

23RD EDITION

Loving the Lost through Prayer

A Prayer Guide for Some of the
World's Least Reached People Groups



Pankara of Brazil

1 John 4:1-2

The Pankara in southern Brazil believe in “enchanted ones” or spirit beings that visit them through dreams. Designated individuals of the Pankara community worship enchanted ones in private ceremonies.



Pray that, through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Pankara people will embrace true faith in Jesus and reject deceptive spirits.

Tucano of Colombia

Ephesians 6:12

Tucano live deep in the Amazon. They believe in the Anaconda Ancestor and live in constant fear, seeking to appease and control the spiritual forces around them that they believe determine their well-being or destruction in every aspect of their life.

Please ask God to show the Tucano people that His power is far stronger than any spirit in the heavens, on earth, or in the underworld.



Western Coastal Nahuatl of Mexico

Psalm 69:13

The Western Coastal Nahuatl are Aztec descendants living along Mexico's Pacific coast. They integrate Catholic and Aztec religious practices. It is not uncommon for them to visit local witch doctors to curse enemies and also make offerings to Catholic statues for help and guidance.



*Pray the Western Coastal
Nahuatl will turn in faith
to Christ alone, not to
witch doctors or statues.*



Northern Conchucos Quechua Ancash of Peru

Psalm 33:18-19

The Northern Conchucos Quechua Ancash live secluded in Peru's Andes Mountains. Their lives are difficult. Many live without the hope of the gospel. They worship an Incan goddess, visit shamans for curses, and bow to idols of local Catholic saints for blessings and miracles.

Pray the good news of Jesus Christ will reach the Northern Conchucos Quechua Ancash people and fill them with hope for eternal life in Him.

Asheninca Perene of Peru

Matthew 6:33-34

The Asheninca Perene live in the Peruvian rainforest. They believe in good and evil spirits that influence their daily lives. The Asheninca Perene often rely on the local shaman to communicate with and appease the spirits on their behalf.

Pray that the Asheninca Perene people will hear the gospel and believe in the God who created them and the world in which they live.



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Indigenous People of the Amazon



Colossians 1:13-14

Jo grew up in a remote Amazon village, fearing jungle spirits. In 2022, he met believers and IMB missionaries in town who shared Jesus with him. In March 2025, Jo became his village's first baptized follower of Christ.

Praise the Lord for redeeming Jo from sin into Christ's kingdom! Pray for Jo to abide deeply in Jesus and boldly share the treasure he has found in Christ.

Tai Leng of Myanmar

James 4:10

The Tai Leng, proud Buddhist farmers in northern Myanmar, live in tight-knit communities and distrust outsiders — even those of the same language and Tai ethnic identity. This deep suspicion makes it very difficult for the gospel to reach the Tai Leng people.



Ask the Lord to make a way for the Tai Leng to hear the gospel. Pray for the Tai Leng to humble themselves and see Jesus as the Savior they need.

Sula of Indonesia

2 Corinthians 4:6

The Sula of Indonesia are farmers and fishermen who publicly identify as Muslim but privately seek help from spirits and shamans. One of the greatest barriers for them to believe the gospel is pressure from their community and family to not leave their religion and traditional practices.

Pray for “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God” to shine down on the Sula people so they will follow and worship Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:6).



Phunoi of Laos

Isaiah 64:1-2

The Phunoi of northern Laos, nearly 50,000 people, practice Buddhism and fear spirits. Though some have heard of the Creator God and chosen to follow Jesus despite persecution, most do not know Him. Believers long for more Phunoi to embrace the gospel.



Pray that more Phunoi people will hear the gospel, trust in Jesus, and know the Creator God who can free them from fear of spirits. Pray for Phunoi believers to be strong in their faith and bold in their witness.



Tutung of Brunei

Matthew 15:6b

The Tutung of Brunei, once fishermen and animists, now work in cities and blend Islam with traditional beliefs. Clinging to their blended beliefs and identity as Muslims makes it hard for them to let go and embrace the gospel.

Pray for the Tutung people to leave behind their worldly traditions and turn to Jesus!

Xaracuu of New Caledonia

John 8:32

The 7,000 Xaracuu of New Caledonia are woodcarvers and weavers. Though mostly Roman Catholic, they mix in ancestor and nature worship. They need someone to share the gospel with them so they can find true fulfillment in a relationship with Christ.

