

Dear Praying Friends,

We are officially in a new decade and a new era for *Global Prayer Digest* (GPD) readers. As of today, GPD is fully merged with Joshua Project's *Unreached of the Day's* (UOTD) digital prayer tools, but we also have a shortened printed form within our sister publication, *Mission Frontiers* (MF). MF offers readers the reasons why we need movements to Christ, and we offer prayer materials for movements to Christ among specific people groups. Is this a perfect combination or what? Pray on this decade!—Keith Carey, editor, UOTD

Note: Scripture references are from the *New Living Translation* (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.



JANUARY

■ 1 Hindu Mochi People

Gen 1:1 | *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Who would think of shoemakers observing a marriage ritual by walking around sacred fire? The low-status Mochi caste members typically work as cobblers, fashioning leather into shoes, saddles, and other goods. They are almost 100 percent Hindu, worshipping their gods and following rituals of Hinduism.

- Ask for Disciple Making Movements to begin in different Mochi communities. Pray that these movements spread throughout South Asia to bring great blessings upon all the Mochi subgroups of India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

- Pray that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.

■ 2 Buriat People in Inner Mongolia, China

Gen 1:27 | *So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female he created them.*

The Buriat claim to be descended from either a grey bull or a white swan; therefore their folk culture features dancers imitating swans and other animals. They share many common traits and customs with Mongols. They are Buddhist, though the shaman is a highly regarded member in their culture.

- Ask God to send loving, bold ambassadors of Christ to the Buriats and other peoples in this region. Please ask God to help the Buriats find their identity in Him. May the believers become effective and fruitful in sharing and discussing Bible stories with their own and other families.
- Pray that today's people group will find their sense of dignity and worth in being created in God's image.

■ 3 Daur People in Inner Mongolia, China

Gen 12:2-3 | *I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.*

There used to be as many as 300,000 Daur, but their numbers have dwindled as a result of disease and assimilation. Daur people hold their shamans in high esteem; they consult the shamans for weddings, burials, journeys, and other important decisions. They are also Buddhist. In the 1990s, the Daur were shown the JESUS Film, and more than 1,000 put their faith in Christ. There are portions of the Bible in Daur.

- Pray for Daur believers to have a deep burden to see a movement among their people.
- Pray for many leaders in today's people group to seek and find God's blessings, which He intended to give to them since the beginning of time.



■ 4 Ewenki, Solon People, Inner Mongolia, China

Gen 15:5-6 *Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!” And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.*

Reindeer are friends of the Ewenki people, their “ships of the forest.” They raise reindeer and are the last hunting tribe in some of China’s harshest lands. They live nomadically in easily transportable yurts. The Ewenki worship their ancestors, and some still even worship bears.

- Pray for economic survival for the Ewenki, as the reindeer population is dwindling. Portions of the Bible are available in the Ewenki language. Pray that these verses will be put to culturally appropriate music and shared in Ewenki settlements.
- Pray that members of today’s people group will understand that they can become part of God’s holy family and experience His goodness.



■ 5 Mongols of Inner Mongolia, China

Ex 15:2 *The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise Him—my father’s God, and I will exalt Him!*

Mongols in Inner Mongolia survive bitter winters and have traditionally lived in yurts (tents). From a very young age children learn to ride and feel at home on the saddle. There might be as many as 60 Mongol subgroups! Shamanism is a spiritual obstacle that needs to be overcome by faithful prayer.

- Pray for a strong Church Planting Movement to rapidly increase the Mongol church, especially in rural areas. Pray for the Mongol peoples to turn to the power of the Holy Spirit rather than that of their shamans.
- Pray that today’s people group will accept His strength and victory over sin, and respond with fervent praise!

■ 6 Oroqen Mongolians Inner Mongolia, China

Ex 15:11 *Who is like you among the gods, O Lord—glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?*

There are only about 9,000 Oroqen Mongolians spread over a vast mountain range area in northeast Inner Mongolia. They are excellent hunters and fishermen, and some raise reindeer. They have an 84 percent literacy rate, so they can be reached with printed materials; however, they have no scripture.

- Pray for at least one gospel of the New Testament to be translated into their language and widely distributed. Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead Oroqen people to Jesus Christ. Pray for a Church Planting Movement to grow in this remote region.
- Pray that today’s people group will understand that glory, holiness, and power come only from our Lord and king.

7 Torgut Mongolians in Inner Mongolia, 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. They also practice shamanism. Dancing that tells the story of the gospel message might be a way to catch the attention of these people who love dancing.

Ex 18:11

I know now that the Lord is greater than all other gods, because he rescued his people from the oppression of the proud Egyptians.

- Pray that non-believers among this people group will be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up people who can use dance and music to reach the Torgut people. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be preparing the hearts of the Torgut people to receive the good news with rejoicing.



