



PRAYER POINTS

SOUTH ASIA

Natural disasters, political upheaval, disease, and inequality are some of the challenges that South Asia's 1.8 billion people experience. Among many serious problems, their greatest need is lostness. As South Asians faced lockdowns and the grim reality of death during COVID-19, there was no hope to be found among their many gods. While the world shut down, God opened doors for the gospel in South Asia.

COVID-19 RELIEF PROJECTS OPEN DOORS FOR THE GOSPEL TO SPREAD

While much of the world shut down during COVID-19, workers partnered with the church in South Asia to provide physical and spiritual help to millions in need. As believers helped meet people's physical needs, they shared about the love of Jesus Christ and the eternal hope, peace, and salvation found only in Him. Idols and false gods remained silent to South Asians' pleas for help. But through the sacrificial love of the believers involved with the relief projects, many saw the one, true God for the first time. God provided South Asians with access to the gospel through COVID-19 relief efforts. He opened their hearts to hear and believe the good news. Churches have been planted and many people, once in darkness, now live in the light with a sure



A Christian worker prays for a South Asian woman.

hope that no virus, person, or government can ever take away.

Praise God for providing physical and spiritual help and hope through relief projects. Pray for COVID-19 to cease spreading as South Asian countries still experience areas of lockdowns when an outbreak occurs in a neighborhood or an apartment floor.

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12:32 ESV

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

In August 2022, you prayed for a social media advertising effort among the Highland People of the Horn of Africa. **God answered!** Women continue to respond to ads that ask if they want prayer for a need and if they want to learn more about Jesus. The believers involved in this project are busy. Thank you for praying.

1 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for new believers among the Barad of India to abide in the Lord. Pray they will grow in grace as they face persecution or hardship, and for the gospel to continue spreading among this people group so that many more will know Him.

2 DEAF PEOPLES. While travelling, a worker met 50 Deaf people who, as she shared truth with them, only wanted to know more. Pray for the Deaf of this community to believe, and ask God to send them someone to teach them the Word of God so they can obey.

3 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Two years ago, during a COVID-19 lockdown, South Asian believers communicated through videoconferencing and established hundreds of new contacts. Praise God for this network that continues today! Pray for them as they work to counteract the influence of the prosperity gospel.

4 ARABS OF FLOWERTOWN, NORTHERN AFRICA. Some believers in northern Africa face rejection and abuse by family members, even arrest and punishment from the government. Still, Titus chose to follow Jesus. Pray that he will remember Christ's love for him and love others, including his persecutors with Christ's love.

5 MBYA OF SOUTH AMERICA. Pray for four families in a Mbya settlement. They have been faithfully listening to Bible stories. Ask the Holy Spirit to open their eyes to see the truth of the gospel.

6 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. A South Asian church bought ads on social media, offering to pray with people. Hundreds of people requested prayer, and dozens of

national believers prayed with each person over the phone. Pray that these seeds will bear lasting fruit.

7 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM UNENGAGED PEOPLES. The Luwu of Indonesia work as farmers in villages where extended families live together in one house. Most follow Sunni Islam. Pray for gospel seeds to be sown among the Luwu. Ask God to provide a spiritual harvest among them. Pray for extended families to come to faith.

8 PEOPLES OF RHINE, RÜHR, MAIN RIVER AREAS, GERMANY. Pray for a Ukrainian Bible study group meeting in an IMB couple's home. Other Bible study groups in Germany are using soccer as an evangelistic outreach to Ukrainian children. Ask that the seeds of the gospel that have been planted will remain and produce fruit.

9 FULANI OF WESTERN NIGER. A church in the U.S. recently helped with a hunger relief project. Now, a local religious leader is asking about the gospel, and his sons are attending Bible studies. Thank God for providing this much-needed relief! Ask Him to continue drawing these seekers to Himself.

10 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. The Dalera were an unengaged, unreached people group (UUPG) before several Dalera came to Christ during the COVID-19 pandemic. Praise God for these believers and pray for them to grow in their love for Christ and in obedience to the Word. Ask God to raise up leaders among them.

11 CENTRAL ASIAN UNENGAGED PEOPLES. About 29,000 Agul people live in a nearly inaccessible valley in Dagestan, a republic of Russia. They are shepherds, and

many work in construction in cities during the winter. There is presently one known Agul believer. Ask God to build His church among the Agul people.

