

PRAY

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AMERICAN PEOPLES



Rejoice always, **pray without ceasing**,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this  
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Every day people around the world wake up and say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit." Yet they do not know what tomorrow will bring, for what is their life? They are like a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes (James 4:13–14).

In these pages you will get a broad overview of the lives of people in the Americas. You will see where and how they live. You will read about who they worship and what they fear. You will be offered a chance to join with others and pray for nations to have access to the gospel soon.

Time is not in our hands, but it is in God's sovereign hands. May these people hear and believe the gospel of Christ in their lifetime.

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This guide contains eight themes to help you pray for the peoples of the Americas. We encourage you to gather with friends or small groups to pray for each need. It is designed to be used at your own pace. You could meet monthly, weekly, or even eight days in a row.

It is our hope that as you pray for countries and people around the world, your hearts will grow together in a desire to see Christ exalted in your own community and among the nations.



# NATURAL DISASTERS

Earthquakes, hurricanes, and fires devastated Ecuador, Chile, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Peru in 2016. Many of the people affected are living in physical as well as spiritual darkness. Homes and businesses have been destroyed, leaving hundreds of

thousands without food, water, or shelter. Rebuilding is slow and is hampered by political corruption and thievery. Christian brothers and sisters are helping reconstruct what's been damaged as well as bringing the light of Jesus to people in desperate need.

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Discuss how Christians can help those in need without creating dependency.

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**Pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, and businesses.**



## MEGACITIES

Latin America is home to eight cities with more than three million people. Each one represents diverse populations of locals, indigenous peoples, and expatriates, many of whom are seeking employment to support their families. Reaching the lost in these large population centers

requires strategic approaches, patience, and people willing to share the gospel. Praise God for the countless volunteers who come to Latin America to help. Pray for them to work strategically to counter lostness and not just perform social ministries.

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Discuss how megacities can be reached with the gospel.

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**Pray for the thousands of evangelical missionaries working to reach all of Latin America.**



## UNREACHED & UNENGAGED

Nestled among the snow-capped peaks, lush forests, and the verdant grasslands of the Andes Mountains live hundreds of unreached and unengaged tribes or groups of 10 to 57,000 people. Remote locations, distrust of outsiders, and even violent resistance to the gospel

hinder people trying to enter these communities to bring the light of salvation. Many of these tribes worship spirits and live in fear. We have seen the extinction of some tribes who never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

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Discuss some creative ways to enter these remote locations with the gospel.

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**Pray for open doors and persons of peace among these people groups.**

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## CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY

The common philosophy in Mexico is, “to be Mexican is to be Catholic.” Although exciting missionary work is happening in southern Mexico, conversion to evangelical Christianity comes with a price. Those who choose to follow Jesus in faith and baptism are losing

their families, jobs, and homes due to persecution. Despite this, Mexicans are becoming Christians and are boldly sharing their faith with their families and friends. Many are answering the call to go to the nations.

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Discuss the possible advantages or disadvantages of sending Mexican believers to other parts of the world to share the gospel.

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**Pray for the persecuted church in Mexico to grow and reproduce.**



## RIVER ADVENTURES

All along the Amazon River are people who have not heard the good news. Recently God has raised up two young men to travel the river and share the gospel. They live in the humblest housing, eat what they hunt or can purchase

along the way, and boldly proclaim Jesus. They have been besieged by river pirates and have been forced out of villages by witch doctors. Yet they remain faithful to stay and continue to share their faith.

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Discuss your reactions and thoughts about these young men entering villages where they are unwelcome.

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**Pray for these men and others like them who go into deep spiritual darkness to bring the light.**



## POLITICAL UNREST

No food on the shelves. No medicine in the hospitals. Economy in ruins. People starving or dying from lack of medical care. Black market buying and selling. This is the reality in Venezuela, which is worsening daily. Hundreds of

thousands of Venezuelans are crossing into Colombia during the infrequent border openings in a desperate attempt to survive. Despite the hardship, churches are responding in love, and many Venezuelans are coming to Christ.

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Discuss how Christians in the surrounding Latin American nations can respond to this crisis despite government opposition to any kind of foreign aid.

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**Pray for relief from this economic crisis and for hope for the Venezuelans.**



## DRUG VIOLENCE

Airplanes, trucks, and homemade submarines transport more than 470 tons of cocaine out of Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia each year. Their routes take them through Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras en route to Mexico. As a result, homicide rates

in these countries have skyrocketed as governments are unable or unwilling to stop the trafficking. Modern-day slavery is also connected to drug trades and gangs, and human rights are no longer valued.

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Discuss the effects of drug trafficking on countries in Latin America, and how that effects the lives of those living there.

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**Pray for solutions to combat the violence and senseless loss of life associated with drug trafficking.**



## SENDING THEM OUT

Hondurans are going to India. Peruvians are moving to the Middle East. Brazilians are in China. Theological training and discipleship have resulted in thousands of Latinos being sent out as missionaries to the 10-40 window. Some nationals work

tirelessly alongside evangelical Christians from the United States and other countries while others are leaving everything behind to take the gospel to places where North Americans have a hard time entering.

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Discuss what you can do to help send Latin American Christians to other nations as missionaries.

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**Pray for theological and missions training programs as they prepare Latin American missionaries.**

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—Romans 12:12

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