8 Xiang Han People in Hunan Province, China

Did you know there is a people group in China that has a writing system that is only understood by their women? They call themselves the Xiang, one of the Han Chinese peoples. The Xiang worship the spirits of dead communist leaders that once ruled China. The Xiang take great pride in their fighting abilities. They are independent to the point of rejecting outside ideas, including those coming from Christ's followers.

Ex 20:3

You must not have any other god but me.

- Pray for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.
- Ask God to show them that Jesus Christ is the only one who is worthy of worship.
- Pray for spiritual openness and a hunger for true righteousness that will lead to a movement to Christ in the 2020s.

9 Waxiang Han People, Hunan Province, China

The Waxiang live scattered throughout the beautiful Hunan Province in southeastern China. Though they are a mixture of several ethnic groups, officially the Waxiang are considered to be part of the majority Han Chinese nationality. This people group believes in ghosts and spirits. As far as we know there are 500 followers of Christ among the Waxiang Han Chinese, but they are too scattered to form their own church fellowship.

Ex 23:25-26

You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.

- Pray that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.
- Pray that these believers will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to take Christ to every Waxiang Han Chinese community.

10 Lu Mien People, Hunan Province, China

The Lu Mien people have historically been engaged in conflict with the Chinese, especially over the opium trade, and they lost these battles. They escaped to the mountains where they now live. They worship Pan Hu, their patron ancestor deity and other ancestors and spirits. Their geography makes contact difficult. Due to mutual suspicion, it is best that non-Han Chinese reach them.

Ex 31:2-3

Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts.

- Pray that as members of this people group become part of God's holy family that they will also find His purposes for them.
- Pray that the Lu Mien people will open up to outsiders, that they will be open to reconciliation with the Han Chinese. Pray they would access all Scriptures available in their language.



■ 11 Tujia People of Hunan Province, China

The Tujia people have significantly assimilated with the surrounding peoples since the 16th-century, so that today only three percent actually speak Tujia. Thus, it is necessary to reach them via Mandarin or a nearby tribal language. These materials need to be presented as songs and skits in such a way that they do not appear foreign.

- Pray that they will be overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit to yield to Jesus Christ. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them this decade.

■ 12 Eastern Ghao-Xong People, China

Eastern Ghao-Xong villages are on mountaintops where they seek privacy in the eastern part of Hunan Province. Their remote location and ancient ways have helped them to thrive under threat. Traditional animistic religion holds a central role in Ghao life as they worship many deities, some whom require blood sacrifice.

Ex 34:8-9

Moses immediately threw himself to the ground and worshiped. And he said, "O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is a stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Claim us as your own special possession."

- Pray that members of this people group will soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God's presence as Moses did.
- Pray for the spiritual eyes of the Eastern Ghao-Xong to be opened to see the power and authority of the Holy Spirit above their traditional spirits. Pray for a movement to Christ to cause mountaintop churches to flourish among the Eastern Ghao-Xong.

■ 13 Western Ghao-Xong People, Hunan Prov.

The Western Ghao-Xong remain resistant to outside ideas due to years of oppression. They worship many spiritual powers in their inaccessible mountain homeland.

Lev 19:1-2

The Lord also said to Moses, "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy."

- Pray that new believers among this people group will seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out.
- Pray for the Western Ghao-Xong 4,000 believers to persevere in spiritual battle for the freedom of their unbelieving neighbors. Pray that their elders will recognize Jesus as their true battle hero, and to gather to praise Him. Pray that the gospel will be quickly translated into the Ghao-Xong mother tongue, and the hope of Jesus's victory will spread into a movement of Christ-worshippers.

■ 14 Mozhihei People in Hunan Province, China

When does one become two? The Mazhihei are one of two Tujia peoples who have their roots in a migration that happened between 2200 and 1800 years ago. Today they grow a wide variety of crops, and are also quite proficient in hunting, trapping, and fishing.

Num 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

- Pray this blessing on today's people group.
- Pray for many Holy Spirit directed workers to go to the fields. Pray for creativity in reaching the Mazhihei people. Pray that they would hear of Christ and that their hearts would be moved to pursue Him as a group.



■ 15 Kashmiris in Jammu & Kashmir, India

Snow and glaciers in India? That's Kashmir, home of the Muslim Kashmiris. Kashmir is a popular tourist destination during the hot summer months. Unfortunately, Jammu & Kashmir remains highly disputed between India, Pakistan, and China and there is sporadic fighting. Most Kashmiris are devout Sunni Muslims. Their civilization has been heavily influenced by Muslim mystics and Persian culture.

Deut 10:21

He alone is your God, the only one who is worthy of your praise, the one who has done these mighty miracles that you have seen with your own eyes.

- Pray that many from this people group will make the Lord their only God, and thank Him for His miracles.
- Pray for a movement of God's Holy Spirit among families causing many to seek their loving Savior who died for them.

