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JANUARY

■ 1 Hindu Turi of Bangladesh

The Turi are a Hindu people group who live in Bangladesh and northeast India. Their primary language is Bengali. They lead challenging lives; they are rejected by other Hindu communities. They may be hesitant to trust any outsider.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. —Genesis 1:1

- Pray that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.
- Pray that believers among them would be elevated in their communities and that the word would be spread to those who need to hear it.
- Pray the church would grow in a healthy way, led by the power and goodness of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that literacy rates would be improved so they can provide for their families.

■ 2 Uregu Berber of Morocco

The Uregu Berbers are one of the smaller Berber tribes who live in Morocco. As with other descendants of Sub-Saharan Africa, the Uregu Berbers are sometimes marginalized within Moroccan culture. Close knit Berber clans have a strong sense of identity and loyalty. Most Berbers are Sunni Muslim, but many also believe in the power of spirits called jinn.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. —Genesis 1:27

- Pray that this people group will realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to the Uregu Berbers.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus through dreams and visions.
- Pray that tribal leaders and influential persons would receive Jesus and be able to impact the larger community with the gospel.

■ 3 West Coast Bajau of Malaysia

The West Coast Bajau of Sabah, Malaysia have traditionally been known as sea nomads, dwelling in boats and engaging in maritime trading. While some Bajau continue to derive their livelihood primarily from the sea, others have adopted an agrarian way of life. The Bajau are staunchly faithful to Islam. They believe that to be Bajau is to be Muslim.

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. —Genesis 12:2-3

- Pray for many leaders in today's people group to seek and find God's blessings, which He intended to give to them since the beginning of time.
- Pray that followers of Christ in surrounding communities would share the gospel with the Bajau.
- Pray that the love of Jesus Christ would touch these masters of the sea in such a way that there would be a spontaneous church planting movement.

■ 4 Raddi of India

The Raddi people are very family oriented; they prefer marriages between cousins. When the father dies, the oldest son takes charge of the family. The Raddi are mostly farmers, and they are vegetarians, which possibly indicates high status.

And he brought him outside and said, Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them. Then he said to him, So shall your offspring be. And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. —Genesis 15:5-6

- Pray that members of today's people group will understand that they can become part of God's holy family and experience His goodness.
- Pray that the few believers among the Raddi people would be zealous for Christ and his kingdom.
- Pray for believers to be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to study the Word and be filled with a burning desire to share what they have learned with the Raddi people.
- Pray for an entire people movement to the only Savior, Jesus Christ.



■ 5 Batlukh–Gid of Russia

Batlukh–Gid communities are powered by women and depend on them to care for the home, harvest and animals while the men take care of plowing, sowing, security, and travel. Male and female responsibilities are strictly divided, and they frown upon any crossover. Speakers of the Batlukh and Gid languages live in the mountainous regions of southwestern Russia’s Dagestan, and they have been fiercely Muslim for hundreds of years.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. —Exodus 15:2

- Pray that members of today’s people group will look to the Lord alone for strength and victory.
- Pray that the Lord would prepare Batlukh–Gid men and women to hear the gospel.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to spread far and wide among the Batlukh–Gid People of Russia.

■ 6 Yahia Bedouin of Morocco

The Yahia Bedouins live in Saharan Morocco. Women spin and weave clothes and tent fabrics. Their clothing is vibrant red and orange with multi-colored beads, with some silver jewelry and semi-precious stones. Bedouins are renowned for their hospitality and courage as well as oral poetry traditions, recited by the men. Nowadays the younger generation is leaving traditional nomadic life, moving to and working in cities adding possible outreach opportunities.

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? —Exodus 15:11

- Pray that today’s people group will understand that glory, holiness and power come only from our Lord and king.
- Pray their changing circumstances would create a new openness to know the love of Jesus.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Bedouin peoples.

■ 7 Chain of India

If you were dying of thirst and starvation, would it matter who fed you or gave you water? Yes, if you were from the Chain community in West Bengal, India. The Chain people are very caste-conscious regarding food fellowship. As landowners, they probably have good status in Hindu society, and there are strong taboos against sharing food and water with those from certain other communities.

Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people. —Exodus 18:11

- Pray that non-believers among this people group will be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.
- Pray that God would open this people to Christian witness and break down the barrier of caste.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out His chosen vessels as Christ bearers to the Chain people.

