World Watch List, but persecution has actually got slightly worse.
- 2022 brought the country further than ever from a solution to the violent conflict which started when the army staged a coup in 2021.
- Fighting has continued and, in some parts of the country, increased and the Christian minority is among those bearing the brunt of attacks.
- For decades the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) has persecuted the country's small Christian community, estimated at 8.0% of the population, for their faith and ethnicity.
- The US Commission on International Religious Freedom likened the treatment of Christians by the Tatmadaw to the genocide the military has perpetrated against Myanmar's Muslim-majority Rohingya since 2017.

### Who is most vulnerable to persecution?

- The persecution of Christians in Myanmar continues to worsen since the military took control in February 2021.
- The daily reality is that Christians do not enjoy the same rights and legal protection as the Buddhist majority. Christians are often victims of violent attacks conducted with impunity.
- Converts to Christianity also face threats, ridicule and physical beatings from their Buddhist, Muslim or tribal families, and are shunned from community life.

- Churches have been attacked and destroyed. More Christians than ever have become internally displaced people or refugees, and are living in camps or churches without adequate food and healthcare.

### Prayer points for Myanmar:

Pray for General Min Aung Hlaing. Pray for his salvation. Pray ultimately, he come to know Jesus and live for him. Pray for restoration of democracy. Pray that the military will cede control and hand power back to the elected government.

Pray the weight of this lengthy conflict in Myanmar that threatens to eliminate hope and unity in Myanmar's population will be quelled. Pray, for a righteous government that will seek the good of all its people. Pray for a more open and tolerant society towards Christians in Myanmar.

Pray for reconciliation between religious groups in Myanmar and an end to the habitual discrimination against Christians. Ask God to give Christian's courage, resources and revelation as they seek to respond to this crisis. (*Hebrews 4:16*)

Even with the nation falling apart, local believers are faithfully serving their people in Christ's name. 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.

Regardless of what the future holds, pray that this suffering nation will come to understand God's promise in *Romans 8:35*: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?"

Pray for an end to the violence carried out by the military against Christians and others in Myanmar. Ask for the Lord's protection for His people and all who are forced to flee attacks. Pray for the protection of the thousands of vulnerable people who are now refugees or internally displaced due to the ongoing conflict.

Lift up ethnic minorities in Myanmar including Rohingya (mainly Muslims). Pray that they will be given strength to endure hardship in IDP camps and all who have lost loved ones will be comforted. Ask that military and complicit government leaders will turn in horror from committing these atrocities.

The ongoing civil war is disproportionately affecting Christian communities in majority Christian states such as Chin, Kachin, Karen and Kayah states. 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)*

Converts to Christianity also face persecution from their Buddhist, Muslim or tribal families and are shunned from community life. Communities that aim to stay 'Buddhist only' make life for Christian families impossible by barring their access to community water resources. Pray for provision and kindness from the community.

Na Ta La schools aim to convert Christian children to Buddhism, which is an effective way of stopping Christianity from spreading to the next generation. The boys at these schools are raised to become Buddhist monks. Pray for the “Youth with a Mission” ministry to have huge opportunities to reach the younger generation for Jesus. Pray for anointing and also protection for all the staff and ministry partners as they continue to boldly serve the poor and needy and declare the love of God in deed and word. *(Luke 18:16)*

## **8. Sri Lanka**

**Leader:** President Ranil Wickremesinghe

**Government:** Presidential Republic

**Population:** 22,100,000

**Christians:** 1,800,000 (8.0%)

**Main religion:** Buddhism

**Persecution Type:** Religious Nationalism

**Persecution Level:** Very High

### **What does persecution look like in Sri Lanka?**

- Sri Lanka has a constitution that gives Buddhism preferred status over other religions, a view widely shared across the country.
- Additionally, Christian churches are frequently opposed by neighbors, and local officials sometimes demand they close their buildings.
- Buddhist hardliner Gotabaya Rajapaksa's election as president in 2019 opened the door to criminalizing religious conversions.
- Evangelical and Pentecostal congregations, most of whom gather in house churches, are closely monitored and face discrimination at various levels of government and society.
- The Christian minority is partly tolerated, but converts to Christianity are not.