■ 16 Bakkarwals in Jammu & Kashmir, 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 communities in India.

Josh 1:8

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

- Pray that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.
- Pray for the good shepherd to "find" these Himalayan lost "sheep." May Bakkarwal people understand how much God cares for them. May they soon heed the call of God and begin a movement to Christ.

■ 17 Balti in Jammu & Kashmir, India

Do you like bulgur 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. Continual friction is a part of their lives because of tension between India and Pakistan.

Josh 4:24

He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever.

- Pray that the "nation" we are praying for today will know that the Lord's hand is powerful and will give Him praise.
- Pray that Christ followers will produce radio programs that will point the way to Lord Jesus. Pray that a movement of the Holy Spirit will sweep through all Balti villages from one family to another.





■ 18 Kumhiar People in Jammu & Kashmir, India

Islam, the religion of the Kumhiar people, is both a bridge and an obstacle. It's a bridge in that Muslims understand that they answer to the God of Creation and Jesus is an important prophet. It's an obstacle in that they do not believe that Jesus offers the only way to find a right relationship with God.

Ruth 2:12

May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done.

- Pray for today's people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.
- Pray for the Lord's lovingkindness to reach the Kumhiar people in such a way that they will understand and embrace it as a people. Pray for new opportunities to take Christ to Kashmir to come about this decade.

■ 19 Makhmi People in Jammu & Kashmir, India

The Makhmi people live in the high mountains of Kashmir where outside ideas are seldom brought in and almost never accepted. It will take a work of God to penetrate their hearts for Christ.

1 Sam 2:2

No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

- Pray for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!
- Pray for the Makhmi community to be blessed in every way by Almighty God. Pray for Makhmi decision-makers to have a Holy Spirit-led hunger for spiritual truth that drives them to help start movements to Christ. Pray For workers to take Christ to the Makhmi people no matter what the cost may be.

■ 20 Sudhan People in Jammu & Kashmir, India

National borders don't always define who people are or what they value. The Sudhan are an excellent example. While they live in India, they see themselves as descendants of a brave Afghan chief. They are heavily influenced by Wahabism, an orthodox form of Islam. Very few from that sect have turned to Christ.

1 Sam 5:4

But the next morning the same thing happened—Dagon had fallen face down before the Ark of the Lord again. This time his head and hands had broken off and were lying in the doorway. Only the trunk of his body was left intact.

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!
- Ask the Lord to open their ears to His voice. Ask Him to bring a church planting movement among the Sudhan people. Pray for Him to give their leaders a hunger for His Word and a desire to know Him.



■ 21 Gujjars in Jammu & Kashmir, India

Nomadism poses a true challenge to those seeking to share the gospel with the Gujjar. In addition to their impermanent camps and seasonal roaming habits, most are Sunni Muslims.

1 Sam 17:45

David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

- Pray that the nations will know that they cannot defy the Lord.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to shine like a brilliant sun among Gujjar believers, leading others to seek Him. Ask the Lord to send workers who are willing to live with them, sharing their burdens and extending God's love in practical ways, such as their need for education and medical care.



■ 22 Varedra Brahmans in West Bengal, India

Like other Brahman peoples, the Varendras feel that turning their allegiance to another religious system will jeopardize their status. For this reason, they are very reluctant to give their allegiance to Jesus Christ, believing this is tantamount to joining a different religious system. As far as we know, there are no Brahmans from the Varendra community that follows the King of kings.

1 Kings 18:21

Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

- Pray that today's people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity. Pray that they will follow Him.
- Pray for Christ to reveal Himself to Varendra Brahman leaders. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to emerge among every Brahman community.

■ 23 Aguri People of West Bengal, India

From the villages, the Aguri people are often moving to cities like Kolkotta, or even New York! As Kshatriyas, they have favorable status.

The Aguri have access to the *JESUS Film*, so pray that those who watch it will share with their larger communities leading to Discovery Bible Studies. Approximately 550 Aguri follow Christ.

1 Kings 18:39

And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!"

- Pray that today's people group will understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Aguri people this decade.

- Pray that they will hold strong in their faith.
- Pray that they would cast their eyes on Jesus and share that He holds life's answers.

■ 24 Kayashta Karan in West Bengal, India

The Kayashta Karan people are among the great scholars of eastern India and Nepal. Traditionally they were the well-educated scribes and administrators. Today many are land-owners. They have high status throughout South Asia.

2 Chron 7:1-2

When Solomon finished praying, fire flashed down from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple. The priests could not enter the Temple of the Lord because the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple. The priests could not enter the Temple of the Lord because the glorious presence of the Lord filled it.

- Pray for today's people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to penetrate the hearts of Kayashta Karan elders so that they in turn can open the spiritual doors for others to follow Jesus. Pray for them to be blessed spiritually and materially. Pray for Kayashta Karan leaders to begin the process of starting a Church Planting Movement.

