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■ 1 Balti in India

Do you like bulgur (cracked wheat) and apricots? So do the Balti people who farm these crops. Balti people are a scheduled tribe living in perilous mountains near the Pakistan border. Their seven isolated villages are inhabited mainly by the elderly, women and children. Most young men go to the cities for education and employment.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. —Psalm 90:12

- Pray that this knowledge will lead many from today's people group to seek the Savior.
- Pray that Christ followers would produce radio programs that would point the way to the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that a movement of the Holy Spirit would sweep through all seven Balti villages from one family to another.

■ 2 Odienne Jula in Côte d'Ivoire

The Jula (or Dyula) people are skilled craftsmen and merchants. The Jula are in subgroups, one of which is the Odienne. The Odienne Jula have put their faith in the spirit world and the mercy of spirits instead of relying on the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. They need someone to show them the way to the cross so they can experience God's forgiveness.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. —Psalm 91:1

- Pray for many from today's people group to find rest in their relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for believers to go as his ambassadors to the Odienne Jula people of Côte d'Ivoire.
- Pray for spiritual awakening in their homes, villages and mosques.

■ 3 Worodougou in Côte d'Ivoire

Many Worodougou are subsistence farmers in small villages but some of the younger generation have moved to larger cities. Their grandfathers were the first to become Muslims, but most are "Muslim" in name only. They worship spirits and ancestors. People are afraid of sorcerers, death and hell.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! —Psalm 95:1-2

- Pray that many from today's people group will sing joyfully to the Lord, the rock of their salvation!
- Pray for the Worodougou people to look to Jesus to free them from fear and death.
- There are Christian believers within the Worodougou tribe. Pray these individuals would find each other in order to be encouraged.
- Pray they would learn to study scripture and pray together.

■ 4 Croatian-speaking Jewish in Croatia

While the Jews in Croatia tend to be secular, they maintain a strong Jewish cultural identity. Antisemitism has been increasing and is often perceived as coming from Christians. The Bible and other resources are available in their language in print and online. Offering these resources could be effective, especially among college students.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. —Psalm 96:1-2

- Let many from today's people group sing a new song of praise to the Lord.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give the Jews of Croatia a spiritual hunger.
- Pray for them to realize their need for the only Messiah.
- Ask God to counter the growing antisemitism and to demonstrate his love through caring and compassionate Christ followers.

■ 5 Hazara in the United Arab Emirates

The Hazaras in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are originally from central Afghanistan, and their Asian facial features and Shia form of Islam makes them stand out in both countries. Most of the people of the UAE are non-citizens, including the Hazaras. Hazaras in the UAE are from many walks of life.

*The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory. —Psalm 97:6*

- Pray that this will be the year when today's nation sees His righteousness and glory.
- Pray for the Hazaras to find safe refuge and good jobs in the UAE.
- Pray for the Hazaras in the UAE to have the chance to hear about Jesus and respond to His invitation to become part of the Kingdom of God.
- Pray for a church planting movement among the Hazaras in the UAE.

■ 6 Turkish Cypriot in Cyprus

As the descendants of Turkish Ottoman invaders who conquered Cyprus in the sixteenth century, the Turkish Cypriots proudly maintain Turkish language, customs and traditions. Today they are known to be gentle, courteous and hospitable to strangers. They are proud of their ethnic heritage and remain very loyal to Turkey. They are Muslim, but they also adhere to folk beliefs.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name! —Psalm 100:4*

- Pray for this people group to enter His courts with joyful praise!
- Pray for Greek Christ followers to befriend the Turkish Cypriots and be Christ's ambassadors.
- Pray for peace and friendship between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots.
- Pray for the Turkish Cypriots to find their way to the empty grave and embrace the risen Christ.

■ 7 Czech Jewish in Czechia

Jews have lived in Prague, the capital of Czechia, since 970. As a result of the Holocaust, some of the Czech Jews now reject their Jewish heritage and ethnicity. Today, many Jews in Czechia consider religion irrelevant. Some have converted to Catholicism and others have been assimilated into Czech culture.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name! —Psalm 103:1*

- Pray that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who will worship Him with their whole hearts.
- Pray for God to give Jews in Czechia a spiritual hunger.
- Pray for them to long for their Messiah and realize he is Jesus.
- Ask God to provide mission organizations and local Christian believers with opportunities to share the good news with Jews.

■ 8 Danish Jewish in Denmark

Danish Jewish people were not fully accepted into Danish society until recently. Today most are well educated and speak Danish along with other European languages. The majority live in the cities of Copenhagen and Aarhus. Like the rest of European culture, younger Jews are becoming increasingly secular. They highly value education and career advancement.

*Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases...
—Psalm 103:3*

- Pray that this people group will flee to the Lord who alone can forgive sin.
- Pray for the Lord to draw the attention of the Jews in Denmark away from their worldly pursuits and toward His offer of salvation.
- Ask God to open their eyes, hearts and ears to the good news of their Messiah.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up the right people to disciple the Danish Jews in his ways.

■ 9 Afar in Djibouti

Most Afar are nomads who herd sheep, goats, cattle and camels and some are fishermen. Market day is important to the Afar and some travel great distances to buy and sell necessities. A man's wealth is measured by the size of his herds. They are a proud people who emphasize strength and bravery. There are radio broadcasts that can reach the Afar people with Christ's call.

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. —Psalm 103:12

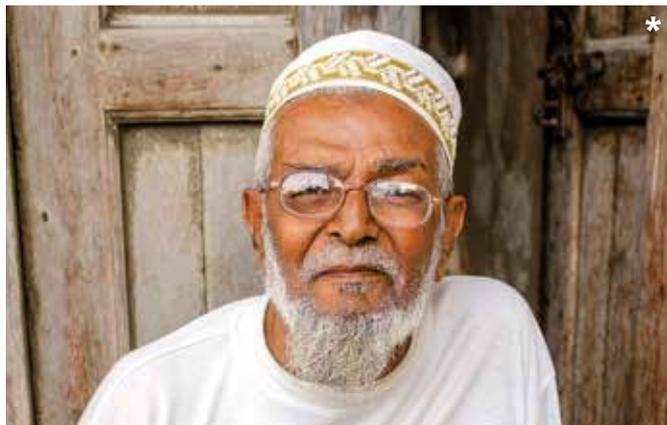
- Pray for this people group to find forgiveness and relationship with the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for the Afar people to have open hearts and minds to what the Lord says in these radio broadcasts.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a movement to Christ among the Afar people this decade.

■ 10 Zanzibari Swahili in Oman

The Swahili-Arab people come from the east coast of Africa, mainly Zanzibar. On the surface, Swahili-Arabs seem like regular Omanis. However, when one sits with them at a meal, the African roots come out. Much of the time, they speak Swahili instead of Arabic, which is considered the trade language, and their choice of food is African. Most follow the Ibadi sect of Islam which is the most peaceful Islamic sects.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. —Psalm 103:17

- Pray that this people group will understand that they can enjoy the eternal love of the Lord.
- Pray the Lord would create a growing desire in all the peoples of Oman to find forgiveness for their sin and for power to cope with the problems through the guidance of Jesus Christ.
- Pray Jesus would be revealed with power at the proper time.



■ 11 Sumra Sindhi in Pakistan

Traditionally, Sumra Sindhi people were warriors, but at present they are involved in business, agriculture, government, and private service. Sumra Sindhi people are family-oriented people. The teachings of the Bible regarding family are a good place to start new relationships.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth —Psalm 104:13-14

- Pray for this people group to be amazed at His abundant blessings!
- Pray that Christian businessmen, agriculturalists, and government employees would reach into the lives of Sumra Sindhi people, building relationships and sharing Christ's abundant life with them.
- Pray that almighty God would open the hearts of Sumra Sindhi people to hear the good news.

■ 12 Fedicca-Mohas Nubian in Egypt

The Nubians have a high literacy rate compared to their rural Egyptian neighbors, which is enforced by their stable education system. Many of their religious ceremonies include singing, dancing, and beating drums. One of the Nubian subgroups is the Fedicca-Mohas. Though the Nubians were mostly Christians in the sixth century, they are now almost all Muslims. Most of them do not have many Christian resources nor mission agencies working among them.

*O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. —Psalm 104:24*

- Pray for God to speak to the hearts of members of this people group through the many wonders of nature.
- Pray for many of the Fedicca-Mohas Nubians to put all their faith in Jesus Christ leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to provide them an abundant harvest as a testimony of his goodness and power.

■ 13 Kharga in Egypt

Being a Muslim is part of the personal identity of the Kharga Bedouin. Nomadic peoples are some of the most challenging to reach with the gospel. Missionaries would have to follow the Kharga in their seasonal travels throughout the desert. The JESUS Film is available in Libyan Arabic. Teams of medical workers and veterinarians can demonstrate the love of Christ to the Kharga in practical ways.

*Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,
or declare all his praise? —Psalm 106:2*

- May many from this people group not be able to praise Him enough!
- Ask the Lord to send workers to the Kharga.
- Ask the Lord to open the hearts of the Kharga leaders and elders to receive the good news about Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Kharga.

■ 14 Fezzan Bedouin in Libya

There are very few true nomads among the Fezzan Bedouin, while semi-nomads are quite numerous. The true nomads herd only camels, and they wander freely. The semi-nomads also cultivate crops, primarily barley and wheat. Nomadic Bedouin live in portable black tents. Fezzan Bedouin have been Muslim for many generations.