### **Who is most vulnerable to persecution?**

- Christians make up 8% of the population in predominantly Buddhist Sri Lanka and are represented in both the Sinhala majority and Tamil minority ethnic groups.
- The Christian community comprises both families who have been Christian for generations and new converts from Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam.
- Converts from Buddhist or Hindu backgrounds face the strongest persecution, not only from the authorities, but also from their family and community.
- Most Christians are poor and many have suffered violence at the hands of Buddhist extremists or radical Muslims.

### **Prayer points for Sri Lanka:**

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

Pray for those in political power in Sri Lanka. Pray they will make the right decisions for their people, and not be driven by greed or prestige. Pray they will not escalate matters, but bring them to a peaceful close.

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

Scripture says: We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. Pray the light of the gospel will banish all darkness and provide hope and purpose to all those who are lost. (*Ephesians 6:12*)

The Church as a whole is divided - between Tamil and Sinhalese, between Catholic and Protestant, between mainline and evangelical, even between older Pentecostal and newer neo-Pentecostal. These divisions 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 Sri Lanka. (*Mark 3:24*)

Christians must be cautious in sharing the Gospel because the Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka are extremely powerful. Furthermore, the politicians defer to and even bow down to them. Pray for the Buddhist monks to cease attacking churches and pastors and for wisdom for Christians as they deal with the influential monks.

Christians suffer greatly owing to the nation's economic hardship. Their suffering is compounded by mobs led by Buddhist monks who disrupt church services, sometimes backed by local officials. False allegations insisting that special permits are required to hold worship services in Christians' homes are common. Pray for an end to hostility towards Christians, and they will be able to worship without threat or harassment. (*Ephesians 6: 14-17*)

As a result of the economic crisis, the country has had to request a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF loan conditions, referred to as austerity measures, are likely to be particularly difficult for the country's poorest citizens, among whom are many Christians. Pray for our impoverished brothers and sisters, asking that the Lord will deliver them from all of their troubles. (*Psalm 34:17*)

## UNREACHED/PARTIALLY REACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

### 1. Kalagan in Philippines

Population: 103,000

Main Language: Kalagan

Largest Religion: Islam 99.99%    Christians: 0.01%

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

The Kalagan live on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines. They are located in an area between the interior uplands and the western coast of the Davao Gulf.

Their lifestyle and culture are very similar to that of the Magindanaw. Their language, also called Kalagan, resembles a number of other languages in the region.

The Kalagan are self-sufficient farmers, producing nearly all their own food. Wet rice is grown in the lowlands, and dry rice and corn are raised in the mountainous areas. In addition to farming, the Kalagan catch fish and obtain wild foods and other various materials from the marshes.

About half of the entire group of Kalagan came under Islamic influence in the 1500s. However, many of the Kalagan remained animists (believe that non-human objects have spirits). Today, many are still ethnic religionists, believing in the traditions and religions of their forefathers. They continue to believe in a variety of environmental spirits.

Mission agencies may be working among the Kalagan, but they have few resources to help them. Evangelistic materials in their own language are very much needed to win them to Christ.

### Prayer points:

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

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

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

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

Ask God for a complete Bible in their language as there are only portions and New Testament available to them. Pray they will understand and apply the Scriptures available to them, enabling them to be effective in their communities, affecting their culture for Christ. Pray that Christian radio broadcasts and evangelical literature will be made available to the Kalagan.

## 2. Konkomba in Togo

Population: 115,000

Main language: Konkomba

Largest religion: Ethnic Religion: 85.00% Christians: 15.00 %

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

The Konkomba homeland is on the northeast border area around Guerin, Yendi district and into Togo.

The homeland area covers about 6,300 square kilometers of the plain of the Oti River, which is a large area of Savannah. They are farmers and many Konkomba are migrant farmers who have spread out into other areas of Ghana.

The Konkomba are said to have originated from the Yendi area, but were driven north and south to their present locations by the Dagomba.