12 BEGET OF NORTHERN AFRICA. The Beget are semi-nomadic farmers and shepherds who live in the rural desert. They practice Islam with traditional folk beliefs. Most Beget have not had an opportunity to hear the gospel and may live their whole lives never hearing the good news. Pray for their salvation.

13 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise God for the work He is doing in Bangladesh and for believers who have faithfully served in relief efforts. Thousands have heard the gospel, and dozens of new areas have been opened for ministry. Pray for God to open hearts to repent and believe.

14 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Please pray for a group from the Mindu people, an indigenous people group, who have begun training in missions. Pray for safety in the area so that they can complete the eight-month training session.

15 DEAF PEOPLES. A worker recently befriended Norma, a Deaf African. Pray that they will keep meeting and that the worker will have opportunities to share more Bible stories with Norma. Ask God to draw Norma into a relationship with Himself and that she will be a light to others.

16 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. This month, Hindus celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights. Pray that the power of the enemy over Hindu's hearts, minds and souls will be broken and banished, and that Christ will reveal Himself to them as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 VIETNAMESE IN TAIWAN. Many Taiwanese men marry Vietnamese brides. Pray that nonbelieving wives of Christian husbands will come to know the Lord. Pray that Christian wives of non-Christian husbands will keep their faith, and that their husbands will come to know the Lord.

18 PAMIRIS OF CENTRAL ASIA. Ask God to provide translators and other resources for the Bible to be translated into Shughni, a Pamiri language. Also pray for worship songs to be written in Pamiri languages so that Pamiri believers can worship the Lord in their heart languages.

19 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. In West Bengal, believers have been caring for those in need through relief packages. Many people have chosen to turn away from their idolatry and turn to Jesus. Ask God to grow His church in West Bengal and continue to call out laborers into this harvest field.

20 PEOPLES OF THE SOUTHWEST AMAZON BASIN. Pray for the church in the Amazon Basin to be disciplined well and grow in their knowledge of and obedience to God's Word. Fear holds them tightly. Pray that the church will step into its God-given task to make disciples among the hard-to-reach people and places of this region.

21 ANGOLA. A Baptist medical post recently opened in a densely populated area of Luanda, Angola, where there is meager medical care and little Baptist presence. Pray for the medical personnel and hospital chaplain to effectively share Christ as they serve this community.

22 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Recently, believers in South Asia went out sharing the gospel for seven days. Over 1,800 people from 15 different people groups heard the gospel, and 600 people desired follow up. Pray for many to repent, believe, and follow Christ.

23 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN UNENGAGED PEOPLES. Over 1 million Egyptian Arabs work in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and send money back home to their loved ones. Pray that while they're in the U.A.E., they will hear the good news and take it back home when they visit family members in Egypt during their vacations.

24 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Ask God to call out laborers among South Asian believers from different nations, tribes, people, and languages to proclaim the gospel. Pray that the joys of learning from one another will triumph over any potential challenges in cross-cultural relationships.

25 KHMER OF CAMBODIA. Pray for Srey Leak's husband. He allows her and their children to be members of a local church, but he is resistant to believing in Jesus Christ. Lately, he has softened toward matters of her faith. Pray for him to know Jesus as his Savior and God.

26 SEVILLE, SPAIN. Praise God for new believers and baptisms at the church in Tomares, a suburb of Seville! At a recent retreat, a woman gave her life to Christ and two new believers were baptized, along with a mom and her two teenage sons. Pray for this church to continue being a light.

27 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Approximately 1 in every 7 people on the planet is South Asian. Ask God to call out the South Asian church to go to their neighbors and to other nations as bold witnesses for Him. Pray that God would be glorified among and through South Asian people.

28 TAJIKS OF TAJIKISTAN. Pray for the young church in rural Tajikistan as they grieve the death of their first believer and work to define cultural grief as those with hope. Ask the Spirit to give them boldness, wisdom, and deep encouragement as they live lives transformed by the gospel.

29 DEAF PEOPLES. The Deaf face poverty, discrimination, and limited educational opportunities. In many ways, they are daily neglected and/or rejected. As a worker talked with many Deaf, she realized that their greatest need is Jesus. Plead with God to bring many Deaf into His kingdom.