■ 8 Darzada of Pakistan

The Darzadas used to be known as a rich Pakistani community, some are now servants while others are famous singers, poets and politicians. They still hold the reputation of being educated and cultured. They are among the Baloch peoples of Pakistan’s Baloch Province. There are no known Christ followers among them, and they belong to a strictly enforced and culturally influential form of Sunni Islam based on works rather than the wonderful grace of Jesus.

You shall have no other gods before me. —Exodus 20:3

- Pray for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.
- Pray for future Darzada believers to be so committed to the Savior that they will shine as a holy light in Pakistan.
- Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to sweep through Baloch Province.

■ 9 Yakan of Philippines

Yakan people are probably the original inhabitants of Basilan, an island just off the southwestern point of Mindanao Island in the Philippines. The nuclear family, which consists of the husband, his wife, and their unmarried children, is the most common domestic unit. Perhaps they would respond to Christian families of disciples who could earn their trust and reach out to them with the truth of the gospel.

You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. —Exodus 23:25–26

- Pray that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth vigorous Yakan churches that will plant others for the glory of His name!
- Ask almighty God to raise up a church planting movement in Mindanao this decade.

■ 10 Karan Kayastha of India

The Kayastha Karan people are among the great scholars of eastern India and Nepal. Traditionally they were the well-educated scribes and administrators. Today many are landowners. They have high status. Few are willing to accept ideas or spiritual input from those from the lower ranks, especially in South Asia where status is very important. It will take well-educated people to reach the Kayastha Karan.

See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship. —Exodus 31:2–3

- Pray that as members of this people group become part of God's holy family that they will also find His purposes for them.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the hearts of Kayastha Karan elders so that they in turn can open the spiritual doors for others to follow Jesus.
- Pray for their leaders to begin the process of starting a church planting movement.



■ 11 Hui of Malaysia

The Muslim Hui people who live in Malaysia originally lived in China. Many left China to establish businesses in Malaysia or to escape religious persecution after the communist takeover in 1949. Radio and TV programs can bring the good news about Christ to the Hui. Hui university students who study in Malaysia can hear the gospel from campus ministries.

And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance. —Exodus 34:8–9

- Pray that members of this people group will soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God's presence as Moses did.
- Pray that each Hui in Malaysia would have the opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray for rapid growth of followers of Jesus among the Hui in Malaysia soon.

■ 12 Chenoua of Algeria

What would you teach your children to speak if your own people group was small, and there were three other small languages in the local vicinity? The trade language is what most Chenoua speaking parents use. Their desert home makes access difficult. Muslim extremism and terrorist groups are present in some areas. Foreigners often have trouble obtaining visas since the government wants to restrict outside influences. There is a radio outreach in their language.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. —Exodus 40:34–35

- Pray for many from this people group to experience the glory of the Lord and allow Him to transform them forever.
- Pray for every hindrance of the gospel's touching the Chenoua people's lives to be removed.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Chenoua people and access to gospel resources.

■ 13 Afshari of Afghanistan

Most Afghan Ashari believe that Ali, Mohammad's cousin, was ordained by Allah to follow Mohammad, and after him came 11 more imams selected by Allah. The 12th one, Hujjat–Allah, is recognized as the promised Mahdi, their messiah, whom they say has been living in seclusion since 874. They believe he will return with Jesus to establish Islam in the world. This is called the Twelver Shia doctrine of Islam.

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. —Leviticus 19:1–2

- Pray that new believers among this people group will seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out.
- Pray that God would strengthen the faith of Afghan believers to be His witnesses to the Ashari people.
- Pray that all Ashari would be open to hearing the gospel in their language through radio, gospel recording, and print.

■ 14 Sikh Jat Dhillon of India

The Dhillon Jats of India's Punjab State are often called the Raja Jats due to the large number of kings, royalty and warriors in their history. People with high status such as the Dhillon Jats are often the least open to the gospel message. Christianity got its foothold in India by appealing to the backward castes who eagerly welcomed the gospel. It gave them hope, but it also made the Dhillon Jats see the church as being for "lower status" peoples.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. —Numbers 6:24–26

- Pray this blessing on today's people group.
- Pray for Dhillon Jats to put their hope and identity in Christ rather than their social standing.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 15 Queyu of China

The Queyu people are committed to the Buddhist religious system, and few witnesses of Christ's grace have been there since the 1950s. It is an understatement to say they still lack an adequate gospel witness. Chinese workers can set up small health clinics to care for physical ailments, keeping spiritual health at the forefront and seeking to lead their patients to Christ, the Great Physician.