Islam appears to have no attraction for the Konkomba, primarily it is thought as it is identified with their traditional enemies, the Dagomba.

Christianity was first introduced to the Konkomba by the Assemblies of God in about 1931. The Catholics came in 1960 and since then other churches have been planted in the area.

The Konkomba are friendly towards Christianity but the church has made little impact outside the area of Saboba. The early census showed that of the 378 districts, over 300 have no Christian witness. All of them need to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

### Prayer points:

Pray that God will lay the Konkomba 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 the Assemblies of God missionaries, 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 small group of Konkomba believers are nurtured in the faith/word and are used by the Holy Spirit to begin an unstoppable movement for Christ.

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 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.

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

### **3. Kono in Sierra Leone (koh noh)**

Population: 352,000

Main language: Kono

Largest religion: Ethnic Religions 88.00% Christians: 12.00%

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

The ancestors of the Kono people arrived in their Sierra Leone location from what is now Mali and Guinea. They came in the 1500s. The Kono people speak the Kono language as their first language.

Though some are diamond miners, most Kono people are farmers. They grow all kinds of fruits and vegetable for their own dinner tables and cash crops like kola nut, coffee and cacao.

Though the Kono people adhere to either Islam or Christianity, they also practice their own ethnic religion. This usually involves invoking ancestral spirits whom they believe can protect and guide them.

They believe these ancestral spirits stay with them during all their daily activities and even during sleep. Kono are also superstitious and use curses, omens, charms, and magic in their daily lives.

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

### Prayer points:

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

Though the Kono people adhere to either Islam or Christianity, they also practice their own ethnic religion. Pray as they hear the truth, the truth will set them free.

They believe these ancestral spirits stay with them during all their daily activities and even during sleep. Kono 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)*

Music-making like other peoples of the region, is an intrinsic part of their social life. After sunset, in the open compounds (courtyards) of the villages, the entire village may sing and dance. Pray they will use their talents to praise the Lord God for his excellent greatness and create gospel music, sharing the love of God and His son Jesus to their tribes and build the Kingdom of God. *(Psalms 96:1-2)*

Increased mission efforts, additional laborers, Christian broadcasts, and evangelistic literature are greatly needed to effectively reach the Kono tribe with the Gospel. Pray for gospel workers to catch a vision for reaching this indigenous people group.

Pray for a complete Bible to be 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. Kulango (Bondoukou) in Cote d'Ivoire**

Population: 157,000

Main language: Kulango, Bondoukou

Largest religion: Ethnic religions 96.00% Christianity 4.00%

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

Kulango is an ethnic group in Cote d'Ivoire, specifically in the Bondoukou region. Bondoukou also refers to a city in Ivory Coast's northeast that was once a strategic location on a West African trade route.

In sum, Kulango is the ethnic group, and Bondoukou describes their location and their dialect. There are many other ethnic groups in their part of the country.

The Kulango are mainly farmers who produce cocoa, coffee, cotton, maize, yams and sorghum. They also herd cattle. Their cultural

activities include their own forms of dance, music and work working. They are known for their fine crafts.

Each Kulango village is made up of several small settlements. The settlements consist of a number of mud huts with cone-shaped roofs made of palm leaves or thatch.

The Kulango have their own set of religious beliefs. They worship their own gods and spirits. The male head of each extended family is responsible for offering sacrifices to the ancestral spirits.

Though some of the Kulango have accepted Christ, most of the others have not yet heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. Bible resources and other evangelistic tools are needed to see these people reached for Christ.

### Prayer points:

As Intercession is the key to breaking down all strongholds over the Kulango Bondoukou 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.

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*)

The Kulango Bondoukou identity is centered on their key role in their resistance to French colonialists. They need their identity to be centered on the rock, Jesus Christ. Pray they will be a new creation in Christ for old things have passed away, behold all things have become new. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

The male head of each extended family is responsible for offering sacrifices to the ancestral spirits. In turn, pray for the Kulango heads of family to have the spiritual discernment to respond to Christ when they hear of his glory and offer themselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

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

## **5. Katang in Laos (kah-TAHNG)**

Population: 115,000

Main language: Katang

Largest religion: Ethnic Religions 99.92% Christianity 0.08%

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

The Katang are dispersed over a wide-spread area of southern Laos.