■ 25 Gandha Banik Bania in West Bengal, India

The sweet fragrances of jasmine, roses, and other beautiful flowers have long been associated with the Bania Gandha Banik people whose name means "merchants of fragrance." From centuries past to the present they have been successful businesspeople especially in the areas of importing, banking, and the manufacturing of perfume, jewelry, pencils, textiles, guns, and medicines. Many Gandha Banik live in beautiful homes in West Bengal and place great emphasis on education.

2 Chron 7:15

My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.

- Pray that you will be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.
- Pray the Lord will bring true followers of Christ to have contact with the Bania Gandha in the areas of business, banking, and education.



■ 26 Subarna Banik Bania in West Bengal, India

Historically to the present the Subarna Banik Banias are envied for their amazing business skills as money-lenders, savvy business traders, and participants in international trading. Their discipline nature is seen in their careful details to accounting and bookkeeping skills.

Neh 1:6

... listen to my prayer! Look down and see me praying night and day for your people Israel. I confess that we have sinned against you. Yes, even my own family and I have sinned!

- Pray for the Lord to raise up believers from among today's people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.
- Pray for God to provide opportunities for believers to develop relationships with the Subarna so they will see what the power of the Risen Christ can mean in their lives. Pray the Holy Spirit will help them to know how being a follower of Christ could positively influence their lives.

■ 27 Jhalo Malo in West Bengal, India

Modern methods of fishing have decreased the Jhalo Malo people's ability to make a living, and many have become landless farmers or seek low paying labor jobs. The Indian government is providing them help in the areas of education. Believers with the gift of storytelling and song-writing can go to them and share the gospel using these popular venues.

Neh 2:4

The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven ...

- Pray that you will not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.
- Pray that the few believers among the Jhalo Malo will become Holy Spirit-anointed fishers of men. Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among the Jhalo Malo that will spread to other fishing communities.

■ 28 Xiang Han Chinese People in China

Many of these nearly one million Xiang Han Chinese people live in Guangzhou City, the primary trade route to mainland China. Their spoken language is very different than that of other Han Chinese peoples. There are other Han Chinese peoples who have many Christ followers. They might be able to get through to the resistant Shaozhou people.

Neh 8:5-6

All the people saw Ezra open the book, for he was standing above all of them. And all the people stood up when he opened it. Then Ezra gave honor and thanks to the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, "Let it be so!" while lifting up their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

- May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead the Shaozhou people to the only Savior.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to spread far and wide among them this decade.

■ 29 Loba People in Nepal

Some Lobas practice polyandry, where one woman has more than one husband, and her husbands are usually brothers. They do this because she is less likely to become a widow if she has many husbands. Almost all Loba are zealous believers in Tibetan Buddhism as reflected by their many temples and monasteries. Buddhism teaches a very different worldview than that of the Bible. Much readjustment in one's thinking is necessary to begin to understand and believe.

Neh 8:1

Then all the people gathered as one man at the open space in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the writer to bring the book of the Law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel.

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray the Loba will be given a knowledge of their sin and need for a savior. Pray for a disciple making movement among the Loba people this decade.



■ 30 Dolpa People in Nepal

Buddhism and the ancient shamanistic Bon religion blend harmoniously side by side among the Dolpo people in Nepal. Their remote location makes it hard for them to find and follow the only savior. Gospel recordings are available in their language. Perhaps Nepali believers will be led to take these recordings to the Dolpos and start a fellowship. In recent years, a few Dolpos have become followers of Christ.

Neh 8:8 *They read from the book of the Law of God, telling the meaning of it so that they understood what was read.*

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Pray their faith will be strengthened. Ask God to deliver families and communities within the Dolpa people from fears that hinder them from embracing Christ's blessings.

■ 31 Bodh People in India

The Bodh people live in a region where it is very difficult to grow enough crops or support livestock. But their spiritual lives are even more challenging. They depend on shamans to take care of their spiritual needs, and the spirits demands a price. The Bodh people live without a God of love and mercy.

Neh 9:3 *While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the Law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day. And for another fourth they told their sins and worshiped the Lord their God.*

- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.
- Pray for believers in India to carry the message of Christ to the Bodh people.
- Pray for a disciple making movement among the Bodh people that will shake the foundations of their spiritual lives and bless them for eternity.

FEBRUARY

Dear Praying Friends,

The Buddhist World Prayer Guide begins in February, so we will join them in prayer for Buddhist peoples for the first two weeks. After that, we will pray each day for an Unreached People Group from highly unreached provinces. These provinces were selected by Justin Long, who has also written an excellent article on pp. 44-47. Imagine what the Lord can do if these people groups have been penetrated with the DNA of the Holy Spirit! Please pray faithfully each day this month.

