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2019 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE EAST ASIAN PEOPLE

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Greetings in the glorious and awesome name of Jesus Christ! In recent days, the Father has impressed upon me the example of Hannah as a model for my prayer life. She was distressed and oppressed, and from such a heavy heart, she poured out her soul to God in desperate prayer. She took her concerns to the Lord. She pleaded with him because she believed God alone could bring answers to her heartfelt groanings. There are answers to prayer that only fall within the realm of God's doing. In her case, she pleaded with God for a child, and in our case, we are pleading for hundreds of millions of East Asian people to become children of God. I believe such agonizing and faith-filled prayers will accomplish anything! Are you crying out to God from a broken heart with intense, fervent prayer for the salvation of East Asian people?

It is my prayer you will follow the example of Hannah, pouring out your soul to the Lord for East Asian people, and that he will answer those prayers by enabling many to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.



January

*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself.*
John 12:32 (HCSB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Heavenly Father, you established your church in Taiwan and led them to plant more churches. Lord, call out many workers to lead and disciple your flock and faithfully proclaim your truth so every person has the opportunity to hear the gospel.	Lord of all the nations, you desire us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray for Chinese missionaries serving outside of China. May they be filled with spiritual vitality and be blessed with cross-cultural sensitivity.	Japan's population is 126 million. With only 0.3 percent of the population who are evangelical Christians, the Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world. God, please change the numbers! May Christians there be undaunted, moving forward with the hope of the good news.	Lord Jesus, draw the more than fifty million people of South Korea to you. May the fear of God prevail upon all who are in authority so that there may be sustained political stability and unrestricted gospel movement throughout the land.	O God, we cry out to you for Chinese Muslims, including the Hui, Salar, Dongxiang, Bao'an, Utsat, Tsat, and Alxa people groups. Rescue them from their works-based religion and bring them to repentance and faith in Christ. Build your church among them.	Father, local churches want to do more to bless their society. Give them courage and wisdom to serve the less fortunate, the elderly, and the sick. Strengthen churches in western China as they train their members to share Christ.	All-powerful God, though the way to reach people in closed regions seems blocked, we know nothing is impossible for you. Please open many doors of opportunity so the seemingly unreachable can hear your gospel, believe, and worship you.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Transformed Lives (Jan. 14)

Transformed lives will influence more people than mere words will. Pray East Asian Christians from all walks of life—pastors, lay people, and missionaries alike—will daily lift up Jesus, displaying to a watching world that he alone is the answer to their troubles and he alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

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We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:5 (ESV)

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lord of the nations, as missionaries from various countries partner with local Christians, join their hearts in love and servanthood. As missionaries cross multiple cultures, we pray you will resolve cultural differences. Let their unity and gentleness draw others into the fold.	God of the heavens, pour out your spirit on the people of China. Call forth a multitude of missionaries from Chinese churches and send them out to proclaim your name in their nation and to those who live beyond their borders.	God, your Word tells us of your desire to be loved with our whole heart, soul, and might (Deut. 6:5). Jesus, give Japanese believers and missionaries undivided hearts. Drive them to a dependency on you alone that leads to obedience.	Lord of the harvest, send more laborers to sow and reap among the people in South Korea. Spirit of God, motivate young Christian professionals and experienced church planters to revitalize kingdom work and reenergize the churches for your glory.	Sovereign God, thank you for your great love for the Tibetan people. Please make known your will for those you have called to go and minister to the Tibetans. Open the hearts of the Tibetan people to receive your message of salvation.	Father, we ask for healing in family relationships, whether that be between husbands and wives, or parents and children. As families serve you in difficult places, equip and encourage them to love each other well and be a light to those around them.	Lord of knowledge, you know every Christian worker who is looking for creative ways to bring the gospel to inaccessible people groups. Shower your wisdom upon them. Provide practical ways they can meet the desperate spiritual and physical needs in hard-to-reach places.

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: Kingdom Culture (Feb. 11)

East Asians represent a variety of countries and cultures that have similarities and differences. When they come together as the body of Christ, pray they will be united in heart and mind. As Christians take the gospel across both geographic borders and cultural borders, pray they will represent kingdom culture above all else.