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. —Psalm 106:6

- Pray that many family leaders from this people group will understand that their people are sinful just like the Israelis, and that they need to seek the Lord for forgiveness.
- There are no known followers of Jesus among the Fezzan Bedouin. However, please pray for those the Lord is preparing for Himself. They will need prayer support and they will need teachers to help them.
- Pray for the Bedouin to have adequate rainfall for their crops and herds.



■ 15 Tamasheq Tuareg in Mauritania

Tuaregs are known for their distinct culture, dress and fine craftsmanship. Their ancestors fiercely rejected Islam until they were won over by Sufi Islamic mysticism. Today, they espouse a mixture of Sunni Islam and folk religion and do not fully practice the “pillars” of Islam, including the month of fasting. Only the men wear veils, and women often have leadership roles. Their indigo clothing colors their skin, so they are known as “blue people.” They speak a distinct dialect of Arabic.

*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble —Psalm 107:2*

- Pray for this people group to call out to the Lord to redeem them from sin, their main enemy.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them in Mauritania.

■ 16 Eritrean Tigre in Eritrea

The population of Eritrea is equally divided between Christian (Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran) and Muslim religions. The largest Muslim group is the Tigre, the only Eritrean or Ethiopian Semitic people which is not Orthodox. They are related to the Christian Tigrinya but are culturally distant from them. Cultural barriers are high. These can be overcome, but it usually requires much time.

*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations. —Psalm 108:3*

- Pray that God will raise up thankful people from among this people.
- Pray for Tigre believers to become effective and fruitful in sowing God’s word among their own families and communities to fuel a movement of God’s blessings spreading from household to household.
- Pray the Tigre people would have sufficient food in an area that often experiences famine.
- Pray for adequate rain and for improved living conditions.

■ 17 Hedareb Beja in Eritrea

What is the largest non-Arabic ethnic group between the Nile River and the Red Sea? The Bejas! One subgroup, the Hedareb, are nomadic shepherds. Many believe the Beja are descendants of Noah’s grandson, Cush. They have occupied their current homeland for more than 4,000 years. They adopted Islam and mixed it with folk religion. They are also scattered over more than 110,000 square miles which makes it hard to reach them.

*Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever. —Psalm 111:3*

- Pray for many from this people group to find this God whose righteousness never fails.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to the Beja and set them free from the belief that they can please God through words without a Savior.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among all Beja peoples.

■ 18 Estonian Jewish in Estonia

Yiddish is one of key Jewish languages in countries like Estonia. Yiddish has been one of the things that set this group apart, along with the Jewish religion. Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, Yiddish-speaking Jews have a strong sense of identity. The Jews of Estonia are trying to maintain their Jewish traditions. They are opening Jewish schools. Many Jews seem interested in learning more about their history. Perhaps this can be a segue to the gospel.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever! —Psalm 111:10*

- Pray for fear of the Lord and wisdom to come to this people group.
- Pray for the Jews who have chosen to follow Jesus to be bold in sharing their faith.
- Pray for churches to grow and engage in disciple making.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 19 Silt’e in Ethiopia

A considerable number of Silt’e make a living as merchants or shopkeepers. They have their own administrative unit. In the countryside, the Silt’e practice mixed farming and cultivate ensete, a native flowering plant found in Africa and Asia. Almost all Silt’e are Muslim. There are wonderful opportunities to show the love of Christ to the Silt’e people, especially in areas of health and education. Missionaries can also begin soccer ministries that can open doors.

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens! —Psalm 113:3-4*

- Pray for peoples from all over the world to discover His glory and mercy.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit to work among the Silt’e.



■ 20 Jima Oromo in Ethiopia

The various Oromo people groups are the largest, most widely dispersed groups in Ethiopia. Composed of approximately a dozen tribal clusters including the Jima, these peoples prefer just the term “Oromo” when speaking of themselves. One basic value of the Oromo is tokuma, meaning group identity.

*Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
—Psalm 117:1*

- Pray that some from this people group will praise Him this year.
- Pray that Jima Oromo believers would have strength in the Holy Spirit to stay firm in their faith.
- Pray the Oromo tribes of Ethiopia would be able to provide improved education for their children, and for a rising standard of living.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Jima Oromo people.

■ 21 Makhmi in India

The Makhmi people live in the high mountains of Kashmir where outside ideas are seldom brought in and almost never accepted. When things are peaceful, Kashmir is a popular tourist destination for South Asians who want to escape the oppressive heat.

*This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*

- Praise the Lord that you have the privilege of praying for others to rejoice in Him.
- Pray for the Makhmi community to be blessed in every way by Almighty God.
- Pray that there would soon be an unstoppable movement to Christ in their community.
- Pray for Makhmi decision-makers to have a Holy Spirit-led hunger for spiritual truth that only Jesus Christ can satisfy.
- Pray for workers to take Christ to the Makhmi people no matter what the cost may be.

■ 22 Jain Bhabra in India

The Bhabra are businessmen, and they mostly live in India's northwestern states of Punjab and Rajasthan. Jainism encourages people to forego all worldly pleasures, which is why the majority Hindu people that surround the Bhabra hold them in high regard. They believe in non-violence and most are vegetarians. Their belief in a many-sided reality means that truth is too complex to adequately communicate. As Jains, the Bhabra people don't understand that there is definite truth, and Jesus Christ is the truth who can set them free from religion and righteousness by works.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
—Psalm 119:105*

- Pray that many from this people group will discover this to be true for their own communities.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Jain Bhabra people teachable and understanding hearts.

■ 23 Finnish Jewish in Finland

Jewish people have lived in Finland since the 1700s. Their numbers rose when Jewish soldiers from Russia arrived in the 19th century and remained after their military service. Many Jewish people in Finland follow cultural Judaism, but they have rejected the spiritual elements taught in the Old Testament and refuse to receive Jesus. They are waiting for a different Messiah.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor
in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain. —Psalm 127:1*

- Pray that this people group understands that all their efforts are worthless unless they subject them to the Lord.
- Pray that the Jewish people would understand that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth loving Christians to work among the Jewish communities.
- Pray for a network of Christ-centered fellowships to be raised up among this Jewish community.

■ 24 Comorian in France

Comorians are among many other African migrants who live in France. The vast majority of Comorians are Sunni Muslims though some became Christians during the latter half of the 1990s. France is a very secular environment; Comorian immigrants are either Muslim or they forsake religion altogether.

*Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways! —Psalm 128:1*

- Pray that many from this people group will have the joy that comes from fearing and following the Lord.
- Pray for the few Comorian believers to be salt and light to their neighbors.
- Pray that the Lord would equip Christ followers in France to share the gospel with Comorian immigrants.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Comorians in France.



■ 25 Sahrawi in France

A sub-group of the Moors, the Sahrawi are a mix of Berber Arab and Black African descent. The Sahrawi who immigrated to France mostly live in Paris and Marseilles. The Sahrawi people are Muslims who believe our spiritual needs are found in Islam. There are not many resources available in their Hassaniya language except the JESUS Film. Believers can go to places in France where they expect to find Sahrawis and share the film with them.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
—Psalm 130:5

- Pray that they will put all their trust in Him alone!
- Pray for effective, evangelistic tools to be translated into the Sahrawi language.
- Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Sahrawi towards the gospel message.

■ 26 Hmong Njua in French Guiana

Most Hmong Njua occupy the middle class in French Guiana. They own small businesses and restaurants. They work as teachers and as middle level administrators for the government. They tend to marry within their group. Some Njua Hmong will listen to the truth while others will listen to deceivers. Getting them the word of God and praying they will make good decisions is the best approach.

For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. —Psalm 135:5

- Pray that they will understand that there is no god as great as God, the one who gives us all we need.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to break through all spiritual deception.
- Pray that the Hmong people will have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for workers who will share the good news.

■ 27 Bandoumu in Gabon

You can find the Bandoumu people throughout regions of southern Republic of the Congo and southern Gabon. They maintain an ethnic religion that is deeply rooted in their cultural identity. To change from this religion to another is tantamount to a betrayal of one's people. The Bandoumu do not have decent roads leading to their communities, which makes access to them difficult. There are also few resources in their language, but Bible translation is in process.

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
—Psalm 138:2

- Pray that many from this people group will delight in His promises, and seek His unfailing love.
- Pray for the economic and infrastructural needs of the Bandoumu, especially easy access to potable water.
- Pray for indigenous missionaries to have a burden for their Bandoumu neighbors.

■ 28 Mandinka in Gambia

Since the Mandinka tend to look upon artisans with respectful fear (especially blacksmiths and leather workers), it may prove beneficial to teach through the arts. They are especially fond of music, and their griots (praise singers) among the Mandinka have even impacted the national anthems of four West African nations. Culturally appropriate gospel music can be an excellent evangelistic tool.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. —Psalm 139:5-6

- Pray that many from this people group will be in awe of the blessings of the Lord.
- Pray for spiritual wisdom and favor for missionaries focusing on the Mandinka.
- Pray for Mandinka believers to have boldness and love to share the gospel with their families and neighbors.
- Pray for a strong church community to be established among the Mandinka in the Gambia.

■ 29 Lezgin in Georgia

Lezgin was originally a Turkish term meaning “highland resident.” By the 7th century, Islamic power had swept into the region of the Lezgin people, and over the past 1000 years has exerted huge influence into their society. The Lezgin culture is highly defensive against outsiders. It is very difficult for those outside their communities to be accepted or trusted. Resources like Bible portions and the JESUS Film can be made available to the Lezgin people of Georgia.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. —Psalm 139:13–14

- Pray that this people group will understand and embrace that they are created by God, and that His ways are marvelous!
- Give thanks for the Bible translation work which is underway.
- Pray for widespread reading and spiritual understanding.