The Katang live in houses made of braided leaves. In recent decades, however, many Katang have moved down from the hills onto the plains.

Traditional Katang textiles, which feature numerous narrow bands of colors and patterns, are also produced there and sold to the Western and Asian tourists who pass through the area.

The Katang, both men and women, have for centuries stretched their earlobes and inserted large bamboo tubes in for decoration.

Most of the Katang people adhere to their traditional religion. They worship spirits that they believe offer protection and blessings.

Although most Katang have absolutely no awareness of the gospel or the claims of Jesus Christ, there is one Katang church in Laos, with approximately 100 known believers.

They have faced great opposition from local authorities, shamans and community leaders, who believe the presence of the Christians will bring a curse on the village from the spirits they have worshipped for countless generations. Most Katang are too bound by fear to consider converting to Christianity.

### Prayer points:

The Katang 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 Katang are too bound by fear to consider converting to Christianity because they fear the shamans, community leaders and local authorities. Pray they will not miss receiving the gift of salvation for fear of mortal men.

The Katang 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)*

Most of the Katang people adhere to their traditional religion. They worship spirits that they believe offer protection and blessings. Scripture says: The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. Pray they will seek the Lord Jesus. *(Proverbs 10:22)*

They need healing and new spiritual hope. It only takes a couple of Katang to catch God's vision for them and their people and become the beginnings of a movement. Pray there will be a 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 Katang 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 that Christian resources especially the Bible are translated into the Katang language.

## **6. Kimr in Sudan**

Population: 186,000

Main language: Tama

Largest religion: Islam 93.00% Christians 0.00%

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

The Kimr people are a tribe belonging to a larger group known as the Tama. This larger group is concentrated along the Chad/Sudan border and is made up of several other ethnic groups.

They all speak dialects of the Tama language; however, many also speak Arabic as a trade language.

The Kimr make their living by farming and raising cattle, though a few are non-nomadic shepherds. Some also keep livestock including camels, cattle, goats, and sheep, from which they get wool, leather, and dairy products.

The people live together in village compounds, and each settlement has its own leader, or chief, who provides advice, settles disputes, and is responsible for making important decisions.

They are all Muslim and practice Islamic traditions, holidays and celebrations; however, many also practice animism and witchcraft

alongside Islam. 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 Kimr 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 the Kimr 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. *(Acts 4:12)*

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)*

In most regions where the Kimr live, education is not readily available. The schools that do exist are Islamic schools that are attended only by the boys. 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 Tama language. Bible translation has just started. Pray for wisdom and guidance. Pray for Bible translation efforts that have begun to progress and the work to not be hindered. Pray the project would thrive.



## 7. Khampa Western in China (Kum-ba)

Population: 267,000

Main language: Tibetan, Khams

Largest religion: Buddhism 99.99%      Christians: 0.01%

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

Approximately over 260,000 Tibetans living in the massive Nghari Prefecture in central and northern Tibet speak the Western Khampa language.

The suffix pa means "people" in Tibetan. Kham-pa, therefore means "people of Kham." Kham was a province of Tibet until it was annexed by the Chinese and incorporated into Qinghai and Sichuan provinces.

Living in some of the harshest conditions in the world, the traditional long-sleeved coats of the Khampa are tied up with a belt, which conceals a large knife or sword. Many wear lucky charms, magical strings, or amulet boxes around their neck.

The Khampa rely on demons, ghosts, and the spirits of disembodied deities to guide their decisions. Many monks are able to call up fearsome demons, who sometimes visualize in front of them. The Khampa also worship Yama, the god of death. They believe he is the king of the underworld and that he controls all the events of their lives.

