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■ 1 Bosniaks in Turkey

Considered to be one of Europe's least evangelized peoples, the Bosniaks who live beyond their ancient borders are war refugees from the early 1990s. They are trying to maintain their cultural and religious values. Many have settled in cities like Istanbul, Turkey, where given some time, their children have begun to speak Turkish. Streets in Istanbul have been renamed in Bosniak to reflect the more than three million that now live in Turkey.

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 exposure to Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Savior.
- Pray that many Bosniaks would repent and be saved from their sins with the preaching of the gospel.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up workers that would begin movements to Christ among Bosniaks, whether they are in Eastern Europe or Turkey.

■ 2 Uyghur in Turkey

The Uyghurs are a Turkic-speaking people who converted to Islam in the 10th century. Most live in Xinjiang Province, northwest China. Recently more than a million Uyghurs have been detained in Chinese internment camps. They are being indoctrinated in the ways of communism, speak Mandarin, and expected to denounce their culture including Islam. Many have sought refuge in other countries, and several thousand are presently living in Istanbul.

Ps 31:10 | *I am dying from grief; my years are shortened by sadness. Sin has drained my strength; I am wasting away from within.*

- Pray that this people group will understand that sin drains and destroys, but the Lord offers forgiveness and spiritual refreshment.
- Pray that God will give wisdom and guidance to Christ followers who reach out to the Uyghurs.
- Pray the Uyghurs will desire to know God and accept His grace through Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Uyghurs.

■ 3 Spanish Jews in Turkey

How would you like to be pressured to change your language, culture and religion? That is what the Jewish people in Izmir and Istanbul face. Most are Sephardic, which means they trace their ancestry to Spain. For many years, Turkey's Islamic government has pressured these Sephardic Jews to assimilate into the Turkish culture, which is primarily Islamic, and demanded that they no longer speak their Ladino language.

Ps 31:21 | *Praise the Lord, for He has shown me the wonders of His unfailing love. He kept me safe when my city was under attack.*

- Pray that this people group will be drawn to the unfailing love of the Lord, our eternal Heavenly Father.
- Pray that the words of Romans 8:31 "If God be for us, who can be against us?" will penetrate the hearts of Sephardic Jewish people in Turkey and beyond, so they will know Him and His saving grace found in Jesus.
- Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among them in Turkey.



■ 4 Chechen in Turkey

After Chechnya declared their independence from Russia in 1991, Russian troops have repeatedly invaded the Chechen homeland to regain control. Especially during the last 30 years, Chechens have attempted to find peace in other countries like Turkey. They have a large community in Istanbul. Those who live in Turkey have found peace, and they live among the Turks, who speak a similar language. Today Chechens in Turkey work in oil refineries and breed fine-fleeced sheep.

Ps 32:8 | *The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."*

- Pray for this people group to accept the Lord's guidance and salvation.
- Pray for believers to take Christ to the Chechens in Turkey.
- Pray for a spiritual interest on the part of Chechens leading their elders to allow people to share Christ with their people.
- Pray for an undying movement to Christ among the Chechens.

■ 5 Hindu Halwai in Bangladesh

Though most members of the Halwai community live in India, today we are praying for this Hindu community living in the predominantly Muslim country of Bangladesh. As is traditionally true of most Hindu castes, its members usually focus on one primary type of job. The Halwai are a caste of sweet makers and confectioners. The Hindu communities respect them because of the importance of sweets in both their religion as well as in festivals associated with childbirth and marriage. Now, many Halwai have branched out into other occupations.

Ps 32:10 | *Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.*

- Pray for many from this people group to notice this stark difference and turn to the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the Halwai people materially and spiritually.
- Pray for a movement to Christ in the 2020s.

■ 6 Hindu Turi in Bangladesh

The traditional occupation of the Turis is working with bamboo and making items such as baskets, mats, hats, and furniture. Some others work as landless agricultural laborers. Over one third of the Turis are unable to read or write. Illiteracy eliminates many opportunities for them to improve their lives economically and spiritually. Illiteracy is also a main obstacle for reaching the Turi with the gospel.