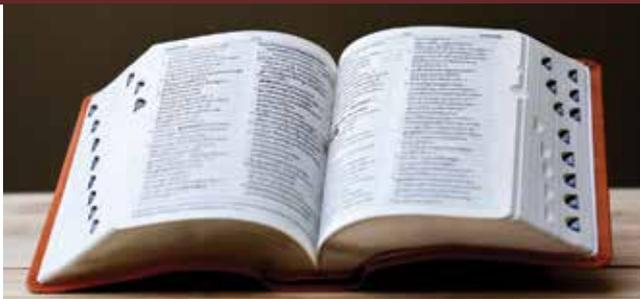
■ 1 Tai Lue

The Tai Lue people live in four countries as well as China! Believers from similar people groups can develop culturally-appropriate songs and skits to spread the name of Jesus Christ in Tai Lue villages. In the early 1920s, persecution against new believers forced them to construct their own village which remains Christian today.

Neh 9:6 *You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their angels. You have made the earth and all that is on it, and the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them, and the angels of heaven bow down to You.*

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- Pray for an abundance of teachers to help the Tai Lue people to begin their own movement to Christ.
- Pray that thousands will soon line up along the Mekong River having their sins washed away and their lives refreshed by Christ for eternity.





■ 2 Khmer People in Cambodia

When you think of the Khmer you think of Cambodia, the country where they are in the majority. Centuries of devotion to their past belief system are not quickly overcome, but there is much progress.

Neh 9:29

You spoke sharp words to them to turn them back to Your Law. Yet they acted in pride and did not listen to Your Words, but sinned against Your Laws, by which if a man obeys them he will live. They were strong-willed and made their hearts hard against You and refused to listen.

- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray for the steady growth of the Church among the Khmer.
- Pray the Khmer will heal from the tragedies brought by the Khmer Rouge, and that the past sufferings will prepare them for the love and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ.

■ 3 Khalka Mongols

The South Korean government estimates that 40 percent of the Mongolians in their country are there illegally, but their numbers are growing rapidly. Many Khalkas and other Mongolian people are migrant workers who serve in restaurants and in grocery stores. Some Mongolian women have married Korean men. The South Korean church is very strong, and followers of Christ can easily reach Khalka Mongols in their midst.

Ps 2:8

Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.

- Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.
- Pray for Khalka Mongols to be able to find good paying jobs.

■ 4 Japanese in South Korea

Most Japanese in South Korea are working in business. With South Korean businesses emerging, this is one more area where there is potential hostility between Koreans and Japanese. Many Japanese are indifferent and skeptical of established religion.

Ps 8:1

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.

- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!
- Pray for Korean believers to go to the Japanese with the life-changing gospel. Ask the Lord to raise up strong a church planting movement among the Japanese in South Korea.
- Pray that Christian businessmen will have open doors to share the gospel with the Japanese in South Korea.

■ 5 Kunigami in Japan

The Kunigami people of Japan's Ryukyu Islands are Buddhist, but traditional shamanistic practices are still prevalent. They believe in many unseen gods, demons, and ancestral spirits. The father of the house maintains the religious rituals in the home.

Ps 9:1

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.
- Pray that any followers of Jesus Christ today among the Kunigami people will be given hearts to love the Lord and their neighbors ... and be willing to take His name to others



■ 6 Thai People in Thailand

In Thailand, Buddhism is a syncretic religion: it incorporates a mixture of pre-Buddhist Hindu beliefs and practices, interwoven with animism and Theravada Buddhist philosophy and rituals. Signs of the religious tradition are everywhere in Thailand.

Ps 16:2 | *I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you."*

- Pray that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.
- Pray for a growing awareness by the Buddhist Thai of their need for a Savior from sin.
- Pray for prayer warriors to uphold the Thai before God's throne.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Thai people this decade.



■ 7 Sinhalese People in Malaysia

The majority of Sinhalese in Malaysia are Theravada Buddhist and the temple is the focal point of their social and religious activities. To turn away from the Buddhist religious system to most of them means turning away from their community. There are Sinhalese believers in Malaysia who can reach their Buddhist neighbors. They can use Sinhalese language music and drama as a way to present the life of Christ in a familiar form.

Ps 16:11 | *You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

- Pray that many from today's people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.
- Pray that Malaysia will become a central point for a Sinhalese movement to Christ this decade.

■ 8 Tai Nua, Chinese Shan People in Vietnam

There are almost no believers among the Tai Nua people in Vietnam, and the region where they live is mainly animistic. There are Bible portions in this language. Pray for believers to distribute them in Tai Nua villages.

Ps 19:1 | *The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.*

- Pray that many from today's people group will look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!
- Pray for at least 12 pioneer workers to go to the Tai Nua people in Vietnam with the gospel.
- Pray for openness to the gospel among Tai Nua elders and commoners.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to transform Tai Nua communities.