30 KAMPALA, UGANDA. An ongoing feminine hygiene project is impacting more than 100 women and girls from three local churches. Pray that these women and girls will be encouraged in their walk with Christ and that many will see the love of the church and hear the gospel through this project.

31 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for God to call out laborers to global cities in South Asia. People from many nations reside in these cities. Ask God to provide access to the gospel in these cities. Pray for people to believe the gospel and for churches to multiply.

LOCAL BELIEVERS REACH A NEARBY UUPG



An Indian woman prays during a church service.

For four years, a group of believers strategically prayed and labored among the Barad, an unengaged, unreached people group (UUPG). Every week this past year, Sandeep and his family travelled several hours on multiple buses to share the gospel with the Barad, most of whom are Hindu and worship lifeless idols. Now more than 50 Barad people gather every Sunday to worship and study God's Word. As new followers of Christ, many Barad have cast aside their idols and now give praise to the only one worthy of their worship. Join several of these Barad believers in praying for the gospel to spread to another nearby people group. This is local ownership of God's mission. This is the church doing what God has called them to do.

GOD IS MOVING IN A SOUTH ASIAN MEGA CITY

In Mumbai, India, a city of over 20 million people, the harvest is plentiful. Believers regularly go out by train, bus, car, rickshaw, and foot, seeking the lost and sharing the gospel. In the past year, believers started 25 Bible studies in and around Mumbai's red-light district. In another area of the city, six discipleship groups formed. In a modern, progressive area of the city where many professionals live, a church was planted. During COVID-19 lockdowns, believers saw God draw people to Himself in amazing ways and plant churches in homes all over the city. They learned new ways to communicate with technology and now use technology for gospel seed-sowing and discipleship. Praise God for moving in Mumbai!



A new believer is baptized in a local river after a Sunday morning service at a village church.

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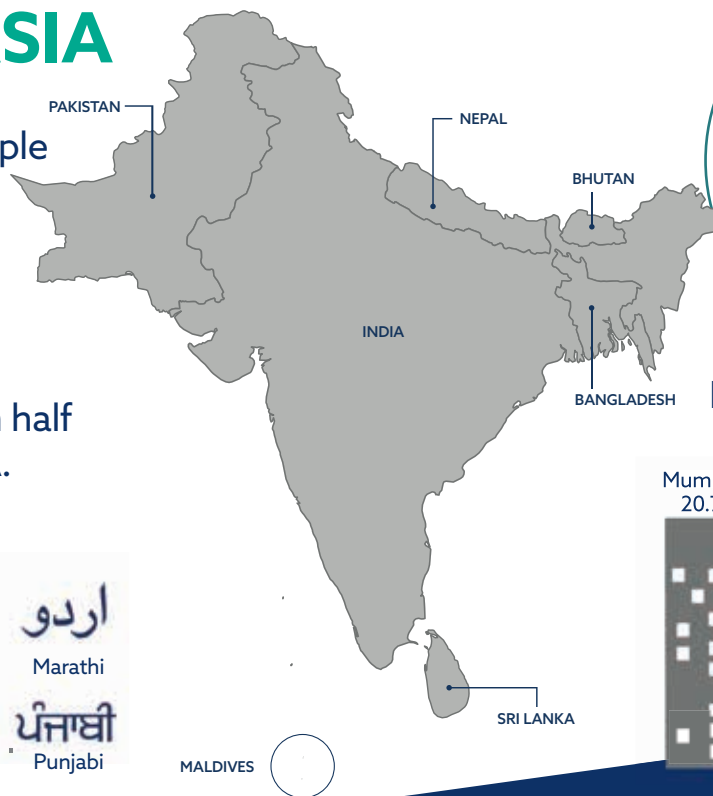
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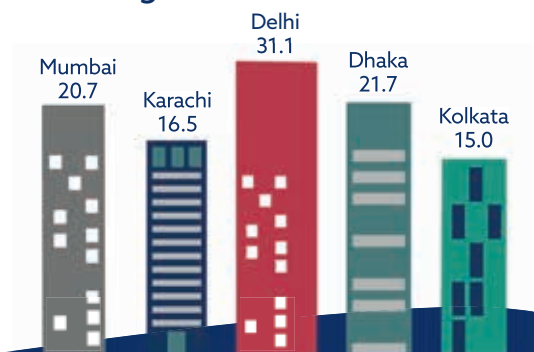
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