March

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

Psalm 138:3 (NLT)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Father, do a mighty work in student ministries this year. Lead your people to intentionally reach and disciple students. Awaken the spiritual sensitivities of students so they can hear, understand, and confess that Jesus is Lord.	Father God, we are united as a body in Christ when we worship you with all of our heart, mind, and soul. We pray for partnerships with Chinese churches to develop that will evangelize unreached people groups throughout the world.	The effects of the devastating earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown of March 3, 2011 are still being felt in Japan. Lord, bring deep healing to Japanese who will once again lose community when they finally move to newly built houses in different neighborhoods.	Holy Spirit, send a fresh and mighty wind of revival upon Korean churches that will result in healthier and missional churches. May the churches reflect the love, hope, and grace of the risen Lord and attract many to seek him.	Merciful Savior, we pray for mercy for the Qiandongnan Miao people. Spiritually awaken the more than two million of them who live in darkness. Pour your Holy Spirit on them and send workers to share the gospel with them.	God, many are coming to Christ for salvation, but growing to maturity in Christ is still a great challenge. We pray more churches will develop discipleship programs that equip young believers to glorify Christ in their lives.	Lord, we pray for Christians who live with the reality of persecution. They are closely watched and even exposed by unbelieving family and friends. Consequences are harsh, even deadly. Lord, abundantly bless them as they suffer unthinkable situations.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Daily Prayer (Mar. 11)

Prayer will calm fears, unite hearts, bring revival, and open closed doors. If Christians in East Asia turn first to prayer when they are troubled, afraid, or worried, they will find that God answers. As God's people daily come to him through prayer, ask God to give them the strength they need for each day.

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Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:7 (HCSB)

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lord, you tell us to be united. As Chinese Christians form international partnerships, help them establish churches among Chinese people living in the Americas, especially Mexico and Panama.	Jehovah, you are our God. As we pray for the nations to be reached with the gospel, help us all to remember that many unreached people groups are right before our eyes and at our doorsteps. Give us boldness to proclaim your truth.	Lord, Japanese Christians sometimes feel alienated from their own culture. May their churches give them the fellowship and encouragement they need so that they will fearlessly and unashamedly live Christian lives of influence as they interact with society.	Almighty God, bring forth a gospel movement among young adults, college students, and professionals in Seoul, South Korea. Raise up a mighty force of servant leaders among them who will plant and lead a multitude of urban churches.	Faithful God, give Christians the determination to search for and find those who live in hard-to-reach places. Create a persistent yearning in the church to reach people groups that are still unengaged with the gospel.	Lord, we ask that as your Word is sown into the hearts of Chinese people, the worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things will not choke the Word out, making it unfruitful (Mark 4:19).	God of light, people who live in perilous places live in such darkness. Break through the strongholds with your truth. Cause truth to burst through the darkness and overcome it. Give people an understanding of the gospel that results in salvation.

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: New Believers (April 8)

Praise God for the many who are coming to faith in East Asia.

Pray for new believers to be quick to plant themselves firmly in God's Word and compelled to tell others the good news. As Christians go to hard-to-reach and spiritually-dark areas of East Asia, pray salvation will come to those they encounter.

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And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 (HCSB)

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<p>Lord of truth, as Chinese Christians in Malaysia abide in you and understand the depth of your Word, help them correctly teach the truth and build your church upon the Word. Embolden them to step out in faith and plant churches in multiple cities.</p>	<p>Father God, Jonah preached to the city of Ninevah and the people repented. Give churches in the urban areas of China a great burden to preach your Word and start more churches in the less-reached areas of western China.</p>	<p>Lord, we praise you that missionaries are seeing increasing interest in partnerships from individual Christians and churches in Japan. Lead them to deep relationships of trust that will bring glory and honor to your name and push the gospel forward.</p>	<p>Living God, guide the leaders of both national and international mission agencies in South Korea to partner effectively for the expansion of kingdom work. Keep them from temptations and deliver them from evil amid their busy schedules and travels.</p>	<p>God of peace, bless local church leaders with healthy families. Leaders and their families make sacrifices for their congregations to meet the high expectations of what they should do as leaders. Give them wisdom to deal with the stress this brings to their families.</p>	<p>Infinite God, many Christians desire to start biblical churches that are capable of carrying out all the functions of the church. Build your church, Lord, providing all it needs, so that it will be the holy temple that glorifies Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>You alone are the great I AM. Your messengers are denied entry to serve in high-risk areas. Change this, O God! You have burdened many of your children with reaching the persecuted. Give them wisdom, guidance, access, opportunities, protection, and victory.</p>

