



PRAYERPOINTS

A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

AS THE GLOBAL CHURCH CELEBRATES EASTER, THIRD-CULTURE KIDS (TCKS) EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY IN UNIQUE WAYS. SOME CELEBRATE OPENLY IN CHURCH BUILDINGS, WHILE OTHERS REMEMBER THE MIRACLE OF EASTER IN THEIR HEARTS AND HOMES. OFFER PRAYER AND PRAISE TO GOD AS TCKS SHARE THEIR EASTER STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

Six-Year-Old Praises God, Celebrates Passover and Easter in South Asia

Six-year-old Sarah tells us what Passover is like for her family in South Asia, “We do Passover drinking lots of juice, washing feet, and eating this salt water with a green crunchy leaf that tastes disgusting. Jesus ate that stuff with the disciples. On Friday we sing songs and watch a Jesus movie. We go to church with our parents instead of our class upstairs on Sunday and sing ‘jalaal jalaal, tera hai jalaal’** and sit down until service is over. The big people eat the Lord’s Supper with bread as tiny as a mouse and tiny juices, too. It says in the Bible this means his body and his blood. We pray. Then we all go eat cookies, tea, and juice and have fun outside.” (**glory, glory, Yours is the glory - Urdu language)

SARAH, age 6,
SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES



How the Gospel Connects Passover and Easter

Each of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the story of the hours leading up to the crucifixion. Before his death, Jesus commemorated the Jewish celebration of Passover with

his disciples. The Passover meal is eaten as a reminder of the Jews’ release from Egypt. The Book of Exodus teaches that the night before they were delivered out of Egypt, God brought a final plague. The first-born son of each household died unless the blood of a spotless lamb was on the doorposts of the home. The

angel of death “passed over” those that had the sacrifice of blood. Years later, Jesus would be the one final sacrifice that would provide a way for eternal life through the shedding of his blood. Easter is the celebration of God’s love demonstrated through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

1 SOUTH ASIA. Pray that everybody is kind during Easter and that more people will celebrate. We celebrate Easter at church, and we dye eggs with food coloring and water. We do an Easter egg hunt. We make cookies and desserts. **JANNA, age 8**

2 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Pray that our dad can teach about Jesus to more of Adam's* family this Easter. **EVE, age 7**

3 EAST ASIA. Badminton is not a serious sport in the U.S.A., but it is in East Asia. I go to an international school in Seoul, South Korea, and want to play. Please pray that I will make the high school varsity badminton team this spring semester! **EZRA, age 16**

4 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Please pray for the people in the mountain top village. I go to with my dad sometimes. It is very cold up there and if they get injured there is not a close medical center. They have very little money, only rice, and sometimes forest squirrel as food. I think there are two believers there, and we pray more come to Christ. **DAVID, age 12**

5 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. We invite other expats to an Easter egg hunt. We also eat special food, including banana bread made from a crown shaped pan. We also wear special clothes and sing songs. We do all this at home because there are no churches here. Our parents hide our Easter baskets and we find them. **KIT, age 9**

6 EAST ASIA. Thank you for praying for me as I catch up in school—I've had a lot of absences. I am thankful for recovering from being sick and ask you to pray I will have better health. **RACHEL, age 14**

7 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Pray with us that the people here will trust God and that they will celebrate Easter. **ASHLYNN, age 6**



8 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Please pray for one of our workers named Alex. He is a devout Muslim who doesn't want to follow Jesus even though he has heard the gospel a lot. **ISAIAH, age 8**

9 SOUTH ASIA. I like to find egg surprises. I hide a box of Easter candy, and whoever finds it eats some chocolates. We should pray for people at Easter that they will be loving and kind. Easter celebrates about Jesus coming alive again. On Palm Sunday we get leaves and wave them around. We say, "Hosanna!" **NANCY, age 4**

10 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Where we live, Easter is not commonly celebrated. More than 90 percent of the community is Muslim, so they do not believe that Jesus died and rose again. They do not celebrate Easter since Easter is celebrating that He rose again. **HARRY, age 11**

11 EUROPE. Please pray for our family as we visit neighbors and share the gospel while handing out Easter lilies. Pray for boldness and urgency to share. Maybe the neighbors who hear the gospel will smell the fragrance of the beautiful lilies and be drawn to what we call "the fragrance of Christ." **HOLLAND GRACE and JAMES, ages 8 & 4**

12 SOUTH ASIA. My family and I organize medical camps in different parts of our city. I like to help check hemoglobin, blood pressure, and blood sugar for the people that come to our camps. Pray that the medical camps will open doors for us to share the gospel with the people. **JENNY, age 11**

13 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Where we live in Thailand there are lots of kids that don't know Jesus. We get to play with them at the park in our neighborhood. We have a lot of fun with the each other. Pray for the kids in our neighborhood that they can learn Jesus and I can teach them about Gods love. **RYAN, age 10**



14 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Please pray for the seminary students at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi where my dad teaches. Pray that between the semesters, they'll all be able to earn the money they need to pay their school fees for the next year. **SELAH, age 12**