He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. —Deuteronomy 10:21

- Pray that many from this people group will make the Lord their only God, and thank Him for His miracles.
- Pray that the Lord would call missionaries to this lone area, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray that the Queyu people would see the glory of the risen Christ and turn to Him.

■ 16 Sidi Bedouin of Algeria

The Sidi Bedouins of Algeria are almost all Sunni Muslims, but some are Sufis who seek a heart–felt response to Allah. Most also believe in spirits known as jinni. They don't marry outsiders because they are suspicious of outside influences. They are hard to reach. Their Sufi beliefs might indicate that some are open to seeking a relationship with the Almighty, and Jesus can be the perfect bridge for such people.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. —Joshua 1:8

- Pray that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.
- Pray for God to draw them to Jesus Christ, the only Savior.
- Pray they would have dreams and visions of the one true God.



■ 17 Muslim Jat of Canada

Today the Jat peoples are one of the most prosperous groups in India. It's the more prosperous and well-educated peoples from South Asia who are allowed to immigrate to Canada. Jat farmers are also known to be experts at producing a high yield, so they are welcome in farming areas.

So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever. —Joshua 4:24

- Pray that the “nation” we are praying for today will know that the Lord’s hand is powerful and will give Him praise.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Jat Muslims in Canada the spiritual hunger necessary to seek and find the Savior.
- Pray for the Lord to penetrate entire Muslim Jat families and clans so that they can enjoy the blessings of being children of the King of kings.

■ 18 Hindu Bairagi of Nepal

A proper Bairagi is one whose principal deity is either Vishnu or any of his incarnations, like Rama and Krishna. A mark (tilak) on the forehead and ear are their identification marks. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing community harmony within this Hindu community. Much sustained, focused prayer is needed to prepare the hearts of the Bairagi community to understand and receive the good news.

The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge! —Ruth 2:12

- Pray for today’s people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.
- Pray they would be zealous to learn of Christ, and that they would be sent teachers and pastors to help them.
- Pray they would live holy lives that honor Christ and draw others to Him.



■ 19 Lashari Baloch of Pakistan

The Lashari Baloch live according to customs and traditions which are conducted according to codes imposed by tribal laws. Since they are a tribal people and their identity as such is so important, changing to a completely different faith will take a great deal of prayer and moving of the Holy Spirit to make this a reality.

There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. —1 Samuel 2:2

- Pray for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!
- Pray for God to open their hearts when they hear the gospel.
- Pray for God to provide workers who speak the Balochi language to work with the Lashari Baloch people until they have an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 20 Tindi of Russia

The Tindi live very close to one another, in every way! Though they use different dialects, 14 villages all speak the same language. The Tindi dwell in the mountains of Dagestan, almost bordering Georgia. The greatest ministry obstacle to reaching the Tindi people seems to be their intellectual pride. Tindi villages are well known for religious and secular education and they produce many scientists, teachers and doctors.

But when they rose early on the next morning, behold, Dagon had fallen face downward on the ground before the ark of the LORD, and the head of Dagon and both his hands were lying cut off on the threshold. Only the trunk of Dagon was left to him. —1 Samuel 5:4

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!
- Ask God to break through cultural, intellectual and religious traditions with a desire for true spiritual understanding and pray that the Lord would point their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them in the 2020s.

■ 21 Najdi Arab of Kuwait

Najdi is one of the varieties of the Arabic language spoken by Saudi Arabs. Saudi Arabia is sometimes called, “The Land of The Two Holy Mosques,” in reference to Mecca and Medina, the two holiest places in Islam.

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” —1 Samuel 17:45

- Pray that the nations will know that they cannot defy the Lord.
- Pray the few believers among the Najdi Arabs will grow in sharing and discussing God’s Word with their families and communities.
- Pray for their protection. Pray they would learn to live in the power of Christ’s Spirit, demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit.
- Pray the Najdi Arabs would hunger to know forgiveness of sin, found only through faith in the work of Christ on the cross.

■ 22 Cochin Jewish of Israel

Did you know there are Jewish people in Israel who speak a south Indian language, Malayalam? Today the Cochin Jews have been incorporated into the Israeli population. Many retain their Malayalam language and spicy cuisine, and in Israel, the Cochin Jews are famous for bringing a delicious hybrid cuisine that incorporates spicy Indian food.

And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. —1 Kings 18:21

- Pray that today’s people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity.
- Pray that they will follow Him.
- Pray for the lives and culture of the Cochin people to evidence the rule and reign of the Kingdom of God as they open to the gospel, and for the beauty of Jesus to be seen in them.
- Pray that the spiritual eyes of the Cochin Jews would be opened to see their Messiah.