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Training (May 13)

A variety of training needs still exist throughout East Asia. Both pastors and lay people want to know how to witness more naturally, preach more biblically, counsel more effectively, and live more Christ-like lives. Pray more believers will be available to go and train those seeking to grow in Christ.

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And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 11:19-20 (HCSB)

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
God of love, let the Chinese diaspora be shown love. Many are treated as foreigners where they live. Remind Christians around the world of your command in Exodus 22:21 to not mistreat or oppress foreigners in any way.	God who is with us, you have allowed many of China's largest cities on the eastern seaboard to receive people from all nations. Lord, inspire local churches and grant them both the desire and wisdom to reach these "outsiders."	Father, remind us of your compassion for people and help us return to our first love. Burden us with a sense of urgency to share the gospel. Bring millions of Japanese people to their knees in praise and worship.	Creator God, prepare the hearts of the younger generation of Korean Christians to respond and be involved in international missions, whether it be short- or long-term programs. May they be obedient to you as they share the gospel boldly and make disciples of the nations.	Abba Father, grant wisdom to international workers with school-age children. Help them discern the best learning environment. Help each child to grow from what they learn and bring glory to you. Protect their hearts and let them delight in your ways.	Omniscient Lord, across western China there are many theological and practical ministry training programs for church leaders. We ask, Lord, that these training programs will strengthen church leaders and help their churches grow deep spiritual roots.	Omnipotent Father, when people living in restricted areas are permitted to go abroad, please cause them to meet Christians and hear the gospel. Give them open hearts and minds to become Christians, grow in faith, and carry the message back home.

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: Church (June 11)

The church in East Asia is multifaceted. Some churches are strong and growing, others are weak and dying. In some areas, churches have existed for a long time, while in new areas new churches are being started. Pray that plans for church revitalization, church growth, and church starts will proceed in God's timing, according to God's plans, and with God's chosen people.

July

Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and incomprehensible things you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3 (HCSB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Father, you saw the hardworking Chinese restaurant owners in Lima, Peru, who needed hope. You reached out and drew them to you. We pray someone will lead out in beginning small groups, café churches, and house churches throughout Lima.	Lord, one day every knee will bow to your authority. Establish the work of your hand in cities throughout eastern China as the local church sows reproducible seed. Cause the seed to fall on fertile hearts, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even one hundred times.	Author Shusaku Endo called Japan a “swamp” that “sucks up all sorts of ideologies [including Christianity], transforming them into itself and distorting them in the process.” Father, help Christians live out radical, gospel-transformed lives, rather than be conformed to society.	Almighty God, open the spiritual eyes and hearts of migrant workers in South Korea. Lead these workers, who are mostly from South and Central Asia, to encounter your Word and to believe in you, the one true God.	Great Physician, we pray for the physical and emotional well-being of international workers. Guard their hearts and minds from the Evil One’s lies. Protect those faced with pollution and health issues. Guide them in making wise decisions.	Father, we thank you that many of western China’s churches are beginning to engage in cross-cultural missions. We pray leaders will yield to your master plan as they help churches determine the places and timing of their work.	God, please work in the hearts of those in authority over desperately needy people in oppressed areas. Motivate them to provide their people with drinking water, food, medical services, simple farming equipment, and time off from forced labor.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Faithful Followers (July 8)

The Bible tells us, “Wisdom and strength belong to God; counsel and understanding are his” (Job 12:13). Our God is without equal. As Christians and churches seek to engage the lost world, pray they will call to God and ask for his guidance, then faithfully walk in the way he shows them.