■ 9 Buriat, Russian

The Buddhist Buriats live in an area that straddles China, Mongolia and Russia. The Buriat people in Russia are being pulled in at least two different directions. Those east of Lake Baikal are likely to practice Shamanism and Buddhism while those west of the lake are much more influenced by the Russian majority.

Ps 19:7 | *The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

- Pray that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.
- Pray for ambassadors guided by the Holy Spirit to go to them as bearers of Christ's image.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among Buriats in China, Mongolia and Russia.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and openness among the Buriats in Russia.



■ 10 Thai (Lao Isan) People in the US

The Northeastern Thai, also known as the Lao Isan, are one of the Thai peoples that have migrated to the US. Some have come as students, others as brides, but all come as Buddhists. They blend in socially with the more numerous Central Thai people. The Northeastern Thai Isan people are famous for their coconut-based curries. American believers can make friends with them at their restaurants.

Ps 20:7 *Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.*

- Pray that many from this “nation” will boast only in the name of the Lord.
- Pray that God will call forth teams of long-term missionaries and intercessors who will commit to seeing Thai Isan people in the US begin their own disciple making movement.



■ 11 Burmese People in Myanmar

The Burmese have mixed Buddhist beliefs with animistic beliefs. Their animistic beliefs center around inherently evil spirits called nats. The Burmese spend their lives trying to appease the nats. Farmers may spend more in a year on their religion than on education, health, and clothing for their families.

Ps 21:1 *How the king rejoices in your strength, O Lord! He shouts with joy because you give him victory.*

- Pray that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.
- Pray for God’s blessing on the leaders in the Burmese people group, along with their families, and for their communities to welcome and enjoy God’s provision.
- Pray for peace tempered by justice in Myanmar.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Burmese this decade.



■ 12 Darzada People of Pakistan

The Darzadas used to be known as a rich Pakistani community, but some are now servants while others are famous singers, poets, and politicians. They still hold the reputation of being educated and cultured. They are among the Baloch tribes, concentrated in Makran, a coastal region of Pakistan’s Baloch Province.

Ps 21:13 *Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.*

- Pray that this people group will rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.
- Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to sweep through Pakistan’s Baloch Province.
- Pray for educated Darzadas to be leaders and teachers in the Baloch provincial church plants and in Gulf countries where they live.

■ 13 Kashmiri Pandit Brahmins in Delhi, India

The birth rate among the Hindu Kashmiri Pandits is one of the lowest in India, and they have a high mortality rate. Kashmiri Pandits are educated people and still maintain their ancient occupations of Hindu priests, scholars, and teachers. Others work as public servants, engineers, computer scientists, and doctors. Opportunities within these fields may offer opportunities for believers to reach these hurting people.

Ps 23:1 *The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.*

- Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.
- Pray that God will raise up prayer teams to pray for these Kashmiris until the blessing of knowing Jesus spreads rapidly from family to family.

■ 14 Khatri People in Delhi, India

Khatri people are extremely gifted and productive people. They work in a wide range of jobs. Most of their elders view the Church as a foreign threat, so they do not give Jesus the chance to transform their communities.

Pray that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.

Ps 23:3 | *He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name.*

Pray for Lord Jesus to tear down obstacles that keep Khatri people from placing their trust in Him for eternal life.

Pray that these gifted people will see their need for the only sin-bearer. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to move among Khatri people.



■ 15 Chamars in India

Chamar people have been imprisoned by the reputation of their ancestors. Chamar means, "leather worker." They tanned cattle leather and made leather products to sell. Since cattle were worshiped, Chamars were traditionally considered untouchables in the Hindu religious system. This religious system is a key part of their identity, leaving no room for Jesus Christ.

Ps 23:4 | *Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.*

- Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among the Chamars throughout India.
- Pray that families and communities will be delivered from fears that hinder them from embracing Christ's blessings.



■ 16 Dhobi People 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 many of their forward caste customers. There are believers among many of India's other low status communities that can take Christ to these at-risk people.

Ps 23:6 | *Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

- Pray for leaders of today's people group to put all their hope in the Lord just like King David did when he wrote this Psalm.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among Dhobis in the 2020s.
- Pray for Dhobis to form discovery Bible studies and learn to think biblically.

■ 17 Dagi People in India

Musical farmers? That is the Dagi people. Their traditional occupation was to play musical instruments at festivals and celebrations, but many of them are now farmers. Most are Tibetan Buddhists, and those that are Hindu incorporate some Buddhist elements. They appease and fear local spirits.

Ps 24:1 | *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him.*

- Pray that many from today's people group will recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!
- Pray for Dagi elders and patriarchs to see and understand that Jesus Christ has power over all spirit beings, and He can provide them with life to the full.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Dagi people to redefine them as a community.