■ 23 Tihami Arab of Saudi Arabia

The Tihami people are easily recognized by their colorful clothing, flowers in their hair and their large families since they love children. Although most live in Yemen, some live in Saudi Arabia as nomads and some as farmers. These Muslims can be reached by various forms of media: radio, television, the Internet, Facebook, and YouTube.

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God. —1 Kings 18:39

- Pray that today’s people group will understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.
- Pray that God would use media to reach them and that they would be prepared for a Christ encounter through dreams and visions.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Tihami people that cannot be stopped by man’s best efforts.

■ 24 Sikh Jat Sidhu of India

Who are the best farmers in India? Some might say they are the Jats who originally came from Iran and migrated to Punjab, India. Their success allowed them to become prosperous landowners and to this day they are some of the wealthiest people in India. Their amazing skills in weaponry and fighting gave them the ability to defend their land from conquerors. Most Sidhu Jats are a proud people who do not see a reason to change their religious life and allow for a savior.

As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD’s house. —2 Chronicles 7:1-2

- Pray for today’s people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.
- Pray Sidhu Jats would be open to a personal relationship with God and enter into His kingdom.

■ 1/25 Hindu Meo of India

The Meo are like chameleons; they blend in. They speak the local language and mix Hindu rites of passage with Muslim ones. This syncretism is a ministry obstacle because it provides additional religious confusion by blending elements of various religions. One must seek “bridges of God.” Faith in Jesus must be presented as culturally compatible, without giving up their culture.

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. —2 Chronicles 7:15

- Pray that you will be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.
- Pray that the Meo would not let their syncretism get in the way of a clear understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- Pray for culturally sensitive workers with spiritual discernment.
- Pray that the church in their localities would reach out to the Meo.



26 Tai Lue of Laos

Most Tai Lue make their living growing and selling wet rice and other crops. Other Tai Lue fish and make jewelry from silver. Their women are expert weavers and embroiderers. The JESUS Film and God's Story video are both available in the Lu language. The Tai Lue are primarily an oral culture, so these would be good resources for them.

Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. —Nehemiah 1:6

- Pray for the Lord to raise up believers from among today's people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Tai Lue so that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- Pray that the gospel would spread rapidly throughout the Tai Lue people and that Christ would be glorified.

27 Nail Bedouin of Algeria

The Arab conquests of the seventh century brought about a rapid expansion of the Bedouin tribes. Thousands left the Middle East and began spreading across North Africa, including Algeria, where the Nail Bedouins now live. Apart from tribal affiliations, there is little to distinguish one group of Bedouins from another. Christian missionaries have always been reluctant to live among nomadic peoples. Thus, the Nail and other Bedouin tribes remain with no one to challenge their folk Islamic beliefs.

Then the king said to me, What are you requesting? So I prayed to the God of heaven. —Nehemiah 2:4

- Pray that you will not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.
- Pray for bold workers.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade among the Nail and other Bedouin tribes.

28 Tsudakar of Russia

The Tsudakar of Russia have been Muslims for more than 600 years. Like most followers of Islam, it is more than just a religion for them; it is part of their social and cultural identity. While Bible portions are available, the Tsudakar are still waiting for a full Bible to be translated into their language.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. —Nehemiah 8:5-6

- May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.
- Ask God to call and equip Bible translators who are willing to invest their lives and talents in the Tsudakar people.
- Pray for the Lord to open the hearts of the Tsudakar to His message of good news.
- Pray for the few Tsudakar Christ followers to share the gospel with their families and friends.

■ 29 Muslim Rahmani of India

The Rahmani (or, Rai Bhat) work mainly as farmers. Many do not read, so the gospel will need to be given in oral forms. They are Sunni Muslims, and there is much social stigma about becoming a Christian in their families and communities. They need to find a way to embrace Jesus Christ without alienating the people they hold dear.

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. —Nehemiah 8:1

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will draw the Rahmani people to the only One who can save them from sin and death.
- Pray for Rahmani community leaders who will give Jesus a chance to provide their community with the abundant life He offers in John 10:10.