The Western Khampa Tibetans are the epitome of an unreached people group. Missionaries in the past, frustrated at not being allowed into Tibet, loaded up dozens of yaks with Tibetan tracts and sent them randomly into the vast Tibetan frontiers.

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 Khampa western, that in God's sovereign timing all their hearts would be opened and ready to follow Him.

Father God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved, so pray for all of the Khampa people who live in the region that is mostly a high, desolate plateau to be saved. (*John 3:17*)

The Khampa worship Yama, the god of death out of ignorance. Jesus has said “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (*John 11:25*). Pray they would worship the one who said, “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever.” (*Revelation 1:18*).

The Khampa rely on demons, ghosts, and the spirits of disembodied deities to guide their decisions. Many monks are able to call up fearsome demons, who sometimes visualize in front of them. Pray the Lord Jesus would push back the darkness hovering over them and release them into His light. Pray for a huge harvest of Khampa souls.

Missionaries in the past, were frustrated at not being allowed into Tibet, loaded up dozens of yaks with Tibetan tracts and sent them randomly into the vast Tibetan frontiers. Pray that the missionary work that was 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 the complete Bible. Pray for the people to delight themselves in the Bible portions available in their language. Pray they develop a love of hearing and learning the word which will thereby help them to grow stronger in faith.

## **8. Kutu in Tanzania**

Population: 141,000

Main language: Kutu

Largest religion: Islam 97.00% Christians: 3.0%

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

The Kutu have only been reported in Tanzania.

The Kutu live south of Morogoro in the Mbeta River Buffer Zone on the foothills of the Uluguru mountains.

Most of Kuku people work as farmers, producing maize, sorghum, and rice, and raising sheep, goats, and poultry. Coconut and banana trees are a cash crop. Cotton was a main crop until 1989. Now sesame seed has been introduced to this area.

During the 19th century, the Kutu were victimized by the East African slave trade; in response, they built fortified villages protected by stockades.

The vast majority of the Kutu are Muslims, although they are considered to be only marginally loyal, confining their religious observances to fasting at Ramadan taking on Arab names, and wearing the white skull cap. Still, several Kutu villages have schools where children study the Koran.

The Kutu people have also been affected in recent years by the East African drought of the late 1980s and early 1990s and by the threat of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the disease of AIDS. Rates of malaria and schistosomiasis are high among the Kutu.

### Prayer points:

Ask God for intercessors to faithfully stand in the gap for the Kutu people group living in Tanzania. 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 in Jesus the

Son of God and the Savior of the world who can forgive their sins and grant them eternal life.

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

Pray 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 Village Assembly and Council will be two key groups to work with in an effective outreach to this group. Pray for the Elders of the tribe to be transformed by the love of Jesus as they rule the village life, making the judicial decisions and conducting affairs with outsiders. Pray they will make wise decisions for their people.

The Kutu people have also been affected in recent years by the East African drought and by the threat of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the disease of AIDS. Rates of malaria and schistosomiasis are high among the Kutu. Pray the Lord God, who forgives all iniquities and heals all diseases will heal the Kutu people. (*Psalms 103:3*)

It seems the Kutu trace their ancestry matrilineally through the sister's line. Women could play a key role in reaching this group and leading in literacy and community development projects. Pray God will raise up women for this community, to be like the disciple Tabitha who was full of good works and did charitable deeds. (*Acts 9:36*)

Thank God for some Bible portions and the New Testament. Pray for a complete Bible to happen in this decade. Pray for workers to be available for the process of translating the Bible.

# 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*)

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

### **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.

At least 1,040 districts, representing 18,335 schools with more than 10.7 million students, have "Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Policies" that openly state district personnel can or should keep a student's gender identity status hidden from parents.

These 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 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:**

*“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:20-21)*

## 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 29 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.

Uttar Pradesh has recorded 211 violent occurrences against Christians, the most of any state so far this year, according to reports.

Police in India have issued questionnaires to at least 40 churches in Indore, Madhya Pradesh state seeking information that Christians fear will be used by Hindu extremists to attack them, sources said. It has had a chilling effect, with many churches stopping in-person worship and going to online services, sources said.