Ps 33:5 | *He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the Lord fills the earth*

- May this people group seek and find the Lord's unfailing love!
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through believers who are ministering to the Turi people.
- Pray for Turi families to turn to the loving arms of God, the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. May they come to know that they are highly loved in His holy kingdom.

■ 7 Paliya in Bangladesh

The Hindu Paliya living in Bangladesh are considered a "disadvantaged" caste. They are not considered Dalit or untouchables, but their status is not much higher. They are mainly agricultural workers and many are landless. Since they are not well educated, they need to hear the gospel in oral form.

Ps 33:12 | *What joy for the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people He has chosen as His inheritance.*

- May this people choose the Lord, and no other!
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will drive the Paliya into the arms of Jesus.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit to go to the Paliya people.
- Pray for a people movement among them in the 2020s.
- Pray for their educational needs to be met so they can improve their lives and the future for their children.

■ 8 Hindu Tamboli in Bangladesh

Imagine that your people group was named after a popular tea or coffee. The Hindu Tamboli people of India are named after their main crop, "betel nut." This is a leaf that many people in South Asia chew as a stimulant much like others drink coffee or tea.

Ps 33:20-21 | *We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.*

- May this people group rejoice in the Lord always.
- Pray that the Tamboli would have opportunities to hear about Jesus through the JESUS Film.
- Pray that their bondage to idols would break in Jesus' name. Many of the Tamboli are pre-literate, which prevents economic advancement.
- Pray for more educational opportunities.
- Pray that this will be the decade when there is a great harvest and a movement to Christ among the Tamboli people in Bangladesh.

■ 9 Tiyar People in Bangladesh

How would life be different without electricity? Most Tiyar people live in fishing villages with little access to electricity or indoor plumbing. The Bangladeshi government is working to improve this situation. When the fishing season is not good, the Tiyar people suffer greatly. Fortunately, the JESUS Film is available in the Tiyar's language, Bengali. Bengali-speaking believers can take this film to them.

Ps 33:22 | *Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.*

- Pray for this people group to give their love and devotion to the Lord and be rewarded with hope and joy forever.
- Pray that they would find ways to diversify their economy so that they can rely on other industries for income.
- Pray that education would become more accessible so the next generation can continue advancing.
- Pray that Jesus would captivate the hearts of key Tiyar leaders and use them to begin a movement to Christ in Bangladesh.



■ 10 Hindu Beldar in Bangladesh

The name "Beldar" of Bangladesh is derived from the words "digging instrument" and the person who uses it. They are a people most known for agricultural work. As with most modern people groups, they have since moved past their traditional roles. Some Beldar are now engaged in animal husbandry, business, and industrial or unskilled labor. Most Beldar hold to Hinduism. Because of their low standing, they likely have never been honored or served. Workers could strive to love and serve them from a position of lowliness in order to introduce them to the God who washed the feet of fishermen.

Ps 34:1 | *I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak His praises.*

- May many from this people group praise Him at all times!
- Pray that Beldars would be hungry for spiritual truth that will lead them to Christ.
- Pray for outrageous boldness and Godly wisdom for the few believers, and for Disciple Making Movements to spring up in their communities.

■ 11 Mahishya in Bangladesh

Agriculture is the traditional occupation of the Mahishya people, who believe they are descendants of Krishna. On a daily basis, their women worship Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune. Modern Mahishya are still a primarily agricultural people, though they are landowners, marking them as part of an upper class. Perhaps a possible outreach avenue could be to teach the Mahishya about the price paid by Christ for His bride, and the role that we have in accepting His invitation.

Ps 34:5 | *Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces.*

- May there be many from this people group who look only to the Lord for help, and may they be filled with joy and peace.
- Pray that the Mahishya would be open to the gospel and that the kingdom of God would be sown liberally in their hearts and communities.



■ 12 Phula in Vietnam

The Phula are an indigenous people who live in the forests and mountains of Vietnam's Lao Cai Province near the Chinese border. Today we begin a week of prayer for people in this location. Phula women are known for their weaving and dyeing skills. As far as we know, there are no believers among them.