■ 30 Judeo-Persian Jewish of Iran

Most Jews in Iran live in Tehran, Isfahan and Sharaz. In those cities they have synagogues, cultural centers, kosher markets and restaurants. They do not openly express support for Israel, and they avoid contact with Christians or any Messianic Jews. Their goal is peaceful survival as a people.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. —Nehemiah 8:8

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Pray that the Iranian church would be strengthened in its faith and outreach.
- Pray for them to reach out to Jews.
- Pray for a people movement to Christ among Iranian Jews.
- Pray for increased openness to the things of Christ, especially among Jewish leaders.

■ 31 Central-Eastern Fulani of Niger

The Central-Eastern Fulani believe that to be a Fulani is to be a Muslim. Many Fulani are revered teachers of Islam; such people get respect for their Islamic pedigree. Because many Central-Eastern Fulani are among the ruling class, they would be able to influence their constituency to consider the claims of Christ. Polluted water is a problem for the Central-Eastern Fulani. Missionaries and engineers might be welcomed in their efforts to make water potable in crowded cities.

And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. —Nehemiah 9:3

- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.
- Pray for the Lord to move among Central-Eastern Fulani leaders through dreams and visions.
- Pray that this would be the decade when the Central-Eastern Fulani have an unstoppable movement to Christ.

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■ 1 Sikh Sonar of India

The Sonar community is known for their amazing creativity in the art of designing beautiful gold jewelry. Their very name "Sonar" means gold. Many have done well financially. Some are money lenders or bankers. Though most are Hindus, there are also many Sikhs among them. Most of the Sikh Sonars take pride in their religion and do not see any reason to change.

You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. —Nehemiah 9:6

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- Pray that Sikh Sonars would humble themselves to be open to the Lord.
- Pray for believers to go to them as Christ bearers. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Sonars.

■ 2 Darwazi of Afghanistan

How would you like to visit a land with snowcapped mountains and rushing streams of water? This is the beautiful geography that both surrounds and isolates the small towns of the Darwazi people of northeastern Afghanistan. Although a few radios have connected them to the outside world, they are still mostly isolated, so medical assistance and medicine are a major need. They have a high mortality rate among their women and children due to difficulties in childbirth.

And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. —Nehemiah 9:29

- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray that God would thrust out Afghan believers in reaching these people with much needed medical supplies and anointed prayer for the sick.

■ 3 Druze of Lebanon

The Druze religion is an offshoot of Islam and appeared in the ninth century. They are firmly monotheistic. Druze hold the Koran as sacred. They also have their own inspired scripture called the *Book of Wisdom*. Druze believe in the transmigration of the soul. That is, at death, one's soul is instantaneously reincarnated, and it is reborn into another life. Druze do not evangelize or accept converts. If a Druze becomes a follower of Christ, he or she will be excluded from the Druze community.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. —Psalm 2:8

- Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.
- Pray the Lord would lead Druze to listen to Christian radio programs and find their way to the cross.



■ 4 Sikh Chhipa of India

The word “Chhipa” means to print, and their main occupations deal with dyeing and printing fabrics in red, blue and black patterns. A Chhipa can be a Sikh, Hindu or a Muslim. Confusing? The three different religions within this people group are a huge obstacle. Do Christian workers present a fourth religion that would add more confusion?

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. —Psalm 8:1

- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great! Pray that the Chhipa people would see the futility of their conflicting religions and seek and find the only Savior.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Chhipa families, and to raise up fruitful, disciples of the Lord.

■ 5 Zekara Berber of Morocco

The Berbers lived in North Africa long before the arrival of the Arabs and Islam. They once had a Christian heritage. Many Berber children drop out of school because they are taught in what, to them, is a foreign language —Arabic. There are few followers of Jesus among the Zekara Berbers.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. —Psalm 9:1

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.
- Pray they would find each other and faithfully fellowship together, becoming firmly established upon the truths of Scripture.
- Pray the Berbers of Morocco would once again find the faith of many of their ancestors, faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

■ 6 Jaunsari of India

Do you ever want to go back to Bible days? You might feel like you are doing that by visiting the Jaunsari community in Uttarakhand, India. Like the Hebrew Patriarchs, a man can marry more than one spouse. The first obstacle to the gospel is the terrain and elevation, making them hard to access. They speak two different languages and have only some verses of the New Testament available in one of them.