Police are obtaining information about evangelization and other activities, and since then, most of the churches have been meeting online, the source said. The 16-point questionnaire asks about the objectives of Christian activities and if church leaders have noticed any suspicious conversions. It also asks if Christians are running any Non-Government Organizations and if they are receiving funding from abroad.

“The political parties are trying to win their vote bank by polarizing the communities, thereby creating a favorable environment for themselves. 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.” Some 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 Wapsi**” thrust the Christian heart into deeper communion with Christ! Pray for a change in the hearts of the persecutors so that they too can taste the love of God.

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

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

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

### **Pray about Idolatry/ Family/ Social and Other issues:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*“Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.”*  
*(Isaiah 52: 9)*

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

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

Beseech the Lord to move on the hearts of the leaders to choose what is best for 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 God impart wisdom and courage to PM Netanyahu in dealing with US President Biden's anti-Israel Administration and to have wisdom in responding to Biden and America's Israeli Ambassador Nides denigrating and ridiculous remarks concerning Israel's current government.

Thank God for the warming of relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia. Pray for the budding relationship to grow and strengthen to the benefit of both nations and of the entire region. Pray that Saudi Arabia will join the Abraham Accords and ask the Lord for His hand of protection to rest on normalization talks, assuring that Israel's security is protected in any agreement.

Pray for the future of the judicial reforms to be in God's hands and not be at the whim of the opposition, demonstrators or outsiders who threaten the nation in different ways.

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

Ask God to aid Israel's current coalition to move ahead with His will for Israel today by fearing Him more than they fear other nations.

Pray God cast out the spirits of anarchy, rebellion, intimidation, rage, jealousy, hatred and even insanity from Israeli demonstrators and calm this dangerous storm. Ask God to stop Israel's mainstream media from fanning the flames of this anti-government agitation.

Ask God to convict Israeli doctors and IDF reservists of how wrong they are to decide to serve their patients or guard over their nation based on a political stance of Israel's government and not honoring their commitment to serve/keep their oath of office.

Pray the “God of Israel” will deflate the anti-government demonstrations and remove/dry up all of its financial backing.

Beseech the Lord to hedge in the High Court so that they only deal with cases that are appropriate for judges to deal with and not get involved with those cases which are not part of their responsibilities.

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

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

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

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

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

Ask God, to hinder America's attempt to mediate the unsettled Israeli-Lebanese borders, as they are sending the same man who convinced Lapid to surrender to Hezbollah, parts of Israel's Mediterranean oil and gas resources.

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.

### **Pray about Anti-Semitism/Aliyah/ Other Issues:**

In recent months, antisemitism on Twitter has increased. It mainly involves tweets with conspiracy theories about Jews. Antisemitism is also rife on other social media. Pray for people to stand up to this and for antisemitic posts to be blocked.

Cry out to the Lord for an end to the vile hatred that is perpetuated on social media, and plead with Him for an end to the global trend of increasing violence against His chosen ones.

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.

To mark the Jewish New Year, the CBS has also published a data on the public's attitudes and sentiments. The data shows that Israelis are relatively satisfied with their lives, especially among those ages 20 and above. According to the data, 90.2% of Israelis are satisfied with their lives, and 63% are content with their economic situation.

In just over a year, Israel's population is expected to reach 10 million residents. Praise God for these amazing statistics regarding Israel's growing population. Pray that Aliyah will continue, bringing God's people home from all around the globe, and for His favor to rest upon them as they become functioning Israeli citizens.

Praise the Lord that the number of embassies located in Jerusalem continues to grow. The Oceania nation of Papua New Guinea inaugurated its embassy in Jerusalem on Tuesday, becoming the fifth country to maintain a diplomatic mission in Israel's capital city. Praise God for this move by Papua New Guinea and the message it sends.

Pray for Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Hungary and Fiji as each of these countries plan a similar move. Pray for God's blessing on these nations who are standing with Israel and cry out to the Lord that they will all become part of a growing body of pro-Israel voices in the international arena, particularly at the UN.