Ps 36:5 | *Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O Lord. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.*

- Pray for this people group to understand the vastness of the Lord's faithfulness and righteousness. May the Phula be drawn to Him.
- Pray that the hearts of the Phula would be open when they hear the message of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a powerful Disciple Making Movement among the Phula people.

■ 13 Giay in Vietnam

Twice a year the Giay people gather at the largest tree in the village area. There, they sacrifice pigs and chickens to the forest spirits to gain their favor for the next half year. The Giay practice folk religion and venerate their ancestors. The Giay need access to modern medicine. Vietnamese believers can go to them to provide it and point them to Christ in the process.

Ps 38:17-18 | *I am on the verge of collapse, facing constant pain. But I confess my sins; I am deeply sorry for what I have done.*

- Pray that this people group finds peace and salvation when they confess their sins to the Lord.
- Pray for whole Giay families and villages to come to the knowledge of Christ.
- Pray that the Giay come to understand that God's power is much greater than that of the spirits of nature and ancestors they worship.

■ 14 Hani in Vietnam

How do you grow rice if you live in the mountains? Build terraces or flat plots of land along the slopes. This has been the practice of the Hani people for hundreds of years. They live in plaster and wooden houses in villages of 50 households. The Hani believe that spirits inhabit objects of nature and that these spirits must be appeased by prayers and offerings, or they may bring disaster. The JESUS Film is available in the Hani language. Vietnamese believers can take this valuable gospel tool to the Hani.

Ps 42:1 | *As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.*

- Pray that the small group of Hani believers would grow strong in the faith.
- Pray that each Hani village has the opportunity to hear the saving message of Christ, resulting in a movement to Christ.
- Pray for this kind of longing for the Lord among today's people group!



■ 15 Tai Don in Vietnam

One of the Tai Don legends teaches that their ancestors emerged from a pumpkin. They had taken shelter in the pumpkin during a flood that had been divinely wrought to drown all mankind because of evil-doing. Weekly radio broadcasts bring the gospel to the Tai Don. Scripture portions are available in their language, but the people continue to practice animism. They show no interest in Christ at this time.

Ps 42:8 | *But each day the Lord pours His unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing His songs, praying to God who gives me life.*

- Pray for many from this people group to find the Lord's unfailing love and respond with praise and worship.
- Pray for their elders and family heads to embrace the gospel and quicken the day when Jesus will be given the honor He is due in every White Tai village.
- Pray for an abundant harvest this season that will give the Tai Don people cause to praise the Lord of lords.

■ 16 Tai Daeng in Vietnam

The Tai Daeng live together as families and organize their communities by rank: merchants outrank craftsmen, who outrank farmers. The largest group are rice farmers, and priests are in a class of their own. They believe in animism mixed with Buddhist teachings. The people must appease the spirits in order to stave off ill-fortune. They have very few Christian resources.

May God show the Tai Daeng that He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is not fickle, and we do not have to appease Him but instead we need to be devoted to Him.

Ps 43:3 | *Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.*

- Pray that this people group will respond to the Lord's light and truth.
- Pray that Asian missionaries will bring God's international message of peace to the Tai Daeng, resulting in a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 17 Tai Dam in Vietnam

The majority of the Tai Dam live in northern Vietnam around the city of Dien Bien Phu. But the largest population abroad live in Iowa in the USA. The Tai Dam take pride in being cloth weavers. They practice Buddhism mixed with folk religion. Often seeking help through supernatural spirits and objects, they have ceremonies for recalling the soul. They practice ancestor worship and believe there are spirits within every object.

Ps 47:9 | *The rulers of the world have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham. For all the kings of the earth belong to God. He is highly honored everywhere.*

- Pray that the Lord will find honor and worship from today's people group. May they understand that they belong to Him.
- May the Tai Dam come to know the God who is simultaneously good, just and merciful.
- May they know of the Holy Spirit who can dwell in them and guide them.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them to thrive this decade.