I say to the LORD, You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you. —Psalm 16:2

- Pray that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.
- Pray that the Jaunsari would see Jesus as the only answer to their fears of ghosts and spirits.
- Pray for a full Bible translation and Christian witness, leading to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 7 Sirtican Bedouin of Libya

The Sirtican Bedouin of Libya speak Arabic and their primary religion is Sunni Islam, the largest branch of Islam. The Bedouin fall into two basic groups: the “true” Bedouin who live as nomadic shepherds, and the majority group who have embraced farming and are known as the fellahin. The fellahin lead a more settled life on the edge of the desert. Due to the harsh environment, life is hard.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. —Psalm 16:11

- Pray that many from today’s people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.
- Pray for Sirticans to become disillusioned with traditional spiritual answers and to understand they need a sin-bearing Savior.
- Pray that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus Christ.

■ 8 Western Baloch of Iran

The Baloch are an ancient, semi-nomadic tribal group that occupy an area of land stretching across Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Balochmayar is the honor code by which the Baloch live. These principles include extending hospitality and mercy, dealing with each other honestly and offering refuge to strangers. The Western Baloch may have acquired an incorrect understanding of what Christianity is by observing people who are Christian in name only.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. —Psalm 19:1

- Pray that many from today’s people group will look to the sky, see God’s artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!
- Pray for the Baloch people to be delivered from their fear of Christianity and to embrace God’s blessing through His Word for their families and communities.



■ 9 Afghan Tajik of Afghanistan

The Tajiks in Afghanistan have been Muslim for many hundreds of years. Though they acknowledge Jesus as an honored prophet, they do not view Him as the only way to God. Because the Afghans do not have a high literacy rate, the gospel can probably best come to them using oral means. A few possibilities are videos, recordings, radio, skits and stories from Scripture.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; —Psalm 19:7

- Pray that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Tajiks of Afghanistan that will bless them abundantly.
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan, for a stable and effective government, and for improved living conditions.

■ 10 Southern Uzbek of Afghanistan

The Uzbeks are descended largely from Turk-Mongol invaders. Most Uzbeks from the former USSR ended up practicing Islam from a more liberal perspective due to the official Soviet policy of atheism. In contrast, Uzbeks in Afghanistan and other countries to the south have remained more conservative.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. —Psalm 20:7

- Pray that many from this “nation” will boast only in the name of the Lord.
- Pray that believers among the Uzbek would grow in faith and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and live holy lives that will draw Muslims to him.
- Pray the Uzbeks would increasingly see Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) as the only way to salvation and would hunger to find out more about Him.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

11 Gorani of Albania

The Gorani are a folk Islamic people who live in villages in the mountainous regions of what is now Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia. Herding and agriculture are their main form of livelihood. Their hard life, war and determination to maintain their folk Islamic identity has caused many, especially the young, to migrate to other countries.

O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! —Psalm 21:1

- Pray that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.
- Pray for Gorani believers to have joyous and victorious lives in Christ.
- Pray that God would cause the Gorani to trust God's servants and be open to knowing God through His voice found in His Word.
- Pray for their family heads and community leaders to lead the way to a movement to Christ.



12 Ziban Bedouin of Algeria

Ziban Bedouins are a nomadic people who know how to find water in the desert for their livestock. If they break the rules of their society each clan selects a sheik to determine whether they are guilty. They consider it to be below their dignity to be forced to live settled lives and become farmers. However, many Ziban are being forced to adapt to a more sedentary life, especially as their region becomes dryer.

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power. —Psalm 21:13

- Pray that this people group will rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.
- Pray for the Lord to send dreams to Ziban elders.
- Pray that leaders and individuals of the Ziban clans would be reached so they can lead their people to the Lord.

13 Tajakant of Algeria

The Tajakant are sedentary, engaged in small-scale trading and farming. They mainly live in Morocco and the Moroccan administered territory of Western Sahara, but some live in Algeria. Today their lifestyle and tribal cultures are mixing with modern western practices. Men are more likely to adjust and interact with modern cultures.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. —Psalm 23:1

- Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.
- Pray for tribes like the Tajakant to be able to make the necessary adjustments while retaining that which is good in their culture.
- Pray that changes within the Tajakant culture would include the lordship and blessings of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a Christ-ward movement.

14 Eluthassan of India

The Eluthassan people live in Kerala, one of India's most Christianized states. They speak Malayalam, Kerala's language. They remain unreached, even though a high percentage of their neighbors follow the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The Eluthassan people identify with being Hindus. There are also enough false believers in their area to give them reason to distrust those who call themselves Christian.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. —Psalm 23:3

- Pray that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit sent purification for the church in Kerala, leading to revival and outreach.
- Pray that there would be a Disciple Making Movement among the Eluthassan people.