■ 30 German Jewish in Germany

The German Jews were driven out or exterminated in the 1930s and 1940s, but today they are returning to Germany to participate in the vibrant economy. Jews often find their employment in medicine, law, higher education, science and finance. Jewish scientists win the Nobel Prize many times above their percentage of the general population. Jewish people often have a deep appreciation for the arts and music.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! —Psalm 139:23–24

- Pray that many from this people group will have the kind of intimacy with the Lord that it takes to purge their lives of anything that offends Him.
- Pray for Christ followers to join them in cultural events, showing them the way to their heavenly Father.
- Pray for an abundance of the fruit of the Holy Spirit as they will sometimes face hostility and resistance.

■ 31 Zaza-Alevi in Germany

Do you know what it’s like to not fit in? The Zaza-Alevi people living in Germany do. They consider themselves Muslims but have retained some ancient beliefs, giving them the label “heretic” by orthodox Sunni Muslims. They consider themselves to be Kurdish, but their language is unintelligible to Kurds. The Zaza people speak German at work, Turkish in their neighborhoods and Northern Zazaki at home.

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! —Psalm 141:2

- Thank Him for making your prayers as precious as an incense offering. Thank Him that in praise, there is His presence.
- Pray that the Lord would convict the hearts of the Zaza of their need of the only Savior and His forgiveness.
- Ask the Lord to raise up disciples among the Zaza-Alevi of Germany soon.

JUNE

■ 1 Laz in Germany

A small group of Laz have migrated to Germany. Young Laz people are learning German and Turkish but often not the language of their grandparents. The Laz have been Sunni Muslims since the time of the Ottoman Empire. Islam is an integral part of their identity. German churches and individuals can build redemptive relationships with the Laz. Respecting the Laz culture and language would provide an opening to share the gospel.

I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah —Psalm 143:6

- Pray that many from today’s people group will thirst for the Lord’s presence.
- Pray the Lord would raise up disciples among the Laz of Germany.
- Pray the Lord would create a hunger for truth and the word of God among the leaders of the Laz community.



■ 2 Wala in Ghana

The Wala people in Ghana practice Islam, heavily influenced by folk religion. Most are farmers. Recent interviews with key Wala leaders show that there is a spiritual openness that seems to be developing.

*O LORD, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him? —Psalm 144:3*

- Thank Him that He not only notices us but loves us as a father loves his children.
- Ask the Lord to lead Ghanaian Christ followers to share the good news with the Wala. The New Testament is available in Wali, their heart language.
- Pray that teams of believers will use the New Testament to teach literacy skills to the Wala.

■ 3 Mamprusi in Ghana

Can you imagine not being able to read and write? Only 15% of the Mamprusi people of West African are literate. The low literacy rate of the Mamprusi people is a major barrier to the spread of the gospel. The New Testament is available in the Mamprusi language. Teams of believers can teach the Mamprusi to read using the New Testament. The JESUS Film and God's Story video are also available.

*May our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands
in our fields. —Psalm 144:13a*

- Pray that physical prosperity will lead this people group to thankfulness to the Lord rather than spiritual apathy.
- Pray that the Lord would send literacy teams to the Mamprusi and help them to gain access to the Mamprusi New Testament and the JESUS Film.

■ 4 Greek Jewish in Greece

During WWII, Greeks were able to hide some of their Jewish friends from Nazi invaders. The descendants of those Jews make up the small group of Jews who live in Greece today. Jews are concentrated in Greek cities such as Thessaloniki and Athens.

*Every day I will bless you and praise your name
forever and ever. —Psalm 145:2*

- Pray for many from this people group to regularly praise the Lord and worship Him.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Messianic body of disciples among the Jews of Greece.
- Pray that the Lord would open the spiritual eyes of Greek Jews as they read and study the Bible.

■ 5 Pomak in Greece

The name Pomak means, "people who have suffered." They are distinguished by their non-Bulgarian names and their devotion to Islam rather than to Orthodox Christianity. In Greece, the Pomak economy is based on agriculture. Raising livestock is also very important. Pomak women are renowned for their excellent weaving abilities.

*One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts. —Psalm 145:4*

- Pray that many from this people group will train their children in the ways of the Lord, who in turn will teach their children as well.
- Pray the hearts of the Pomak people in Greece would be stirred to hunger after God.
- Pray that family-based movement to Christ will soon transform Pomak society, blessing them spiritually and economically.
- Pray for Pomak decision makers in Greece to open their communities to Christ's ambassadors.

■ 6 Arabic-speaking Algerian in Libya

In the seventh century, the Arab Empire was in full swing, and they conquered and settled North Africa. Though Algeria is culturally Arab, their form of Arabic has borrowed a number of words from the earlier Berbers. Thus, the nations of North Africa have their own forms of Arabic. That goes for all the peoples of North Africa including the Algerians and Libyans.

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. —Psalm 145:5*

- Pray that the uncertainties of life would open Arabic-speaking Algerian in Libya to seek Jesus as the answer.
- Pray that the JESUS Film and audio materials would be used effectively among them.

7 Chauhan in India

The Hindu Chauhan give special devotion to the goddess Durga, who embodies local gods and demons associated with mountains, plants, and fire. Their name comes from a past ruler, and they belong to the Kshatriya caste, just below the high Brahmin priestly caste. They earn their living in farming, business, and banking.

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. —Psalm 145:6

- Thank Him for His awe-inspiring deeds!
- Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to the gospel, that the JESUS Film would be viewed by many, and that many would read the Scriptures and respond positively.
- Pray for dreams and visions that will help them to realize that there is no savior but Jesus.

8 Tiyar in Bangladesh

How would life be different without electricity? Most Tiyar people live in villages with little access to electricity or indoor plumbing. The Tiyar people of Bangladesh and India are named after the Sanskrit word for “hunters.” Fortunately, the JESUS Film is available in the Tiyar’s language, Bengali.

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. —Psalm 145:9

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that He is good to everyone, and His compassion has no end.
- Pray for Bengali-speaking believers to take this film to the Tiyar community.
- Pray that Jesus would captivate the hearts of key Tiyar leaders and use them to begin a movement to Christ in Bangladesh.



9 Fulbe in Guinea

The Fulbe are a large people group located in the western African nations of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Senegal. Islamic schools are set up for the children in some of the villages. The Fulbe are a very large people group, and many workers are needed to saturate the group with the good news.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. —Psalm 145:17

- Pray that many will soon thank the Lord for His righteousness and kindness.
- Pray for West African followers of Christ will be given the desire and opportunity to reach the Fulbe.
- Pray the few Fulbe Christ followers would learn to live in the power of Christ’s Spirit, demonstrating the fruit of his Spirit.

10 Kuranko in Guinea

The Kuranko are a branch of the Malinke tribe that immigrated into Sierra Leone from Guinea. Different groupings within the Kuranko people each have their own chiefs, traditions and heritage. Some are pagan, while others follow Islamic belief. The region where they live lacks adequate road systems and is not easily accessible, leaving the Kuranko socially isolated. The full Bible is now available in the Kuranko language, and there are a number of good resources such as the JESUS Film.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. —Psalm 145:21

- Make this your prayer today!
- Pray for workers to carry these to the Kuranko people, answer their questions, and assist in the planting of additional churches.
- Pray for the Kuranko to be completely set free from belief systems that deny them new life in Christ.

11 Mandyak in Guinea-Bissau

The Mandyak mainly live in southwestern Guinea-Bissau, though others live in southern Senegal or Gambia. They believe their ancestral spirits are selfish and vindictive, yet they have power to bring good or bad fortune. They believe that proper funerals are essential to ensure that these spirits treat them well. The main spiritual obstacle might be an unwillingness of God’s people to go to them.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. —Psalm 146:2

- Pray for the Lord to raise up people from this people group with this kind of dedication to the Lord.
- Pray that the followers of Christ among the Mandyak people will become involved in taking the gospel to their friends, neighbors, and family members.

12 Zuwarah in Libya

The Zuwarah are one of many groups of Berbers. They live in the far northwest part of Libya on the Mediterranean Sea and are mainly farmers. There is a great lack of Christian resources available in their Nafusi language.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever. —Psalm 146:6

- Pray that God's wondrous works of creation will draw many from this people group to the Throne of Grace.
- Pray for the funds and workers needed to create resources and deliver them to the people.
- Pray the Lord would be preparing hearts to understand and believe even now.
- Pray for the Lord to remember the ancient prayers of long-dead Berber Christians, as they prayed for their descendants to know and follow Christ.

13 Kababish in Sudan

The term "Kababish" is usually used to describe anybody who is half Arabic and half black. The Kababish are a loose tribal confederation of Arabic people of mixed origins who live in a region of desert scrubland, some of which is in Sudan.

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. —Psalm 148:5

- Pray that the gift of life will draw many from this people group to worshipping God only.
- Pray for peace in Sudan, and for adequate food and water for the Kababish people and for their livestock.
- Ask God to give the Kababish hearts to hear the good news of Jesus and to seek Him in the Bible.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Kababish.

14 Muslim Nagarchi in Bangladesh

In the past, when ceremonies and celebrations were being planned in Bangladesh, it was the Nagarchi who were called upon to serve as drummers. Today, many of them have given up their drums to farm and raise livestock.

Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. —Psalm 148:12-13

- Pray for all generations from this people group to worship and praise the Lord.
- Pray their eyes will be opened to see that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and that there is no way to peace with God other than through him.
- Pray for workers willing to venture to this harvest field and share the good news of salvation with the Nagarchi.
- Ask the Lord to establish a church planting movement among them.

15 Southeast Pashayi in Afghanistan

The Southeastern value masculinity and honor more than anything else. The idea of an ideal man among the Pashayi is one who is a proud warrior, loyal to his family, dangerous to his enemies, and always prepared for a feud when necessary. The Pashayi converted to Islam in the late sixteenth century.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6

- May it be soon!
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan, and for increasing freedom for all the peoples to improve their lot in life.
- Pray they would understand the importance of seeking education for their children.

16 Ouargla in Algeria

The Ouargla are a Berber people who live in and around the oasis city of Ouargla in central Algeria, which has a major university as well as being a center of oil production. Nearly all recent church growth in Algeria has occurred within the Berber communities of northern Algeria. Those who minister the gospel can accelerate their efforts for the Ouargla and other Berber tribes.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. —Proverbs 1:7

- Pray for many from this people group to find true knowledge by fearing the Lord of heaven.
- Pray this is the time for a spiritual revival among the Ouargla Berbers.
- Pray for the Lord to move among the Ouargla in such a way that they spread Christ's ways of peace and mercy to other Berber tribes.

■ 17 Hungarian-speaking Jewish in Hungary

Atrocities committed against Hungarian Jews during World War II are remembered with the help of a shoe memorial on the edge of the Danube River, commemorating a day when 800 Jews were murdered by Hungarian fascists. Today, Hungary welcomes the Jewish community. Two recent prime ministers were part-Jewish. The Jews in Hungary are increasingly secular.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. —Proverbs 3:5-6

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray for the Hungarian-speaking Jews to realize their need for the Messiah.
- Ask God to stir their hearts and give them a hunger for His Son.

■ 18 Isan Thai in Iceland

A very small number of Thai Isan people have immigrated to Iceland. Those who went seeking work have had little success. However, women who came to marry local men have integrated well. Because of their small numbers, there are no associations to help preserve their culture. The Thai Isan are being assimilated into Iceland's secular culture. The vast majority of the Thai Isan are Buddhist.

By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. —Proverbs 8:15-16

- Pray that this truth will put the fear of God in the hearts of all who hold power.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among the Thai Isan, preparing their hearts to receive the gospel.
- Pray for Christ followers to make disciples who will make more disciples.



■ 19 Sikh Saini in India

The Sikh Saini are farmers who usually own their own land and are somewhere in the middle in terms of caste status. They are hard-working and skilled at their work. The Saini people have been dependent on the teachings of Guru Nanak and other Sikh prophets for centuries. Few of them have had the chance to hear what Jesus taught. There have been many Sikhs who have found Jesus as Savior.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. —Ecclesiastes 12:13

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is the one who gives our lives meaning and purpose.
- Pray that the Lord would give Sikh background believers the gifts of healing and intercession, so they can be used by God to demonstrate the power and love of our Lord.

■ 20 Muslim Kashmiri in India

Kashmiri Muslims are convinced the Bible is wrong when it contradicts the Koran. Those who "convert to Christianity" are viewed as immoral, degenerate people. Many Kashmiris have heard of Jesus Christ, but view him merely as a prophet and teacher, not as the only one who can forgive our sins.

The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand. —Isaiah 1:3

- Pray that many from this people group will know their master and heed His voice.
- Pray for a movement of God's Holy Spirit among Kashmiri families causing many to seek their loving Savior who died for them.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of Kashmiri leaders.

21 Muslim Gujjar in India

You may not have heard of the Gujjar people, but you are probably familiar with their tribal origin: the Huns. As in, Attila the Hun. Like their famous predecessors, they continue to practice a nomadic lifestyle, relocating in summer and winter to find grazing for their animals. In their constant striving to survive, the Gujjar haven't had a fair opportunity to hear, understand, and accept His invitation for relationship.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. —Isaiah 1:16-17

- Pray for this people group to surrender unconditionally to the Lord of lords.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to shine like a brilliant sun among Gujjar believers, leading others to seek Him.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Gujjars.

22 Varendra Brahmin in India

Varendra Brahman families value higher education. Towards this end, there is a new university in the Varendra region that straddles West Bengal and Bangladesh established in 2012. Like other Brahmin peoples, the Varendra feel that turning their allegiance to another religious system will jeopardize their status. For this reason, most are reluctant to give their allegiance to Jesus Christ, believing this is tantamount to betraying their community.

And many peoples shall come, and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. —Isaiah 2:3

- Pray for a heart-felt seeking of the Lord among many from today's people group.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would raise up believers who will actively introduce the Varendra Brahmans to Christ and help them to worship him in culturally appropriate ways.
- Pray for Christ to reveal Himself to Varendra Brahman leaders.

23 Hindu Kunbi in India

The Kunbi are landowning farmers. Some are politicians and educated professionals, including engineers and doctors. Traditionally girls did not attend school and boys studied up to the primary level, but this has changed as their community has gained better education.

Enter into the rock and hide in the dust from before the terror of the LORD, and from the splendor of his majesty. —Isaiah 2:10

- Pray for many from this people group to understand both God's judgment and His majestic glory.
- Pray for Christ's ambassadors to sow God's word into Kunbi families, healing and strengthening Kunbi households with God's blessing.
- Pray for spiritually hungry "persons of peace" among the Kunbi who would welcome Christ's ambassadors into their communities.

24 Subarna Banik Bania in India

From renting out an exclusive banquet hall for a wedding to lending money to a small farmer so he could buy honeybees to improve the productivity of his crops, the Subarna Banik community is well-known throughout West Bengal. They are envied for their amazing business skills as money-lenders, business traders, and participants in international trading. Their disciplined nature is seen in their careful details to accounting and bookkeeping. Hinduism is the religious identity of Subarna Banik Bania.

They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands. —Isaiah 5:12

- Pray that many from this people group will notice and respond to what God is doing.
- Pray for God to provide opportunities for believers to develop relationships with the Subarna Banik Bania.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would move among their leaders.





■ **25 Srigaud Brahmin in India**

Srigaud Brahmins value education and supporting their elderly. Their lives as Brahmins center around duty to gods, ancestors, the Hindu communities they serve, and the Hindu scriptures. To them, each of these is an important sacred duty. Many are well-educated and employed accordingly. Most Srigaud Brahmin families prefer to be employed in challenging professions such as computer software engineering than being a priest.

And one called to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! —Isaiah 6:3

- Pray that many from this people group will experience and respond to God’s holiness.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among these Brahmins that will result in a movement to Christ.

■ **26 Hindu Nai in India**

The Nai are a barber caste, but they do much more. In addition to cutting hair, they also provide other grooming services such as extraction of teeth and setting of sprains. They are also involved with marriage celebrations and matchmaking. Nai women are employed in jobs very conducive to marriage celebrations, such as hairdressing and application of henna. The Nai have a low literacy rate. The gospel must be presented to the Nai families in ways appropriate to oral learners.

And I said: Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts! —Isaiah 6:5

- Pray that there will soon be a heart-felt understanding of personal sin and the need for God’s redemption among this people group.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Nai families and communities into a rich experience of God’s blessing.

■ **27 Hindu Mali in India**

The Mali are industrious workers and are known for their bravery in the armed forces. There are different Mali subgroups according to their occupation. For example, Mali farmers are known as Baghban, those who cut and sell grass are called Sasia Mali, and those growing flowers are Phool Mali. Many Malis live in towns and keep vegetable or flower gardens. The Mali are also known for the preparation of marriage crowns for the bride and the bridegroom at weddings.

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here I am! Send me. —Isaiah 6:8

- Pray that God will send His messengers to this people group soon!
- Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that will throw the doors open for Mali people to follow Jesus.

■ **28 Hindu Khatri in India**

The Hindu Khatri people need liberation from traditions that hinder receiving the Savior who died in their place. Most of their elders view what Christ-bearers bring them as a threat to their traditions and culture; therefore, these gatekeepers almost always reject the gospel. So as long as they view the Church as a foreign threat, they will not give Jesus the chance to transform their communities.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. —Isaiah 9:2

- Pray for God’s light to shine brightly among this people.
- Pray for the Lord to tear down obstacles that keep Khatri people from placing their trust in Him for eternal life.
- Pray that these gifted people would see their need for the only sin-bearer.
- Pray for God’s Holy Spirit to reign among Khatri people.

■ 29 Hindu Dhobi in India

Today we will pray for the cleanest people in India! The Dhobis have always been the caste that performed laundry services by hand, but today their livelihood is being challenged by washing machines, which are now available to their forward caste customers. Believers with the means to do it can help train the Dhobis in new skills. That would make them see their good works and give praise to the Father.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. —Isaiah 11:10

- Pray that today’s people group will soon allow Jesus Christ, the son of David, to be their banner of salvation.
- Pray for Dhobis to form Discovery Bible studies and learn to think biblically.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among Dhobis.

■ 30 Hindu Lohar in India

The Lohar are nomadic blacksmiths who travel from village to village to sell their goods. The Lohar lead hard lives. Although they work hard, they live in extreme poverty. People assume the handmade goods produced by the Lohars are inferior to machine made ones. To make matters worse, there are negative stereotypes about nomads, such as the idea that they are thieves.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. —Isaiah 12:3

- May many from this people group drink deeply from the fountain of His salvation and mercy!
- Pray that they would receive the education they need to thrive in 21st century India.
- Pray for their hearts to be open to the blessings of Jesus. May He penetrate Lohar communities and families.