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Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (ESV)

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jehovah-Jireh, you provide all we need. A new Chinese church in Vienna, Austria, currently meets in various locations. The adult congregation meets in a restaurant and the youth group meets in a hair salon. Please provide a suitable rental facility for them.	Lord of the harvest, the harvest is still great, the workers are still few. Help the workers on the mission field to creatively share the gospel with people living in cities. Lord, strengthen those who love you. Help them to run and not be weary.	Japanese have characterized their nation as “a super power without a moral compass.” For centuries, they have been guided by Shintoism, Confucianism, and the discipline of a samurai warrior. Lord, lead them to right living that is only found in you.	Sovereign God, grant Korean believers boldness and confidence to proclaim the name of Jesus and his word of reconciliation. Manifest through them the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ in their homes, workplaces, and wherever they go.	God our defender, the Enemy attacks workers’ health and safety, affects their children’s behavior, and causes animosity from those they are trying to love and reach. Protect them, Lord, and give them a spirit of power to replace their fears.	Lord, we ask you to strengthen small-town churches with sound teaching and gospel resources and to give encouragement for Christians living there. Many remote areas lack resources, yet we know you care for their needs and want Christians there to grow in you.	By your hand, Lord, make a way for Christian activities to take place in areas that are unfriendly to such activities. At appropriate times, cause officials’ eyes to not see and ears to not hear so your gospel can be freely shared.

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: Spiritual Warfare (Aug 12)
 As missionaries answer God’s call and go into the world, the Enemy is quick to attack. His attacks may be subtle or blatant, personal, physical, or social. Pray God will deliver them and their families from those who want to cause harm. Pray that when the battle is over, they will still be standing strong.



September

Pray in the Spirit at all times. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan.

Ephesians 6:18-19 (HCSB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All-knowing God, you know where every Chinese person lives and works in Africa. Let the winds of your Spirit blow across the land and stir hearts to be bold in sharing Christ with those who are weary and burdened.	Salvation belongs to you alone, oh Lord! We pray evangelists will boldly motivate and train local partners to reach the unreached people groups who live and work in China's eastern cities. May they, like Paul, be compelled to preach. (1 Cor. 9:16)	Many are surprised to learn that Japan has a homelessness problem. Jesus, you knew what it was like not to have your own place. Provide community and belonging to your children. Thank you for drawing many in this group to you.	God Almighty, thank you for bringing international workers and students from gospel-restricted countries to South Korea. Lay it upon the hearts of Korean believers to love and reach out to them. May they return to their home countries as a powerful missions force.	Father, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path. Many people groups do not yet have this light—the Bible—in their heart languages. Inspire Christian story crafters to create helpful resources to share Scripture more widely.	Western China has experienced great persecution. We know this doesn't surprise you, God. Guide your people to follow you through difficult circumstances. Give them wisdom, boldness, and discernment. Call them to daily submit to your will.	Father, we pray for persecuted Christians who endure unimaginable horrors because of their love for you and others. Give them comfort, hope, encouragement, a sense of your presence, remembrance of your words, and a boldness to share in the midst of trials.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Holy Spirit's Power (Sept. 9)

Pray God's Spirit will speak through Christians and provide the right words as they proclaim his truth to those around them. Pray that whether they are speaking a different language, speaking to those in authority, or speaking to those who are culturally different, seeds of truth to be understood and fall on fertile soil.

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Uzziah sought God during the days of Zechariah, who taught him to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, God gave him success.
2 Chronicles 26:5 (HCSB)

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jehovah-Shalom, you are our peace. We praise you for calling Chinese believers to the Middle East to bring your peace to those living amid ongoing conflict. As they relocate, we ask for your peace that surpasses all understanding to daily comfort them.	Father God, as you bless Christian workers on the field with your presence, help them to stand together with local partners. Give them the vision to start new churches in areas where there is great need for your truth.	Nearly half of Japanese pastors are over the age of seventy; only 10 percent are under fifty. A third of the churches have no pastor, and missionary numbers have dropped 40 percent in the past two decades. God, please raise up leaders within the church.	Lord Jesus, we intercede for the twenty thousand Korean missionaries serving throughout the world. Protect those serving in oppressive situations, and open doors for gospel proclamation. Provide for their retirement and sabbatical needs in honor of their long and faithful service.	You, Father, are the source of all wisdom. Help believers in East Asia relinquish their trust in ungodly traditions and worldly advice. Grow their desire for your Word alone to direct their families, so that their transformed lives will bring you glory.	Ancient of Days, Macau has had the gospel longer than any other city in China. However, the gospel has never really taken hold, and the Christian population is only around 1 percent. Provide wisdom and ways to reach the people of Macau.	God, you direct our paths. We pray for victims of human trafficking, like Samantha.* We praise you for allowing her to meet a Christian, believe in you, and escape her tragic life story. Intervene likewise in the lives of others. *Name changed