Pray God will make Himself known among the Xaracuu and change their lives, setting them free from bondage to traditions and rituals.



Mishaba Laluo of China

Psalm 121:1-2

The 700,000 Mishaba Laluo of Yunnan, China, worship spirits and ancestors, living in fear and cultural isolation. Becoming Christian feels like betrayal. Most only have access to a Mandarin Bible they struggle to understand, though a translation in their language is underway.

Lord of heaven and earth, plant your saving gospel among the hills and in the hearts of the Laluo people.



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Silver Palaung of Myanmar



Mark 5:19b

Aleng, once trapped in opium addiction in Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle, heard the gospel repeatedly from believers. The gospel took root. Aleng repented, and Christ shattered the power of addiction. Now, Aleng boldly shares the hope and freedom of Jesus with others among the Palaung people.

Praise the Lord for transforming Aleng's life for eternity. Pray for Aleng's continued growth in Christ and that God will draw many more Palaung people to Himself through Aleng's witness of hope and freedom in Christ.



Kho of Pakistan

Isaiah 41:10

Over 400,000 Kho live in northern Pakistan's mountains, attempting to ward off evil spirits through traditional practices. One Kho man, Naveed, chose to follow Christ after dreaming of a "Man in White" and hearing the gospel. He is without Christian community, but not completely alone — God's presence strengthens and comforts him.

Ask God to draw more Kho people to faith this year, providing Naveed with fellow believers for community. Ask for laborers to join this harvest field and for continued strength and comfort for Naveed.

Bairagi (Odia) of India

Mark 10:27

The Bairagi live in villages and cities across India. As Hindus devoted to Vishnu, they believe practicing meditation and self-denial and relying on Vishnu's grace will help them achieve liberation. Without a gospel witness, they will remain bound to worshiping a false god.



Ask the Lord to send a gospel witness to the Bairagi people and do the seemingly impossible in their lives — break the pride, traditions, and deception that bind them and set them free through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kanu of Nepal

1 Peter 1:18-19a

The Kanu of Nepal, Hindu shopkeepers and traders, remain disadvantaged by their caste rank. They seek hope through rituals and reincarnation, trying to appease Hindu gods, but these practices bring no true spiritual fruit or salvation. They need the hope found in Christ.

Pray for the gospel to spread among the Kanu. Ask that they will hear and believe how much God loves them.





Kurtop of Bhutan

1 Peter 2:9

The Kurtop of northern Bhutan live in isolation and follow Tibetan Buddhism, which influences every part of their lives. Many families send their sons to Buddhist monasteries for a time.

Pray the Kurtop will hear the gospel and follow Jesus, who is calling them “out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).

Naita of India

Deuteronomy 6:7

The Naita of Central India are farmers and Sunni Muslims who speak Malvi. They raise their children in Islamic faith, with daily religious classes. Living in isolated communities, the Naita rarely have opportunities to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for Naita people to hear the gospel and be saved. Pray that entire Naita households will believe and that parents will teach the Lord's ways to their children diligently.





Purig-Pa of India

1 Timothy 4:12

The Purig-Pa of Ladakh, India, are rural Shia Muslims who farm and speak Purig. There has been sporadic gospel sharing among them, but there are no known Purig-Pa followers of Jesus. Those interested are discouraged from learning or sharing about the gospel.

Please pray for those who have heard the gospel to turn in faith, standing firm against persecution. Ask God to soften the hearts of those who are preventing the spread of the gospel. Pray for them to receive and share the truth of God's grace and mercy.

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South Asian Peoples



Romans 1:16

Although Robert was born to the first believers in his people group, he didn't follow Jesus. Many of his friends and family were persecuted. Robert joined a radical militia to avenge their deaths. After a miraculous escape in battle, he followed Christ. Now, he helps lead others to faith, and his people are no longer unreached.

Praise the Lord for all He has done in Robert's life and in this people group! Pray that the gospel will continue to spread among them and beyond, reaching new communities and transforming more lives.