■ 18 Tay in Vietnam

Can you imagine living in a fortified village surrounded by a moat to protect your people from invaders? This describes the Tay people, who have survived this way for centuries. Over 1.8 million Tay live in 15 provinces throughout northern Vietnam, including Lao Cai Province. Though mainly farmers, some Tay people live in urban centers. As of 2017, the Tay have the New Testament in their language, along with audio Bible teaching and limited radio broadcasting.

Ps 50:1 | *The Lord, the Mighty One, is God, and He has spoken; He has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets.*

- Pray that today's people group will respond to God's summons to come to Him!
- Pray these resources penetrate Tay families throughout Lao Cai Province.
- Ask that the small number of Tay believers are disciplined to boldly share Christ among their people.
- Pray for a gospel harvest of Tay people, leading to Disciple Making Movements that bless Vietnam's entire Tay people group.

■ 19 Jaunsari in India

Do you ever want to go back to Bible days? You might feel like you are doing that by visiting the Jaunsari community in Uttarakhand, the state we are praying for today. They still plow with oxen. They cultivate fields and graze cattle and goats. Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, may be a bridge of God. John 8:12b: "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Ps 51:2-3 | *Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.*

- Pray for true heart-felt repentance to come to leaders of this people group.
- Pray that the Jaunsari will see Jesus as the only answer to their fears of ghosts and spirits.
- Pray for a full Bible translation and Christian witness, leading to a Disciple Making Movement.



■ 20 Hindu Silpkar in India

Silpkar is a generic name, meaning “craftsman” due to their historic craftsman roles. Although many are in the profession, others are beggars. They are at the bottom of the caste hierarchy. The Silpkar engage in the occult and shamanism. Crafts need markets, thus Christian entrepreneurs could help establish a market cooperative and be witnesses to the craftsmen among them. The JESUS Film shows Jesus casting out demons; evangelism could focus on power encounters.

Ps 51:4 | *Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just.*

- Pray that leaders among this people group will understand the depth of their sin just as King David did.
- Pray that this entire group would seek to truly become children of God (John 1:12).
- Pray that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Silpkars.

■ 21 Bhoksa in India

The Bhoksa people have 15 clans. They are Hindu, but still like celebrating Christmas! They are a Scheduled Caste, so they have low status. The Bhoksas fear spirits, worship Hindu gods, and hold Hindu festivals. Rugged terrain and minimal infrastructure are obstacles to getting the gospel to the Bhoksa people. Christmas can be used as a bridge to open them to the gospel.

Ps 51:7 | *Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Oh, give me back my joy again; you have
broken me—now let me rejoice.*

- May members of this people group be broken, and willing to repent and follow the Lord.

- Pray that God will direct believing physicians, agriculturalists, educators, sanitation engineers, and Bible translators to work among the Bhoksas.
- Pray that the very few believers will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord and in boldness of witness, especially at Christmas time.

■ 22 Gangadi Brahmin in India

Most Gangadi Brahman families want their sons and daughters to take advantage of educational opportunities and earn a good living as computer engineers, doctors or business managers. One can never predict what an individual Brahman might believe or disbelieve. One who would reach them with the gospel must be ready to deal with any spiritual mindset. Their main needs involve relational strains that are usually kept behind closed doors. Loving believers can earn the trust of Gangadi Brahman families and help them weather these heart-level problems that few are willing to address.

Ps 51:10 | *Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.*

- Pray for leaders among this people group to have hearts that seek to be clean before the Lord, and that they will teach others His ways.
- Pray that they will take what they learn to their families and that Disciple Making Movements will occur among them soon.

■ 23 Garhwali Rajput in India

Rajput means “son of a ruler.” Since India became an independent nation in 1947, the Garhwali Rajputs have had to find other types of employment besides being landowners and military officers. The Garhwali Rajputs consider themselves to be devout Hindus, and their Hindu religious system is a large part of their identity. The Garhwali Rajputs need to hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ in a way that does not add barriers of cultural acceptance..