15 Chinese of Angola

Thousands of construction workers, engineers, doctors, cooks and petroleum engineers have migrated from China to Angola. They are extracting oil and developing Angola's infrastructure. Angola is one of China's largest suppliers of oil. Chinese companies are hiring Chinese people, so this is not providing jobs for the Angolans. The Angolans resent this situation, and there has been a lot of crime against Chinese citizens.



Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. —Psalm 23:4

- Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.
- Pray that Angolan Christians would help lead the Chinese to salvation.
- Pray that Chinese believers would worship the Lord with Angolan believers as an example of unity.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 16 Gil Bedouin of Morocco

Gil Bedouins traditionally live a nomadic lifestyle. The word “Bedouin” comes from the Arab word “bedou,” meaning “desert dweller.” It is almost impossible to find Christians who are willing to live the lifestyle of nomadic people for the sake of the gospel. It will take hearty believers who can and will live among them for years, learn their language and share the gospel in a way that makes sense in their culture.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. —Psalm 23:6

- Pray for leaders of today’s people group to put all their hope in the Lord just like King David did when he wrote this Psalm.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to thrust out dedicated workers to the Gil Bedouins.
- Pray the Gil Bedouins will soon see their desperate need for Jesus Christ, the only Savior.

■ 17 Dawei of Myanmar

Most Dawei people inhabit Myanmar. Some have fled to Thailand to escape Burmese authorities who conscripted many to work on a new railroad under inhumane conditions. In the past, the Dawei have proven to be disinterested in the gospel.

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, —Psalm 24:1

- Pray that many from today’s people group will

- recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!
- Pray for a movement to Christ among these Buddhists.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Dawei people would be joyful always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances, and willing to give a reason for their faith.

■ 18 Turk of Argentina

Sunni Muslim Turks produced the vast and long-lasting Ottoman Empire. At one time a small number of Turks migrated to Argentina. Sunni Muslims are taught at an early age that Christian doctrine is ridiculous and that the content of the Bible is unreliable. Any Christian believer who wants to reach the Turks will need to start by making a solid friendship with them. The Christ follower will have to prove to be a loyal and trustworthy friend.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. —Psalm 25:1-2

- Pray for many from today’s people group to give their entire lives to God.
- Pray for an openness to the gospel among Argentina’s Turks.
- Pray for rapid growth of followers of Jesus among the Turks in Argentina that would spread to Turkey.

■ 19 Aghul of Russia

When Jesus spoke in parables about sheep and their shepherds, he was speaking to people such as the Aghul of Russia. Aghul men are renowned shepherds, and the women tend to the village households. Dagestan is a mountainous region where people value toughness and hard work. It is difficult to enter because of its ruggedness and because of government interference.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. —Psalm 25:5

- Pray that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.
- Pray for a growing interest in Isa (Jesus) among the Aghul people.
- Pray the Lord would show them who Jesus truly is: the only way to the Father.
- Pray for those who are serving the Aghul people to be encouraged and for their numbers to increase.

■ 20 Mangrik of India

The Mangrik have traditionally been farmers. They have attained a high level of literacy, and some have even attended universities in Jammu and Kashmir. Even though the Mangrik people may have a high literacy rate, using oral means of communicating the gospel may be the best approach. Films, recordings and stories from Scripture will likely have a favorable result if their hearts are open.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. —Psalm 25:8–9

- Pray for many from today's people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.
- Pray for the Lord to multiply the reception and influence of His Word among the Mangrik people, leading them to love Him with their whole being.

■ 21 Harratine of Morocco

The Harratine of Morocco live in southern oasis towns at the very edges of the Sahara. However, they are said to originally come from further south, in sub-Saharan Africa. It is believed their ancestors were captured and abandoned in Morocco. Today they find employment as day laborers and in various manual trades.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. —Psalm 25:10

- Thank the Lord that He leads with love and faithfulness!
- Pray that many from today's people group will discover that and act upon it.
- Pray for good quality Christian radio to be widely available throughout Morocco in many languages.
- Pray the language of the Harratine people would be included.
- Pray the Harratine would be given a strong desire to find forgiveness for their sin.
- Pray for adequate rainfall, pure drinking water and improved medical care.



■ 22 Middle-Eastern Turkmen of Syria

The Turkmen have deep roots in Central Asia, but a small number of them live in Syria. Though most are Sunni Muslims, some are part of the Alawite religion. The Sunnis among them blend in well with the Syrian Arab majority and even marry into their families.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. —Psalm 25:11

- Pray for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.
- Pray for the Syrian church to become unified in Christ's purposes so that they can and will go to the Turkmen among them.
- Pray for the Turkmen people to respond to Christ.
- Pray that they would see faith in Jesus as an acceptable alternative to the spiritual answers they have embraced for generations.