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: Leadership/Faithfulness (Oct. 14)
 Pray Christian leaders in East Asia will remain faithful to God's Word, not just for a period of time but for their whole lives. As God gives success to leaders, pray they will not become proud of their accomplishments, but will remain humble and acknowledge that any success is from God.



November

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 (HCSB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Though Europe's history is filled with kings and kingdoms, only you are King over all. Break through walls of indifference and self-sufficiency and plant your Word in the hearts of the Chinese living there. May they know you and faithfully serve you.	God, strengthen your sent-out ones as they turn to you in prayer. Give them words to speak as they challenge the local churches in East Asia to send out their own missionaries to unreached and unengaged people.	In Japan's large cities, many demographic groups are not yet reached with the gospel. Almost 1,500 communities across Japan, with populations of 3,000 to 50,000, have no church. Father, burden Japanese Christians to intercede for and go to places that have no church.	Good Shepherd, anoint the church leaders in South Korea to shepherd your people like Moses and David did. May they cultivate leaders among the younger generation to lead the churches into the next phase of church development and growth in a manner that pleases you.	Holy Spirit, millions still need to hear of Jesus. Move through churches in the US and the Asian diaspora. Stir the hearts of national Christians. Bring us together to make God's name known among those currently unreached with the gospel.	Light of the World, in 2018 many Christian workers had to leave China's far northwest region unwillingly. The church there is now largely on its own, dependent on your Spirit alone. Help it to be a faithful and bright light in a difficult, dark place.	Father, Lydia* and her people need you. We praise you that receiving a gift of recorded hymns led to her salvation. There are still so many who don't know you. Please make a way for them to receive the gift of salvation. *Name changed

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Missions Force (Nov. 1)

Pray for a multitude of believers to answer the call and take the message of salvation to those who are perishing. In East Asia, more than one billion people remain in spiritual darkness. Some have never heard. Others have heard and refused. Pray that despite the hardships, God's children will rise up and go to the ends of the earth, for his name and his glory.

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The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free.

Luke 4:18 (NLT)

December

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Lord of the ages, stir the hearts of second- and third-generation Chinese living in Spain. Call them first to you, grow them in your truth, and send them out to the nations to reach not only other Chinese, but local communities as well.	God, our creator and our protector, when Satan wants to sift your children like wheat, help them to stand firm, to be effective, and to be full of spiritual vitality. Clothe them with joy and peace as they press onward.	Father, you know that the eyes of the world will be focused on Japan as the 2020 Olympics draw near. Lord, guide those who will partner together to use this opportunity to share the gospel, honor your name, and strengthen your church.	Lord of love, bring emotional healing to the thirty thousand North Korean migrants in South Korea. Empower churches to reach out to them with love and compassion. Please bring a great number of these migrants to saving faith in Jesus Christ.	God of all wisdom, open doors for churches and networks as they unite with passion to take your Word to the unreached. Grant wisdom, resources, and language ability to those who will boldly say, "Here I am, Lord, send me!"	Lord, we ask for your protection and provision over a church-planting initiative. We ask that new churches will bless their cities and be the vehicle to bring Christ to the many unreached people groups across Guangxi province.	God our healer, we pray for the refugees who have experienced such extreme trauma, often fleeing one inhumane situation only to find themselves in another. Lead them to Christians who will share your gospel. Bring healing to their deep scars.

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Day of Prayer and Fasting: Freedom (Dec. 9)

Pray East Asian people will find the freedom they are so desperately seeking. They try to find it in love, money, success, or other worldly ways, but their hearts remain bound. Pray that they will hear the true message of Christmas, will turn to Christ, and be forever changed.



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