■ 18 Meo People in India

In some ways, the Muslim Meo are like chameleons; they blend in with their surroundings. They speak the local languages and mix Hindu rites of passage with Muslim ones. This syncretism provides additional spiritual confusion and can easily keep those who follow Christ from fully embracing Him.

Ps 25:1-2 *O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.*

- Pray for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.
- Pray for "bridges of God," that are culturally compatible, but don't compromise faith in Christ alone.
- Pray that the church in their localities will reach out to the Meo and help them begin their own movement to Christ.



■ 19 Taga People of Delhi, India

The Taga people are often engaged in civil service and the professions in urban Delhi. They have high status and most are literate, so literature and the JESUS Film are outreach options. Rural Tagas may be reached at the markets. Those in the universities can be reached by campus Christian fellowships.

Ps 25:5 *Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.*

- Pray that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.
- Pray that the Church will recognize the need to evangelize Tagas and develop strategies to reach them in both rural and urban Delhi.

■ 20 Kannada Brahmins 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. They like their prestige and most believe that if they become followers of Jesus they will be viewed as outsiders and rebels. At this point in time, few have attempted to bring Christ inside Brahman cultures. Outside of India they are in contact with believers who have a much better chance of leading them to the Lord.

Ps 25:8-9 *The Lord is good and does what is right; He shows the proper path to those who go astray. He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.*

- Pray for many from today's people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.
- Pray that this decade will begin a Christ-ward movement among the Kannada Brahmins.



■ 21 Adi Karnataka People in India

Many Adi Karnataka people believe that several centuries ago their ancestors belonged to a wealthy upper caste known as Samantha, who carried the status of kings. They live throughout Karnataka, and today they are part of a low status scheduled caste. The Adi Karnataka believe that accepting Christ would show disloyalty to their community.

Ps 25:10 *The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.*

- Thank the Lord that He leads with love and faithfulness! Pray that many from today's people group will discover that and act upon it.
- Pray for Adi Karnataka elders and other "gate keepers" to open the gates for Christ to bless their community. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to thrive among the Adi Karnataka people.

■ 22 Devanga People in India

The Devanga are known mainly for two things, weaving and fine crafts. The entire family participates. Men do the loom weaving, women yarn and spin thread, and the children also help in the process. Perhaps their creative energies could serve as a pathway to bringing them into the kingdom of God. Questions like “Who gave mankind creativity?” would be appropriate.

Ps 25:11 | *For the honor of your name,
O Lord, forgive my many, many sins.*

- Pray for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.
- Lift up the entire Devanga people group and ask that they accept Jesus together as a community. Pray for workers to go to these creative people and for spiritual openness.

■ 23 Raddi People in India

The Raddi people are very family oriented. They are mostly farmers, and they are vegetarians. Turning to Christ would involve a supernatural encounter with the living Savior. Their community leaders need a “Saul of Tarsus roadside conversion.”

Ps 26:12 | *Now I stand on solid ground and I will publicly praise the Lord.*

Ps 27:4 | *The one thing I ask of the Lord—the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord's perfections and meditating in his Temple.*

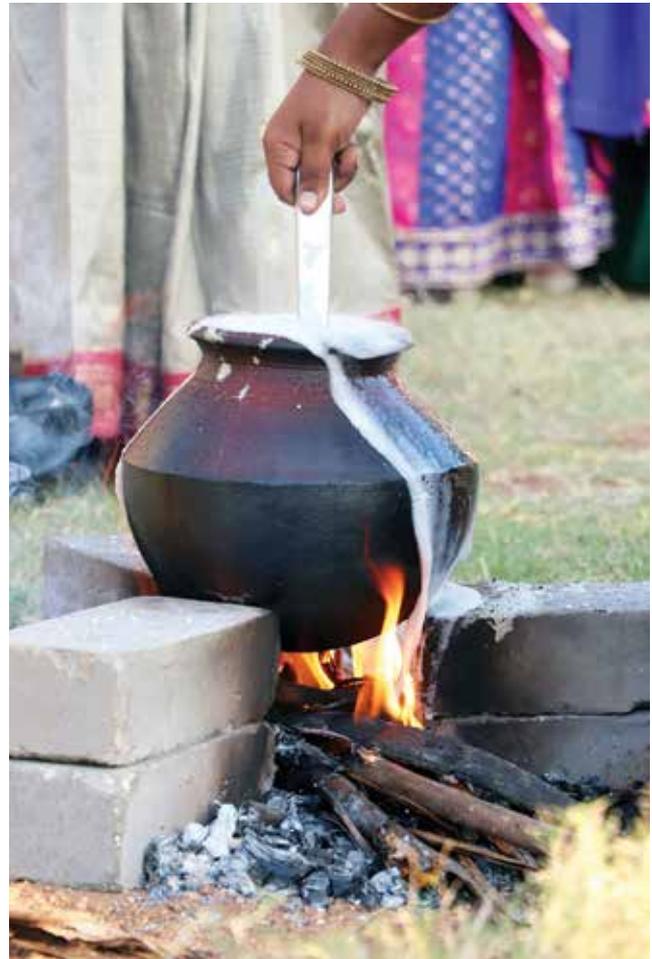
- Pray for eternal salvation to many from today's people group.
- Pray that many from today's people group will allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they will begin to publicly praise Him.
- Pray for believers to be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to study the Word and be filled with a burning desire to share what they have learned with the Raddi people.
- Pray for an entire people movement to the only Savior, Jesus Christ.