Tajiks of Uzbekistan

John 5:24

The Tajiks of Uzbekistan speak Tajik, Uzbek, and some Russian. Shaped by Persian and Islamic traditions, they blend their customs with modern Uzbek culture and follow Sunni Islam, preserving a unique identity. Like the Uzbeks around them, they follow Sunni Islam.



Ask God to raise up a gospel witness in Uzbek cities, where many Tajiks live.

Turkmen of Uzbekistan

Psalm 150:2

The Turkmen of Uzbekistan, mainly in the west near Turkmenistan, are Sunni Muslims descended from nomadic tribes. Known for livestock skills and traditional dress, they maintain unique customs, music, dance, and cuisine.



Pray God will provide a way for Uzbek believers to be accepted into these Turkmen communities where they can share the gospel more easily than in Turkmenistan.

Turkmen of Iraq

John 1:4-5

Turkmen of Iraq, originally from Central Asia, often hesitate to admit their ethnic identity due to past oppression. They follow radical Islam and are wary of outsiders. In the entire Middle East, there are only a few known Turkmen believers.



Pray that God will use online gospel resources to transform Turkmen lives, bringing salvation and spiritual growth that will echo through generations.

Khorasani Turks of Iran

Romans 10:14-15

Khorasani Turks in eastern Iran raise livestock, grow crops, and make jewelry and carpets. There are no known believers or gospel resources in their language, Khorasani Turkish. They need God to make a way for them to hear the truth about Jesus.

Pray that God will send Persian believers to tell the Khorasani Turks the good news of His love for them.



Northern Pashtun of Canada

Psalm 34:8

Over 21 million Northern Pashtun live mainly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Recently, many have immigrated to Canada. They cling to their culture and Sunni Islam while navigating the challenges of adapting to Western culture. Their greatest need is a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ.



Pray for Iranian and Canadian believers to share the gospel with Pashtuns around them.

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Kurds of Iraqi Kurdistan



Acts 4:12

God has answered prayers for the Kurds of Iraqi Kurdistan. Now, dozens boldly follow Jesus, churches have formed in at least two cities, and small group Bible studies are forming elsewhere. More Kurds are witnessing God's transforming power and the worth of following Christ.

Pray for more Iraqi Kurds to trust in Christ alone for salvation. Ask God to continue growing His Church among Kurdish communities in Iraq.

Deaf of Iraq

Acts 2:6

The Deaf of Iraq, both Arab and Kurdish, lack access to the Bible in their heart sign language. Often marginalized and sometimes hidden by their families in shame, they face many challenges. Yet God has not abandoned them. He wants them to know His love through Christ.



Pray that the Lord will send a gospel witness to reach these hidden people, the Deaf of Iraq. Ask Him to provide them with access to His Word in their sign languages.

Deaf of Cuba

2 Timothy 2:2

Missionary partners share Christ while providing relief supplies for the Deaf of Cuba who face poverty. But without a video Bible in Cuban Sign Language or long-term church-planting strategy, many Deaf will continue to lack access to the good news that addresses their greatest problem — separation from Christ.

Pray for effective plans, people, and funding to support the needs of Bible translation and church planting among the Deaf of Cuba.



Deaf of Sri Lanka

Matthew 12:48-50

Most of Sri Lanka's 165,000 Deaf depend on their Buddhist families for support. Choosing Jesus often means risking that financial security. With only a couple Deaf churches on the island, many Deaf Sri Lankans lack access to God's Word and a church family.



Pray that the Sri Lankan Deaf will receive the gospel and be a part of God's eternal family.



Deaf of Myanmar

Isaiah 26:3-4

In a country ravaged by civil war since 2021, the Deaf of Myanmar face oppression and isolation and struggle to secure jobs. Most follow Buddhism and are excluded from spiritual conversations, leaving them without access to the truth and hope found in Jesus Christ.

Ask Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to grant the Deaf peace from war and oppression and make a way for them to learn how they can have hope for everlasting life through faith in Him.

Deaf of Libya

Jeremiah 29:13

Libya's 69,000 Deaf, including Arabs, Bedouins, and Berbers, use Libyan Sign Language and have strong social bonds. They face communication barriers with the hearing population, social marginalization, and limited jobs. Most follow Sunni Islam and are guarded in spiritual conversations with non-Muslims.



Pray for Deaf Libyans to be open to the gospel and seek the Lord with their whole hearts. Ask God to call and send workers to go and share the good news with them.