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■ 1 Mappila in India

The Mappila attribute their Islamic conversion to the work of an Arab missionary. Mappila people live in both India’s southwestern Kerala state and the Laccadive Islands just to the west of that state. They speak Malayalam, the language of Kerala. Kerala is about 20 percent Christian, and they have strong mission agencies. Believers who already speak Malayalam could be sent to the Mappila.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. —Isaiah 12:4

- May this people group praise Him and tell others of His mighty deeds.
- Pray that Malayalam speaking believers would be culturally sensitive as they share what Jesus can do for a community.
- Pray for the Lord to bless families among the Mappila people with His presence and mercy.
- Pray for Bible-believing fellowships among the Mappila people.

■ 2 Hindu Kahar in India

The Kahar caste claim to be descended from one of Brahma’s sons and from a warrior caste, which would give them a good social standing if other Hindu communities accepted this. Tools (JESUS Film, recordings, videos, etc.) are available in most of the languages spoken by the Kahar community, but there is a need for workers to distribute them.

For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back? —Isaiah 14:27

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is sovereign, and they must obey Him alone.
- Pray for dedicated workers.
- Pray the Kahar would understand that Jesus desires to bless their families and clans, not harm them.
- Pray for the ability to raise their standard of living and be ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

■ 3 Hindu Pasi in India

The legend about the origin of the Pasi community is that one day, a man was going to kill some cows. Parashuram was, at that time, practicing austerities in the jungle. Hearing the cries of the sacred animals, he rushed to their assistance, but the cow killer was aided by friends. So Parashuram made five men out of kusha grass and brought them to life by letting drops of his perspiration fall on them and together they saved the cows. Hence arose the name Pasi, from the Hindi pasina (sweat).

It will be said on that day, Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. —Isaiah 25:9

- Pray that many from this people group learn to trust in the Lord's salvation and rejoice in Him.
- Pray the Pasi community would increasingly be aware of their need for spiritual truth and righteousness that they can only find in a relationship with Christ.

■ 4 Kannada Brahmin in India

Kannada Brahmins are high achievers and proud of their accomplishments. Most of them are from Karnataka, the state where Kannada is the traditional language. Their families would much prefer that they have high paying work though some still maintain their traditional role as Hindu priests. Though they are diverse in their devotion, a large number worship Shiva, Vishnu, Ganesh, and Lakshmi—a popular goddess. Those who are priests spend their time practicing yoga, chanting, and making offerings to the gods.

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. —Isaiah 26:3

- Pray for many from this people group to find perfect peace in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that many Kannada Brahmins would not fear losing their prominent positions for the sake of Christ.

■ 5 Sasak in Indonesia

Sasak are farmers, laborers, fishermen, and craftsmen. Some also weave and create earthenware. They are increasingly looking for work in larger cities, both on Lombok and on other Indonesian islands. To visitors, the Sasak seem unrefined and even aggressive. They are actually very friendly and open to those they accept into their community. Reaching them with the gospel will require perseverance and a willingness to overcome these obstacles.

In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

—Isaiah 26:8

- Pray that many from this people group will trust the Lord, obey Him, and glorify His name through their actions.
- Pray for God to reveal Himself through signs and wonders that point to Christ.
- Pray for hearts to be softened and prepared to receive the good news.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among Sasak leaders.

■ 6 Mbojo in Indonesia

The Mbojo are also called the Oma ("move") because they often move from one place to another. The main livelihood of the Mbojo is farming. The Mbojo are open to outside influence. Although most Mbojo are devout Muslims, they still believe in spirits and practice forms of animism, even still visiting healers, who are numerous in the area. The Mbojo are afraid of local gods as well as other spirit types called Bake and Jin. They also believe in sacred trees.

You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, He did not make me; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, He has no understanding? —Isaiah 29:16

- Pray that many from this people group will soon understand that they belong to God by right of His life-giving creation.
- Pray that strong movements to Jesus will bring entire Mbojo families into rich experiences of God's blessings.

■ 7 Musi in Indonesia

Almost all Musi people in Indonesia are Muslim. The people follow the Islamic religion because it has been passed down to them and is a part of their culture, not because they understand it. Because of this, religious worship is not an important factor in their lives but rather, it is a part of their identity. The Musi resist the presence of a religion other than Islam.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. —Isaiah 40:5

- Pray that members of this people group will soon see the glory of the Lord and respond to it.
- Pray the Musi people will gain no satisfaction from following a religion of works, and instead will yearn to know the love of a God who will relate to them as persons.

■ 8 Palembang in Indonesia

Palembang is the name of both a city and a people group. A child has the choice to go by his mother’s clan name or his father’s. Although Islamic commitment is very high, the role of the shaman is still prominent in many areas of life. If something is lost or someone is sick, they usually start by consulting a shaman.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. —Isaiah 40:8

- Meditate on this verse, and pray that members of this people group embrace it.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Palembang would grow in number and in commitment to the Great Commission among their people. May they lead joyful lives, pray continually, and stay strong in God’s word no matter the circumstances.



■ 9 Jambi in Indonesia

The Jambi are very proud of their links with an ancient Malay kingdom that flourished from the 7th century until the Middle Ages. Sadly, this pride now threatens their economic development. Many are unwilling to accept modernization and reform. Almost all Jambi are Muslim, and every village has a mosque or prayer house, and often an Islamic religious school (madrasah).

Behold, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. —Isaiah 40:10

- Pray for many from this people group to claim this verse by embracing the Lord.
- Pray for greater educational help.
- Pray for the Jambi to learn new skills that will make them more competitive in the job market.
- Pray for more of the Jambi to hear and respond to the gospel.

■ 10 Riau Malay in Indonesia

The Riau are peaceful farmers and fishermen living on the northern coast of central Sumatra. They are closely related to the Malays living across the sea from them in Malaysia. It would be reasonable to call them a Malay subgroup. They keep to themselves and don’t mingle with outsiders. There are believers from other people groups on Sumatra Island who can reach out to the Riau Malay people if given the chance.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. —Isaiah 40:18-19

- Pray that this people group will soon understand that they can never form an idol that compares with the Lord.
- Pray the Lord would give dreams and visions to Riau Malay family leaders that would open their hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Riau Malay people.

■ 11 North Sumatera Malay in Indonesia

The North Sumatera Malay often avoid speaking frankly for fear they will offend someone. They use signs, parables and traditional poetry instead. Harmony is a priority for these people. For someone in the group to follow Jesus will disrupt this harmony.

*Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends
of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable. —Isaiah 40:28*

- Pray that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.
- Pray for the few Christian believers within this community, that they would have a strong and faithful testimony for the Lord and would honor Him with their lives.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers who can help them achieve better lives economically and spiritually.

■ 12 Banjar in Indonesia

The Banjar people do not look positively upon modern methods and technologies, nor do they mix socially with other people groups. This isolation has limited their development in education, health care, sanitation, and water purification.

*But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run
and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. —Isaiah 40:31*

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray that Christian Banjar would find community and fellowship together.
- Pray for Banjar believers to be disciples who make other disciples.
- Pray for Banjar elders to embrace an emerging Bible translation and share it with others. There is a prayer movement for the Banjar people; pray for thousands to join it and pray until there is a Banjar Disciple Making Movement.

■ 13 Balinese in Indonesia

Throughout the world, people know the Balinese for their artistic abilities. They live on or originated from the island of Bali. Most Balinese live in very close-knit villages with strong family, social, religious, and economic interrelationships. Hinduism is the primary religion of the Balinese. Even though Hinduism has greatly affected the culture, the Balinese have managed to maintain their original culture, so Balinese Hinduism differs from Indian Hinduism.

*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams
on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants. —Isaiah 44:3*

- Pray that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.
- Pray that Christian Balinese would find community and fellowship together.
- Pray that they would find ways to share the holiness and power of Christ with family and community.

■ 14 Laki in Iran

The Laki people of Iran speak Laki, which most linguists believe is one of the Kurdish languages. The Laki are semi-nomadic animal herders and farmers. Today many live in permanent houses. Some Laki have moved to Iranian cities and are fully engaged in modern society. Radio programs in Laki can bring the gospel to this people. Since most of the Laki know Farsi, they can listen to TV and radio programs in Farsi can reach them.

*Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times
things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose.' —Isaiah 46:10*

- Thank the Lord that He alone can tell the future, and His plans for today's people group can never be stopped.
- Pray for gospel materials to thrive among the Laki people.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up many disciples among the Laki.

■ 15 Gilaki in Iran

The Gilaki are one of the Caspian peoples, inhabiting the southern coastal region of the Caspian Sea. The Apostle Bartholomew may have spent time evangelizing in this area of the world around 50 A.D. Although Christianity was once a powerful presence here, now it is extremely weak. Today, the Gilaki are virtually all Muslim.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns. —Isaiah 52:7

- Pray for the Lord to send people with “beautiful feet” to bring good news to today’s people group.
- Pray that the Gilaki people would increasingly hunger to receive forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can offer. May they be dissatisfied with a religion that offers no pardon and no power for living.
- Pray for them to be sensitized to their need for a sin-free Savior.