15 SOUTH ASIA. We celebrate Easter at church, at home, and at Bible Club. We learn that God died on the cross and that He rose from the dead. Pray that all of our friends at school will learn about Jesus. **MIKE, age 12**

16 EAST ASIA. I am thankful for living. I pray for my sister who is learning to play the oboe. **NATE, age 9**

17 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for our gardener Abambo John. He has a really hard choice to turn to Christianity and live forever even though his friends and family will not care about him anymore. Or he can stay a Muslim and his friends and neighbors will not persecute him. **ISAIAH, age 8**

18 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Every Easter, believers near the capital city of the country where I live plan worship at the beach and believers countrywide are invited. Pray that I can go and be with my friends at the beach. **JULIA, age 9**

19 SOUTHEAST ASIA. In a village in Thailand there are many kids that are poor. We sit outside in a "shack" and we play so when it rains we don't get wet. Once a week we go there and teach them about Jesus. Pray for the kids in the "Lanna Pinery" village who do not yet know Jesus. **MATTHEW, age 8**

20 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. In Africa, we celebrate Easter on two different days. My favorite part of celebrating Easter is going to houses of our national friends and eating lots of really good food, telling stories, and drinking amazing coffee. Then

we celebrate it again just as our family, and that's pretty fun as well. **PHILLIP, age 18**

21 SOUTH ASIA. For Easter, we go to church, and we learn the Easter story. We have a holiday for Good Friday. We make sugar cookies and decorate them. Pray for my friends and the people at school and in all South Asia to know the true meaning of Easter. **CYNTHIA, age 10**

22 EAST ASIA. We travel a lot. Pray that we will all have safe travel. Pray, too, that I will be brave when I have to get a shot at the doctor's office. And pray that I won't be shy making new friends. **GRAYSON, age 6**

23 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. On Easter Jesus was raised from the dead. We celebrate Easter by going to a place where Jesus walked and then coming home, having friends over, and doing an Easter egg hunt. Some people near us know that Jesus rose from the dead, but most people don't believe that. Let's pray for the people to know about Easter. **PETER, age 10**

24 SOUTHEAST ASIA. When we go to a village we make crafts with the children. They love to color and take home their little present each night. When we tell Bible stories they listen and love to help us retell the stories that they learned. Pray that the children would take what they learned from the Scriptures home and keep it on in their hearts forever. **JULIA, age 14**

25 SOUTH ASIA. Our church in the U.S. hosted a night where kids got to go to different rooms to hear about missionaries. I spoke in one of those rooms with groups of kids coming in and out for two solid hours. I shared the gospel and about living in South Asia. On the way home, one of the children was full of questions. Before the end of the drive home, he professed faith in Christ! Praise God for His powerful word. **NIKKI, age 14**



26 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. As she contemplates Jesus, an 11-year-old TCK shares, "Pray for me because sometimes I have doubts and I want to have faith." **SARAH, age 11**

27 EUROPE. Will you pray for us as we grow in understanding who Jesus is? We experience Easter in a place where many could care less about the importance of Jesus's death and resurrection. Pray that we will trust in Jesus and lean on him daily. **HOLLAND GRACE and JAMES, ages 8 & 4**

28 SOUTH ASIA. I work with the children who come with their mothers to my mom's women's training. Please pray that my national co-teacher and I have wisdom, creativity and energy as we work with these kids. Pray that they will feel loved and come to know Jesus. **KARYN, age 13**

29 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Greetings are very important here, and I'm able to do that, so that makes people happy, even though I'm not fluent. Sometimes I get to tell a story about Jesus in English and my parents translate it for me. That's a little strange because I know I'm talking to the people, but because my parents are the ones translating, I'm really talking to them. On Easter most people are celebrating the end of a long fast rather than the resurrection of Jesus. So, we tell stories to help them know what Jesus did for them. **PHILLIP, age 18**

30 EAST ASIA. Pray for our family as we adopt and pray that we will share with others in our city about Jesus. **EMILY, age 13**

A 'Quite Unusual' Easter during Girl's First Year in Africa

My name is Selah Schilt. I am almost 12 years old, and I live in Malawi, Africa. People here don't celebrate Easter the same way we do in America. Our first Easter here was different in many ways.

On the night before Easter, my mom got hot oil accidentally splashed in her eyes. Thankfully it wasn't too bad, and she was able to come home from the hospital that night. We couldn't go to church on Easter, which was strange.

One thing that was still the same that year was that we made Resurrection Rolls. They are marshmallows wrapped in biscuit dough with butter and cinnamon sugar on the inside. However, instead of buying the cans of biscuits and marshmallows, we made the dough from scratch and used a package of marshmallows that someone had brought us from the States. They were very yummy.



Another difference on that Easter was when the people from our church came to pray for my mom. We saw how much God loves us – from dying on the cross for us to sending our church family to pray for us. So, even though our Easter was quite unusual that year, we still experienced God's love through His Church.

SELAH, age 12,
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES

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