■ 23 Cocos Islands Malay of Australia

The Cocos Malays are the majority population of the Cocos Islands, a territory of Australia. Because of the unbroken European rule of the islands, the culture has been mostly Western. The Cocos Malay have their own dress code. Those in the Australian mainland, however, conform to Australian dress habits. They have their own language, but to function in Australia, they must be fluent in English.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. —Psalm 26:12

- Pray that many from today's people group will allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they will begin to publicly praise Him.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among families and communities.
- Pray for the Lord to anoint and thrust our workers to the Cocos Malay people.

■ 24 Mandaean of Australia

Sometimes Mandaeans are called “Christians of Saint John” because they venerate John the Baptist and baptism is their central sacrament. In actuality, Mandaism is based more on a common heritage than on any set of religious doctrines. Until recently, Mandaeans lived mainly in Iraq and Iran, but many have now fled and settled in other countries such as Australia. The Mandaeans are quite insular and protective of their society and their religion. Christian resources are limited in Mandaic, their mother tongue.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. —Psalm 27:4

- Pray for eternal salvation of many from today’s people group.
- Pray for a healthy and growing church among them in Australia.

■ 25 Chechen of Austria

Austria holds the fifth largest Chechen population outside their homeland to the east in the Caucasus Mountains of Russia. Sometimes called the “Mafia of Russia,” these strongly Islamic people are known for fighting. They desperately need missionaries to live among them, earn the trust of the local leaders and courageously share the gospel.

You have said, Seek my face. My heart says to you, Your face, LORD, do I seek. —Psalm 27:8

- Pray that many from today’s people group will crave fellowship with the One True God.
- Ask God to soften the hearts of the Chechen people in Austria, especially the local elders and family heads.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to provide opportunity for a strong church planting movement among them, and for Chechen disciples to grow and bear spiritual fruit.



■ 26 Afghan of Austria

For 45 years there have been waves of Afghan refugees fleeing for safety. Most of them have settled in neighboring Pakistan or Iran, but some have made their way to Europe. One of these European destinations is Austria. They cannot imagine leaving Islam for any other “religion.” Islam is central to their identity.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! —Psalm 27:13-14

- Pray for many leaders from today’s people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in Afghan communities in Austria so that they would tire of the old ways of violence and seek holiness, which they will only find in the person of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers.
- Pray for the spread of the gospel among Afghans in Austria.

■ 27 Maarulal Avar of Azerbaijan

Avar people are the largest linguistic group of Dagestan in Russia and historically the most powerful. Honor/shame is a high code, deeply ingrained in the Avar cultural psyche. This is most pronounced in the Avar. Some of them live in nearby Azerbaijan. The cultural affinity for revenge prevents them from forgiving or repenting, two things essential for a relationship with the living God.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. —Psalm 28:7

- May this be the attitude of many from today’s people group.
- Thank the Lord for several new Avar believers and the recently completed Avar New Testament!
- Pray it will find its way to receptive hearts.
- Pray for dreams and visions among the Avar.
- Pray for courageous Avars to find Christ’s grace.

■ 28 Bahraini Arab of Bahrain

Bahrain is the smallest Arab state, being an island country in the Persian Gulf. Its strategic location has brought rule and influence from the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Persians, and finally the Arabs, under whom the island became Muslim. Oil was discovered in 1932 and has brought rapid modernization to Bahrain. Wealth often stands as an obstacle to faith in Christ since it blunts the sense of need. Bahrain is quite accessible to gospel radio, television, internet, etc.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. —Psalm 29:10

- Pray that many will understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that would lead them to these resources.
- Pray for believers to take Christ to Bahraini Arabs.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among Bahraini Arabs.

■ 29 Rashaida of Eritrea

The Rashaida are a Bedouin people, who populate either side of the Red Sea and came from a major tribe in mainland Arabia about 150 years ago. They are a nomadic people who live in tents made of goatskin, and they are herdsman, raising primarily goats and sheep. Since many do not read, they memorize in detail the pedigree of their animals, keeping mental records of their herds over seven or eight preceding generations of the flock.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! —Psalm 29:11

- Pray for new believers among this people group to be blessed with strength and peace.
- Pray for stability and prosperity in Eritrea.
- Pray for bold and loving workers to go to the Rashaida people to build God's Church in Eritrea and beyond.

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