■ 16 Mazanderani in Iran

Most Mazanderani people are primarily farmers and fishermen. They are closely related to neighboring Gilaki and Caucasian peoples, such as the Georgians and Armenians. Mazandaran was the last province in Iran to be converted to Islam. Today, nearly all Mazanderani people are Shia Muslims. The literacy rate in the Mazanderani language is low, but many of the people can speak and read Farsi, Iran’s trade language. General education levels are low among the Mazanderani people.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. —Isaiah 52:10

- Pray for today’s people group to share in the victory of the Lord by becoming part of His family.
- Pray the Lord would send mature Persian believers into the rural areas of Iran to win, equip and send out Mazanderani believers.



■ 17 Sorani Kurd in Iraq

Mentioned in the book of Daniel, the Medes are the ancient ancestors of Iraq’s Sorani Kurds. The Kurdish unwillingness to unite has worked against them time and again. They have two mutually hostile political-military factions which keep them weak and vulnerable.

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. —Isaiah 54:2

- Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand His house to include today’s people group.
- Pray that the Christians in Iraq would unite in the global mission of God to bring the Kurdish peoples unto himself.
- Pray for God’s protection.
- Pray that the Kurdish church would be increasingly evangelistic in ways that are meaningful to Kurds.

■ 18 North Iraqi Arab in Iraq

North Iraqi Arabs are incredibly diverse. Arabs are generally proud of their heritage, their mother tongue Arabic (or an Arabic dialect), and their culture of hospitality. The North Iraqi Arabs are very similar in language and culture to neighboring Arab populations.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. —Isaiah 55:1

- Pray that this people group will soon accept God’s offer of free salvation.
- Pray that the Lord would open Iraqi eyes to see Christ as God in the flesh.
- Pray the Lord would protect Iraqis from terrorism and extremist violence.
- Ask the Lord to bless the government and to reveal Himself to those in power.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches that will plant other churches.

■ 19 Urdu in Ireland

The term Urdu does not adequately describe the Urdu people as such but is merely a language distinction. Urdu is an Indo-Iranian language that developed from Hindi. Most Urdu speakers originate from Pakistan but many have emigrated to the West, including Ireland.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. —Isaiah 55:3

- Pray for this people to have wide open ears to the words of the Lord.
- Pray for a Book of Acts type of move to Christ among Urdu speakers in Ireland.
- Pray for Urdu-speaking people to understand and embrace that Jesus wants to bless their families and neighborhoods.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and empower Urdu-speaking disciples to make more disciples.

■ 20 Yahudic Jewish in Israel

Have you ever heard of the “Yahudic” Jews? They are Jews who settled in the area now called Iraq after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 BC and Romans in 70 AD. Almost all of these Iraqi Jews have left Iraq and moved to Israel.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. —Isaiah 55:7

- Pray for true and lasting repentance to come to this people group.
- Pray that the Messianic fellowships in Israel might grow in number and size as more and more Yahudic Jews encounter and trust in their Messiah.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Christ-ward movement among the Yahudic Jews of Israel.



■ 21 Israeli Jewish in Israel

Sabra Jews are those born in the land of Israel, particularly since the founding of the Jewish State in 1948. “Sabra” is derived from the Hebrew name of the prickly pear cactus. The allusion is to a tenacious, thorny desert plant with a thick hide that conceals a sweet, softer interior; a wry commentary on the Israeli character.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. —Isaiah 55:8-9

- Pray that today’s people group will understand that God’s ways are far higher than theirs.
- Pray that the veil over their spiritual eyes would increasingly be lifted, allowing them to accurately see Jesus as their Messiah.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among Israeli Jewish leaders.

■ 22 Italian Jewish in Italy

What event comes to mind when you hear the year 1492? Yes, most think of Columbus’ landing in the New World. The date 1492 is also important because it is the year that Spain expelled most of its Jewish population. Some of these Jews who were forced to leave Spain ended up in Italy.

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, The LORD will surely separate me from his people; and let not the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. —Isaiah 56:3

- Pray that many from today’s people group will put all their hope in the Lord.
- Ask the Lord to open the spiritual hearts of the Italian Jews, so they might be receptive to hearing about the claims of Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Holy Spirit would lead many Jews to read the New Testament.
- Pray for God to raise up multiplying disciples among the Italian Jews.

■ 23 Shawiya Berber in Italy

Being in the mountains rather than the lowlands, the Shawiya Berbers avoided much of the Arab influence that pervaded the lowland areas, enabling them to maintain their own language, culture, customs, and social organization. Most remain in northern Africa, though a few have immigrated to European countries like Italy to seek better job opportunities. The Shawiya living in Italy have seen a watered-down version of Christianity.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. —Isaiah 61:1–3a

- Pray for these blessings for today's people group!
- Pray for the Shawiya to be equipped and connected with discipleship, and to spread the gospel to their families back in Algeria.
- Pray for economic opportunities that will help them contribute more to Italian society.

■ 24 Behara in Bangladesh

The Behara live in rural areas of Bangladesh and are followers of Islam. Though they are not part of the Hindu caste system, they have low status.

Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. —Isaiah 61:9

- Pray that those who live near today's people group will want their spiritual blessings after they submit to the Lord Almighty.
- Ask the Lord to write His story on Behara hearts, and that they would embrace it.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through this people group, drawing them into His Kingdom, family by family.



■ 25 Yaeyama in Japan

The Yaeyama is one of several people groups living in the Ryukyu Islands to the southwest of Japan's mainland. The family is central to Yaeyama culture and life, and they dislike being alone. They spend any time available with families or friends. The Yaeyama are considered Buddhist, though traditional shamanistic practices are still prevalent. Unfortunately, the Yaeyama are considered second-class citizens in Japanese culture, leaving them searching for a sense of belonging.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. —Isaiah 61:10

- Pray for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.
- Pray for the Yaeyama to find their sense of belonging and worth in the King of kings.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Yaeyama.

■ 26 Miyako Ryukyuan in Japan

During the early 1400s, the Miyako Ryukyuan had their own kingdom. The islands eventually became a part of the Japanese Empire. The traditional religion of the Miyako Ryukyuan was a version of shamanism with women as the shamans. During the 1920s, Shintoism and Buddhism vied for prominence, and today the Ryukyuan adhere to a mixture of the two, blending them with traditional shamanism.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. —Isaiah 62:3

- Pray for this blessing upon today's people group.
- Pray that Ryukyuan believers may find opportunities to spread the gospel in their own communities and among their own people.
- Pray that they would discover the dignity of belonging to the King of kings.

■ 27 Toku-No-Shima in Japan

The Toku-No-Shima people are known for having the highest birth rate in Japan, along with a high percentage of people who live beyond 100 years. The Toku-No-Shima are considered to be Buddhist, though traditional shamanistic practices are still very prevalent. These include belief in unseen ancestral spirits, as well as “kami,” who control the other spirits and must be continually appeased, lest harm come to an individual or family.

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. —Isaiah 66:2

- Pray for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.
- Pray for the Lord to move powerfully among Toku-No-Shima leaders, so they will open the door to their people embracing Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers and for hearts to be open.

■ 28 Jordanian Arab in Jordan

Like members of religious groups all over the world, Jordanian Muslims equate “Christianity” with a worldwide political system. It will be difficult to get them to focus on Jesus Christ. There are traditional Christians among the Jordanians that could be witnesses of Christ’s grace to the Muslims if they would humbly and lovingly approach them as Christ’s ambassadors.

From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD. —Isaiah 66:23

- Pray that soon all mankind will bow in humble submission to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that the believers in Jordan would gain a vision and burden to share the good news with their neighbors.
- Ask the Lord to make the Jordanian Arabs into a ripe harvest field in the kingdom of God.

■ 29 Kabardian in Jordan

Kabardian people hail from Russia’s southwestern Caucasus, but some now live in Jordan. They embody remarkable aspects of beauty and strength. However, equal to hospitality as a cultural value is the code of blood revenge. While not always literally practiced, it underscores a generationally ingrained defensiveness and unwillingness to reconcile offenses. The New Testament, JESUS Film, and audio resources have been translated into the Kabardian language, and they can access them through the internet.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. —Jeremiah 1:5

- Pray for the Lord to thrust out many prophets from every nation to every nation in the 2020s.
- Pray that spiritual barriers that have kept the gospel from advancing among the Kabardian would be broken down.
- Pray that a reproducing, culturally relevant movement to Christ will begin among Kabardian leaders and families.

■ 30 Kazakh in Kazakhstan

Because of their nomadic pastoral lifestyle, Kazakhs kept an epic tradition of oral history. Kazakh people have a long history of identifying with the Islamic religion. They do not understand that the one true Savior is the only one who can provide payment for the penalty of their sins.

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. —Jeremiah 1:9–10

- Pray for Christ’s ambassadors to be careful to speak only what God tells them to say when they go to the nations.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to nurture a movement to Christ and cause church plants that will begin with leaders and influence entire families.
- Pray for the Lord to provide Kazakhstan abundant rain as a testimony of His goodness and power.

■ 31 Meskhetian Turk in Kazakhstan

Meskhetian Turks arrived in Kazakhstan in 1944. They live in closely knit rural communities that are largely integrated into Kazakh society. Turkish businesspeople are investing in this country, and Meskhetian Turks act as a bridge between Turkish and Kazakh businessmen.

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, 'As the LORD lives,' even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. —Jeremiah 12:16

- Pray for today's people to become well established in their devotion to the Lord alone.
- Pray the Lord would awaken an interest among Meskhetian Turks to know Jesus personally.
- Pray for tribal leaders and family heads to understand their need for the one true God as their sin-bearer, and that this realization would filter down through families.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the Meskhetian Turks in such a way they will know of his goodness and power.