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Deaf of Southeast Asia



John 14:27

As a Buddhist, Jueri's life was consumed by fear. Desperate, she prayed to Jesus and experienced enduring hope for the first time. Then, she learned more about Jesus and chose to follow Him. Learning Bible stories in her sign language empowered her to share the gospel with her friends. Many accepted Christ.

*Praise the Lord for transforming Jueri's life!
Pray that she will continue growing in Him.
Ask that more Deaf people in Southeast Asia
will also experience Christ's salvation and
enduring hope.*

Armenians of Italy

Ephesians 2:8-9

Armenians in Italy have preserved their culture and call themselves Christian, but most do not truly know Jesus. Few have heard the gospel, and no one is currently engaging them with the good news. Unless something changes, many will remain far from God.



Pray for Armenians to understand that only faith in Jesus — not in their nationality — makes them Christian. Pray for Armenian believers to be bold in sharing the hope of Jesus.

Southern Saami of Sweden

Isaiah 52:7

Centuries ago, the Lutheran Church spread to remote communities where Southern Saami of Sweden live. While some Saami still attend a Lutheran church, most do so out of obligation rather than genuine faith in Christ, and they lack access to the full Bible in their language.



Pray for the full Bible to be translated into the Southern Saami language. Pray that Saami will be eager to know the truth of the gospel.



Russians of Cyprus

Isaiah 55:3

Many Russians in Cyprus migrated after the Soviet Union's fall. Most identify as Orthodox Christians, but about a third do not believe in God at all. They balance cultural identity with local life and, since the war in Ukraine, they often hide their Russian roots due to discrimination.

Pray for Russians to embrace the gospel and find their identity, not in the Orthodox Church or their nationality, but in Christ.

Gorani of Kosovo

Matthew 13:23

The Gorani of Kosovo, skilled bakers living in remote mountain villages, hold tightly to their culture and Sunni Islam. As many leave for work abroad, their community shrinks. There is currently no known work to reach them with the good news of Jesus Christ.



Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers, filled with the fruit of the Spirit, to the Gorani of Kosovo.

Serbs of France

Acts 14:15

Serbs in France maintain a distinct identity and Serbian Orthodox traditions, blending their heritage with modern life in France. Most participate in Orthodox traditions out of cultural obligation, while many have abandoned religion entirely.

Pray that the Serbs of France follow Christ by repentance and faith.



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French Canadians of Canada



1 John 5:4

God has answered your prayers for French Canadians. Baptist churches have been planted in several cities where French Canadians live. One new church baptized over 1,100 new believers. Many of them, like a young woman once struggling with depression, are now thriving and serving as followers of Christ.

Praise God for drawing French Canadians to Himself. Pray for these believers to be discipled well and to boldly proclaim their faith among those who don't know Jesus yet.

Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples in the Nile Delta

Romans 3:23-24

Forty million people live in the Nile Delta, a region of diverse people groups. Most have a village mindset as they work, go to school, and marry one another. Few have heard of salvation that comes by grace, not by works, or know that Jesus is Lord.

Pray that believers in Jesus will meet Northern African and Middle Eastern people in the Nile Delta who will introduce them to others in their tight-knit communities. Pray for believers to have many opportunities to share the gospel.



Sirtican Bedouin of Libya

Psalm 105:4

The 37,000 Sirtican Bedouin of Libya practice cousin marriage to preserve bloodlines and keep resources in the family. Their lives are difficult due to living in hot, rugged environments with few resources and civil instability. They strongly identify as Sunni Muslims.



Pray that the Sirtican Bedouin will seek the Lord. Ask Him to reveal the gospel to them and that they will find their identity in Christ.

Hulaula Jews of Iran

Jeremiah 1:5

Around 375 of the world's 52,000 Hulaula Jews live in Iran and follow rabbinical Judaism. They do not trust in Jesus for salvation and often blend into surrounding cultures, making them hard to reach with the gospel.



Please ask God to place believers in the Hulaula people's paths to share the good news of the Messiah with them.