■ 24 Vakkalinga people in India

The Vakkalinga people are 21 percent Christian! However, they have some serious spiritual problems in their beliefs and understanding of what it means to follow Christ. Animal husbandry and settled agriculture are the traditional occupations of this community.

Ps 27:8 | *My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”*

- Pray that many from today's people group will crave fellowship with the One True God.
- Pray for the followers of Jesus Christ among the Vakkalinga to read their Bibles with open hearts, asking the Father to reveal His truth to them.
- Pray for a powerful movement to Christ that will result in a purified and evangelistic Vakkalinga Church.
- Pray for the Lord to bless them in every way!



■ 25 Halwakki Wakkal People in India

The name Halwakki refers to milk and rice. Not surprisingly, animal husbandry (for milk) and horticulture (for rice) are their main occupations. They use both traditional and modern medicines in their communities. The complete Bible is available in their language, Kannada.

Ps 27:13-14 *Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*

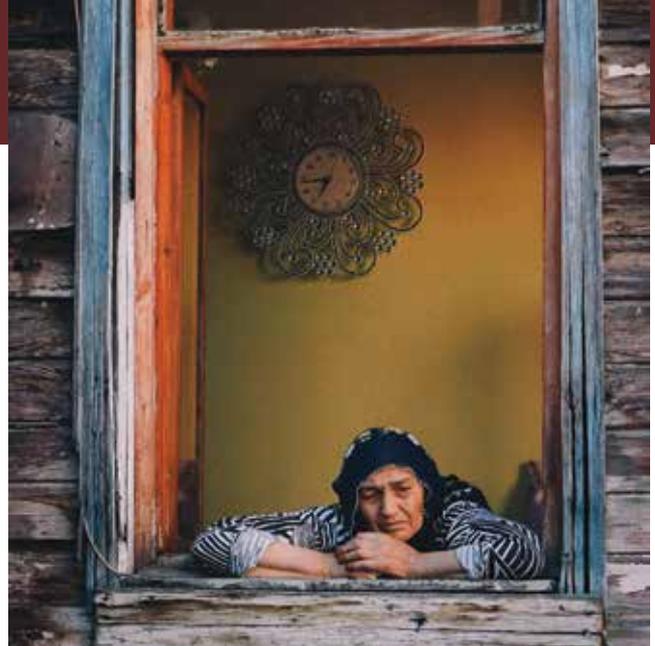
- Pray for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.
- May the Lord give Halwakki Wakkal communities a hunger for the truth and hearts that are open to Him.
- Pray that while taking care of their animals and crops, the people may become grateful to the One who provides for them and their animals.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 26 Naikda People in India

Considered among the poorest people in the country, the Naikdas are looked down upon by their neighbors. Unfortunately, the consumption of alcohol is a regular practice, which makes their problems even worse.

Ps 28:7 *The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.*

- May this be the attitude of many from today's people group.
- Pray that future hearers of the gospel will have the courage to be the first believers and share this exciting news.
- Pray that while the Naikda people seek for basic physical provision, God will bless them with the abundant spiritual provision that He has promised to anyone who is willing to accept His guidance.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.



■ 27 Turks in Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey is a geographic and cultural "link" between Asia and the West, so they don't fall neatly into either category. The typical Turk lives a secularized, modern urban life, with all the materialistic advantages that go with it. Turks have a high literacy rate, so they can read available Bibles. Radio broadcasts have proven to be effective in helping Turkish Muslims to hear of the Savior in the privacy of their own homes.

Ps 29:10 *The Lord rules over the floodwaters. The Lord reigns as king forever.*

- Pray that many will understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.
- Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Turks who will lead them in a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 28 Turkish speaking Kurds in Istanbul, Turkey

In Turkey, the Kurds often speak their own language, Kurmanji. Though many identify with their Kurdish roots, others have become part of the mainstream of Turkish society and have even adopted the Turkish language in their homes. These are the Turkish speaking Kurds.

Ps 29:11 *The Lord gives His people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.*

- Pray for new believers among this people group to be blessed with strength and peace.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among Turkish speaking Kurds.
- Pray for spiritual openness to Jesus Christ, especially among elders and others who are the cultural gate keepers.
- Pray for workers to go to the Turkish speaking Kurds.