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■ 1 Somali speaking Ajuran in Kenya

The Ajuran Somali living in northeastern Kenya have their roots in the Muslim Ajuran dynasty in Somalia. The Ajuran ruled over much of the Horn of Africa in the Middle Ages. During the Ajuran period, many peoples in the southern part of the Horn of Africa converted to Islam. Opposition to Christians can be strong among such Muslims in Kenya. Christian testimony can be dangerous.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you. —Jeremiah 14:20

- Pray that soon leaders among this people group will repent of their sins and lead others to do the same.
- Pray for those workers presently reaching out to the Ajuran.
- Pray the Lord would give them encouragement, discernment, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that influential people within the Ajuran tribe would be given a growing interest in Jesus.

■ 2 Orma in Kenya

The Orma are semi-nomadic herders who live in the bushlands of southeastern Kenya. All of life for the Orma focuses on the welfare of their cattle and other livestock. The Orma converted to Islam three or four generations ago. Apathy among Christians in Kenya is one of the major obstacles in reaching every people group in that nation. Fear of opposition also keeps believers from reaching out to their non-Christian neighbors.

Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD. —Jeremiah 16:21

- Pray that today's people group will understand from the heart that God is all powerful, and He can give or withhold blessings.
- Pray for dedicated workers.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Orma people.
- Pray for adequate rainfall for the Orma people and for their livestock.

■ 3 Korean in North Korea

The government of North Korea forbids any ideas they do not approve of, and that includes the presentation of the gospel. Believers can reach out to North Korean refugees who have risked their lives to escape the Orwellian nightmare they call home.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. —Jeremiah 17:7

- Pray that today's people group will put all their trust and confidence in the Lord only.
- Pray for Korean believers to be so full of the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit that they spread hope and joy to their suffering neighbors and family members.
- Pray for them to have a Holy Spirit-directed love, even for their many enemies.
- Pray for the physical and spiritual needs of the North Korean people to be met.

■ 4 Torgut Kalmyk in China

Torgut Mongolians live in a fertile verdant area of grasslands which receive ample rainfall. Folk dancing is their favorite pastime. They claim to be Tibetan Buddhists; however, they practice shamanism. They need the closest known believers to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. —Jeremiah 17:14

- Pray for this people group to seek and find the Lord's healing touch.
- Ask for an intervention of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to be preparing the hearts of the Torgut people to receive the good news with rejoicing.

■ 5 Khmer in South Korea

The Khmer speak Khmer, the national language of Cambodia. There is a sizable Khmer population in South Korea, working mostly in industry. Khmer and Korean are unrelated languages. Cultural differences are great, even though they both have Buddhist backgrounds. Korean Christians could open welcoming centers for Khmer people and teach them Korean using Korean-Khmer New Testaments. Koreans could host Khmer speakers and help them get settled in South Korea.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. —Jeremiah 29:12

- Pray that this blessing will reach today's people group soon.
- Pray the Korean Church would take advantage of this evangelistic opportunity to reach these unreached Buddhists.
- Pray that the Khmer presence would spark interest in frontier mission.

■ 6 Burmese in South Korea

Most Burmese live in their home country, Myanmar, though there is a sizable diaspora. South Korea is a popular place for Burmese refugees to find work. They arrive seeking hope for their future. Immigrant groups often want to cling to what is left of their old culture. Buddhism falls into this category.

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. —Jeremiah 29:13



- Pray that today's people group will seek the Lord will all their hearts and find Him to be merciful, loving and powerful.
- Pray for the Burmese people to understand and embrace that Jesus wants to bless their families and neighborhoods.
- Pray for a movement in which the Holy Spirit leads and empowers disciples to make more disciples.
- Pray for a movement of Jesus to heal and strengthen Burmese communities in South Korea.

■ 7 Mahra in Kuwait

The Al-Mahrah tribe or Mahra make up the largest tribe dwelling in their original homeland, Yemen's Socotra Island. Many live elsewhere, including Kuwait. Kuwait centers its religious focus solidly on the Islam. For someone to reach the Mahra people, they would need to be very discreet.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. —Jeremiah 31:33

- Pray for today's people group to become the Lord's people!
- Pray for spiritual openness among this solidly Muslim people.
- Pray for opportunities for Mahra people in Kuwait to hear of the love, grace, mercy, and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to spread through Mahra communities, not only in Kuwait but also in Oman, Yemen, and Somalia.



■ 8 Dungan in Kyrgyzstan

The Dungan originated in the Kansu and Shensi provinces of northwestern China, but today there are people from Kansu living in the mountains and valleys of Kyrgyzstan. Culturally, the Dungan are similar to the Han Chinese, but their language is greatly influenced by Arabic, Persian and Turkish. They are a proud, hospitable, nationalistic, and conservative people who refer to themselves as Chinese Muslims despite having cut ties with China.

Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name. —Jeremiah 51:19

- Pray for today's people group to soon become part of the Lord's inheritance.
- Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Dungan would fellowship together and hear the call to share the gospel with their neighbors.

■ 9 Ir in Laos

The Ir people group live in the highlands of Laos. They are usually included in other people groups, but they are distinct, and our heavenly Father wants them to be his children. They live in long houses on stilts, and they keep pigs and chickens underneath.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. —Lamentations 3:21-24

- Pray that soon members of today's people group will embrace the love and compassion of the Lord. Pray that they become part of His portion.
- Pray for the Lord to call forth medical missionary teams to work with the Ir people.
- Pray for God to raise up prayer teams to pray that a people movement may begin among the Ir.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that will turn their hearts to the Light of the World.

■ 10 Latvian Jewish in Latvia

Jews have lived in Latvia since the 16th century. Before World War I, Jews played a major role in the development of the country's industries, commerce, and banking. Discrimination brought economic distress to many Latvian Jews. The majority of Jews in Latvia today live in or near the capital city of Riga.

And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. —Ezekiel 34:23

- Pray for today's people group to submit to the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth loving laborers to the Jews of Latvia.
- Ask God to anoint the gospel as it goes forth via radio and TV in that nation.
- Pray for a vigorous and growing Latvian Messianic movement.

■ 11 Levantine Bedouin in Lebanon

Some Bedouin groups have migrated into Lebanon. Among these are the Levantine Bedouins. Evangelization efforts among Bedouins are challenging due to the harsh and unsettled nature of their lifestyle. It is very difficult to find workers, especially those who still live nomadic lifestyles. We need to remember that at one time Muslim missionaries reached them. Christ followers can take the true gospel to them if they are willing.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. —Ezekiel 36:25-27

- Pray for this people group to find spiritual cleansing in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for willing and loving workers.
- Pray for Levantine Bedouins to have a spiritual hunger that will leave them open to depending on the only Savior.

12 Muslim Badhai in Pakistan

Woodcutting and carpentry are the traditional occupations of the Badhai. The traditional religions of the Badhai are very difficult to penetrate. Their leaders are sensitive to people “changing religion,” which to them is the same as rejecting their family and community. Perhaps the Badhai could relate to stories of the carpenter-prophet who gave His life on beams of timber. That can be a starting point.

The king answered and said to Daniel, Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery. —Daniel 2:47

- Pray that leaders among this people group will understand that God alone can reveal truth to them. Pray that they will cease to look to any other.
- Pray that workers would be sent to this harvest field and that a Disciple Making Movement would spread like fire.
- Pray for the Lord to pave the way for the Badhai people to have access to better education.

13 Vai in Liberia

The Vai are one of more than twenty different tribes in Liberia. Most Vai are farmers. The only trees not cut down are palm trees, which provide nuts and shade for the farmers. The Vai are also tailors and craftsmen. Modernization is changing their way of life. Their Islam is animistic and that should open them to Jesus and His gospel of power. Hence, confrontation of spirits (power encounter) should find a positive reception.

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. —Daniel 3:28

- Pray that leaders of this people group will be as amazed at the works of God as this Babylonian king. Pray that they will worship God alone.
- Pray that presenting Jesus as a person of power against spirits would open the door for the gospel and open them to missionary presence.

14 Gola in Liberia

The Gola are largely Muslim yet incorporate features of traditional African religions into their Islamic faith. Ancestor worship is common. In some regions they perform animal sacrifices. They reside in both Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Gola are a proud people. Pride often keeps people from humbly accepting the gifts of God.

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble. —Daniel 4:37

- Pray for leaders of this people group to repent before the Lord Almighty like this king.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Gola family leaders humility and repentance.
- Pray the Gola people would be given an increasing interest in knowing and serving Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Gola people this decade.

15 Sanusi Bedouin in Libya

The Sanusi of Libya have been influenced by both the traditional nomadic lifestyle of the Bedouin and the religious teachings of a prophet known as Sayyid Muhammad ibn 'Ali as-Sanusi. This influence has made them one of the gentler of the Bedouin tribes.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. —Daniel 7:14

- Pray that many from today's people group will understand and respond to the fact that Jesus Christ has an eternal kingdom. Pray for them to worship their eternal King of kings!
- Pray for gospel radio to reach the Sanusi people and that they will learn of these broadcasts.
- Pray for excellent, culturally appropriate programming.
- Pray that there will be a growing openness to Jesus among all Bedouin tribes.
- Pray for Sanusi leaders to find the Lord and disciple others in his ways.
- Pray for peace in Libya.