Anfillo of Ethiopia

John 3:16

The Anfillo of Ethiopia, fewer than 3,000 people, are farmers and merchants living in remote mud huts. They follow Sunni Islam and strive to please Allah. Political unrest and their location in the deep countryside make them hard to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for creativity in accessing the Anfillo of Ethiopia. Pray they will hear and receive the good news that the true and living God loves them and sent His Son to die for them.



Libyan Arabs of Libya

Revelation 3:20

Libyan Arabs, nearly 2.8 million in Libya and 3.6 million worldwide, speak Libyan Arabic and follow Sunni Islam. Family, hospitality, and tradition are central. Though the Bible is in their language, sharing the gospel in Libya is difficult and risky.

Pray for Libyan Arabs to have access to the gospel. Pray that those living outside the country will believe the gospel and take it back to their homeland.



Iraqis of Belgium

Romans 10:9

God brought about an amazing transformation in Nineveh (Modern day Iraq) in biblical times. Today, God is doing another amazing work by bringing Sunni Muslim Iraqi Arabs to Belgium, where they have religious freedom to encounter His Word, His Son, salvation, and hope.



Pray that each Iraqi Arab in Belgium will “call out mightily to God” and “turn from his evil way” and be saved (Jonah 3:8).

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Afar of Eritrea



James 5:7

The Afar of Eritrea, loyal herdsman and fishermen, have heard God's Word through radio broadcasts for years. Now, neighboring believers are reaching out, and some Afar are turning to Christ as God's name is glorified among them.

Pray for Afar believers to stand firm in their faith. Ask that God will add to their number.

Bozo of Mali

Isaiah 9:2

The Bozo of Mali, rice farmers and fishermen, hear God's Word through radio and social media. Though spiritual strongholds persist, some are seeking Jesus. One man, after hearing Scripture in prison, now listens daily and seeks answers about Christ.



Pray for God's light to break through spiritual darkness among the Bozo people. Pray that this man and others who are seeking will find true freedom and transformation in Christ Jesus.

Tiemaxo Bozo of Mali

Mark 1:27

The Tiemaxo Bozo of Mali are fishermen who mix Islam with animistic beliefs and fear water spirits. They seek help from Islamic teachers who use magic. Children wear protective charms, which actually keep them in spiritual bondage. They need freedom in Christ.



Pray that the Tiemaxo Bozo will witness the authority and power of Jesus over evil spirits, just as those in Mark 1:27 did. Pray they will abandon their charms and fully trust in Christ alone.

Senara Senufo of Burkina Faso

Acts 16:31-33

The Senara Senufo of Burkina Faso practice animism and value community over individual thinking. Secret societies and rituals bind them together, making it very challenging for anyone to consider or accept the gospel apart from their community.

Pray that the Senara Senufo of Burkina Faso will be engaged with the gospel as a community, like Lydia and the Philippian jailer in Acts 16, so that whole household will come to know Jesus as Lord.



Acholi of Uganda

John 3:3

The Acholi of Uganda, nearly 2.5 million people, are subsistence farmers influenced by Catholicism and ancestor worship. Though they have Bible resources in their language, they remain largely unengaged and unreached with the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ask the Lord to call believers to go and make disciples for Him among the Acholi people.



Makhuwa-Shirima of Mozambique

Matthew 4:16

The Makhuwa-Shirima of Mozambique, over 950,000 people, mostly follow a blend of Islam and animism. Only 2% are evangelical. Those who choose Christ often face rejection from family and community, making faith in Jesus a costly decision.

Please pray for boldness and perseverance for Makhuwa-Shirima believers. Pray for salvation for those still living in darkness.





Nama of Namibia

Ezekiel 38:23

The Nama of Namibia, about 140,000 people, value community and live with a focus on the present moment. This mindset helps them enjoy daily life but also makes it challenging for many to consider and embrace eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Nama people to understand their need for Jesus and to hear the gospel. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare hearts and minds and give them a desire for the eternal security that is only found through salvation in Jesus.

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Syenara Senufo of Mali



2 Corinthians 3:15-17

It's very difficult for individuals, especially young people, among the Syenara Senufo of West Africa to go against community norms. In 2011, Bible stories began broadcasting on local radio. Praise the Lord that since then, churches have been planted, and even young people are responding to the gospel.

Pray that these churches will remain faithful, even in persecution, and multiply throughout the Syenara Senufo villages.