16 Talysh in Azerbaijan

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, it shall be said to them, Children of the living God. —Hosea 1:10

- Pray that this people group soon become children of the living God.
- When political leaders decide where borders lie, they often do not consider the people who actually live in the land. Most Talysh people reside in southeastern Azerbaijan and northeastern Iran near the Caspian Sea. Smaller groups live in Russia and Kazakhstan. The Talysh have been Muslims for over 1,000 years and Islam is an integral part of their identity and culture. Becoming a believer in Christ could easily result in persecution by family and community.
- Pray that the newly printed Talysh New Testament would reach the right people.
- Pray for spiritual openness.

17 Karaite in Lithuania

The Karaite form of Judaism is so strange that Russian Tsars categorized them as non-Jews, just as the Nazis did! Thus, they escaped Russia's pogroms and the Nazi holocaust. However, Karaites in Lithuania know they are true Jews. They interpret God's word through human reasoning. This can easily close their minds to what God tells them in the Scriptures. Missionaries can hold open conversations and debates regarding the different interpretations of the Old Testament. First, they must become loving friends to these free-thinking people.

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. —Hosea 5:15

- Pray that the troubles of this people group cause them to seek the Lord and find Him.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up and send out the right people to go to the Karaite community in Lithuania.



18 Macedonian Albanian in North Macedonia

Albanians have migrated to other countries like North Macedonia. Their spiritual worldview is affected by superstition, Islam, and atheism. It may be difficult for believers to connect with them, so believers need to learn the worldview of the people they are reaching before sharing the gospel.

Yet even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. —Joel 2:12

- Pray that this people group turns to the Lord and repents of their sins.
- Pray for the Lord to send the right people to evangelize and disciple Albanians.
- Pray for the effectiveness of the JESUS Film in North Macedonia.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Bible believing local church network among Albanians in North Macedonia.

19 Ndzwani Comorian in Madagascar

Many of the Comorians (people from the Comoros Islands) now residing in Madagascar initially came seeking better socio-economic conditions, while others fled their country during periods of political strife. Many university students from the Comoros Islands study in Madagascar. Most Comorians follow Islam, with a strong emphasis on folk and animistic elements such as charms, magic, and trances.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. —Joel 2:28

- Pray that this people group receives the gift of the Holy Spirit as they turn to the Lord.
- Pray Comorians would be drawn to Jesus, the prophet who is much more than a prophet.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to stir among the Comorians in Madagascar.

20 Kachchi in Malawi

Although living conditions in Malawi vary, the Kachchi are usually from higher, wealthier South Asian migrant communities and have maintained several aspects of their own culture. Many of them work as masons and merchants. Others own small, family run shops. The Kachchi people are a business community, and they don't think they have time for spiritual matters.

For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name! —Amos 4:13

- Pray that this people group seeks and finds the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
- Pray that God's Word become available to those who are seeking Him.
- Pray for loving ambassadors of Christ to go to the Kachchi and be there for them as friends and neighbors, all the while pointing the way to the empty grave.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Kachchi in Malawi.

21 Orang Negeri Minangkabau in Malaysia

The Minangkabau highly honor their women, as they pass their names and property through the mother. The Minangkabau are devout Muslims in spite of their matrilineal heritage. The practice of female inheritance and prohibition of polygamy draws criticism from more orthodox Islamic people groups. The people feel that their culture is in danger of dilution by outside influence. Efforts to share the gospel with them will need to be very sensitive to the preservation of this culture.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. —Amos 5:24

- Pray that God's justice and righteousness prevail in the society of this people group.
- Pray for preservation of the culture while accommodating the truth personified by Jesus.
- Pray that Jesus would stir the hearts and minds of all Minangkabau people in Malaysia.

22 Bisaya in Malaysia

Have you heard of the "middle people," the Bisaya of Western Saba and Brunei Bay, Malaysia? They live along the "middle" stretches of the Limbang River, hence they are known as "people of the middle" or "people of the river." They live in stilt long houses on the river front where they fish. This indigenous people group is overwhelmingly Muslim, but they mix orthodox Islamic beliefs with animistic and shamanistic practices.

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD God, when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. —Amos 8:11

- Pray that the Bible becomes available to this people group. Pray that they listen to and obey the words of the Lord.
- Pray that the middle people would become open to the gospel and Christian witness.
- Pray for a mighty movement to Christ among them this decade.

23 Maldivian in the Maldives

Most of the Maldivians are fishermen, merchants, and boat builders who take advantage of their position in the center of Indian Ocean trade routes. Despite their trade travels, the Maldivians have been influenced little by the outside world. Islamic law is the law of the Maldives. Ironically, most Maldivians embrace un-Islamic folk beliefs and live in fear of evil spirits.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:8

- Pray that this people group learns to walk humbly with the Lord.
- Pray for the gospel to become easily available via radio, television and the internet.
- Pray that the people of the Maldives would soon be delivered from fear.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Maldivian people that will spread from family to family.



■ 24 Idaksahak in Mali

The Idaksahak formerly were herders for Tuareg nobles, in return for their protection. This relationship has now broken down, and there is less mixing of the two communities. However, they use the same watering holes, and they trade at the same markets. Though most live in Mali, Idaksahak nomads may reach into Algeria and Niger. The men are often bilingual, speaking their own language and the language of the Tuareg.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. —Micah 7:18

- Pray that this people begin to experience the unfailing love of God and come to the knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for adequate rain, so the livestock will thrive as a testimony of God's goodness.
- Pray for Idaksahak believers to make many disciples until every family is reached for Christ.

■ 25 Duun in Mali

The majority of the Duun practice various ethnic religions and many are also Muslim. Like many other West African tribes, the Duun worship dead ancestors. They also believe that the "supreme god" is too distant to worship directly and that, therefore, the only way to serve him or to worship him is through a spirit.

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. —Nahum 1:7

- Pray that this people group takes refuge in the Lord.
- May the Duun know the God who can draw so close to them that He can dwell in their very hearts.
- Pray that they understand the goodness and power of Christ and be drawn to Him, family by family.

■ 26 Maltese Jewish in Malta

Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for Jewish migrations and settlements around the world. Anti-Semitism was prevalent and frequently led to either persecution or expulsion. Some of them live in Malta, an island nation in the Mediterranean Sea. Maltese believers can potentially lead Jews to see Jesus in a different light.

Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith. —Habakkuk 2:4

- Pray that this people group become faithful to God and not trust in themselves.
- Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with their own families and communities.
- Pray that strong local churches would be raised up in each Jewish community.

■ 27 Moor in Mauritania

The term "Moor" is generally applied to any person who speaks one of the Hassaniyya dialects. The Moors are very proud people, conveying a sense of superiority to others in Mauritania. The Hassaniyya language only has limited biblical materials. It is hard for Muslims to accept the idea that they need a sin free Savior.

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. —Habakkuk 3:18

- Pray this people group would learn to rejoice in the Lord and His salvation.
- Pray for individuals within the Moorish community to be spiritually prepared for the gospel when it comes to them.
- Pray for a rapid expansion of Christ's Kingdom among the Moors in Mauritania in this decade.

■ 28 Bushi in Mayotte

The Bushi people of Mayotte originated on the nearby island of Madagascar. The younger generations, who have been educated in the French secular system, now question some of their groups' traditions and seek the things of the West, such as material wealth, a less strict moral code and a different manner of dress. Nevertheless, they proudly identify as Islamic. Most of them, however, still look more to spirits (djinn) to help with everyday needs or crises.

*Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.
—Haggai 1:7*

- Pray that this people group consider their ways and turn to the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would set the people free from djinn spirits and lead them into a movement to Christ.

■ 29 Huichol in Mexico

The Huichol of Mexico believe in shamanic power over the spirits and follow shamanic traditions. They believe that when a person dies, the soul embarks on a five year journey through the underworld. After the journey, the soul returns to earth and is captured by a shaman in the form of a rock crystal.

And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. —Zechariah 2:11

- Pray that this people group would be among the many nations that soon join themselves to the Lord.
- Pray that God would give Huichol believers boldness to share the love of Jesus with their own people.
- Pray that God would save key Huichol leaders who will boldly declare the gospel to their people.
- Pray that God would raise up a strong network of Bible believing churches among the Huichol.



■ 30 Bakkarwal in India

Bakkarwals live in a confusing world of tensions between traditional vs. modern, rural vs. urban, and Hindu vs. Sunni Muslim. They are considered a backward caste, meaning they are looked down upon by many in India. In recent decades, Kashmir has seen fighting between the Indian government and Muslim separatists. Bakkarwal and their flocks of sheep have been seriously threatened by violence.

And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one. —Zechariah 14:9

- Pray that this people group would learn to worship the Lord and king of all the earth.
- Pray for the Lord's protection for the Bakkarwal people.
- Pray for the Good Shepherd to "find" these lost "sheep."

■ 31 Northern Yemeni Arab in Saudi Arabia

The northern tribes of Yemen are also known as Sanaani Arabs. The growing of the narcotic qat has become the mainstay of rural Yemen, and nearly half of the national economy is involved in qat. Muslims know Jesus (Isa) is the Messiah (al Masih) sent by God, embodying His Word, but view Christianity as an underhanded campaign to destroy their families, communities and way of life.

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. —Malachi 4:2

- Pray that this people group would fear the name of the Lord and experience His healing.
- Pray for Yemeni families to increasingly experience the righteousness and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among the families of the northern tribes of Yemen.
- Pray for the protection of the innocent in war-torn Yemen.