Ps 51:12 | *Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you.*

- Pray that when some from this people group accept the ways of God that they will be refreshed with joy and share it with others.
- Pray for the Lord Jesus to speak clearly to Garhwali Rajputs in ways they cannot miss and to reveal Himself to their family leaders, giving them a desire to be children of the true God.

■ 24 Kumaoni Rajput in India

The eastern half of the state of Uttarakhand, bordering Nepal and China, has a beautiful landscape with green valleys, hills and snowy peaks. This is the home of the Kumaoni Rajputs. Kumaoni Rajputs live a meager lifestyle, supported through farming. Unemployment is rampant. Believers with the means to do so can offer education, job opportunities and practical help. From there, they can have the privilege of sharing the blessings of Christ.

Ps 51:17 | *The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.*

- Pray for the Lord to break the spirits of members of this people group and bless them with joy of salvation and mercy.
- Ask the Lord Jesus to open the eyes of the Kumaoni to the light of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Kumaoni Rajput families would find the loving Savior together, leading them to disciple other families in the faith.
- Pray that they will be set free from strongholds that leave them with a false foundation.

■ 25 Hindu Baghban in India

Baghban means “one who looks after the garden.” They grow, harvest and sell their crops in markets. Others hold government and business positions of influence in their respective districts. They are a family-oriented, hardworking and industrious people. They value education for both boys and girls. Some Baghbans have become teachers, doctors and engineers.

Ps 56:8 | *You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.*

- Pray for members of this people group to turn to the Lord with their sorrows and trust Him to wipe away their tears and replace it with eternal joy.
- Pray for spiritual breakthrough among Baghbans and that whole families will turn to the Lord.
- Pray for workers to go to their communities.



■ 26 Radhi Brahmin in Bangladesh

The Radhi Brahmins are mainly in India’s eastern state of West Bengal and Khulna, a province of Bangladesh that we will feature for prayer today. Some benefit from owning farmland while others are businessmen. To reach them for Christ, someone will have to enter their world and learn how to communicate in the Brahman way. This will involve much listening and learning before speaking.

Ps 62:1-2 | *I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.*

- Pray that many from this people group will make Christ the rock of their salvation this decade.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal Christ to this community and use Brahmins to preach and teach about Christ to all Hindu communities.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ in the Radhi community.

■ 27 Bhuinmali in Bangladesh

The Hindu Bhuinmali people are mainly a landless agricultural group, though some work for government agencies. Considered a scheduled caste, they are from the Bengali language cluster of people groups. Not surprisingly, they live mainly in the Bengali-speaking parts of India and Bangladesh including Khulna. Only one in 300 Bhuinmali identify as a Christian believer while the rest identify as Hindu.

Ps 62:8 | *O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge.*

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw many from this people group to trust the Lord at all times and share their hearts with Him.
- Pray for the Kingdom of God to come to the Bhuinmalis and help them understand that they have the dignity of being created in the image of God.
- Pray that they will hunger for God’s truth and compassion and that there will soon be a movement to Christ among them.



■ 28 Hadi in Bangladesh

The Hadi are Dalits, the lowest status groups in Hindu society. The word Dalit means “broken or scattered.” They are relegated to the lowest most menial jobs. For the Hadi, that means jobs like collecting trash and sweeping the streets. Reaching them will require an insider movement in which Hadi people share the good news with others from their community, demonstrating God’s love.

Ps 63:1 | *O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.*

- Pray that hundreds from this people group will earnestly seek God and find Him.
- Ask Him to send His Spirit to soften hearts and prepare them to receive and respond to His gift of salvation.
- Pray for the Lord to speak to key members of the Hadi community who will then share Christ with their families and friends until there is a movement to Christ.

■ 29 Baiti in Bangladesh

How would you like to be known for rolling cigarettes? What about having a reputation as a basket weaver? These have probably never been your professional or personal goals in life, but they are the heritage and present circumstance of the Baiti people. As Dalits, the lowest community in Hinduism, they have little else to hope for. The Baiti lead difficult lives.

Ps 63:3 | *Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!*

- May many from this people group understand this and act upon it.
- Pray for the Lord to enter into their hardship and reveal to them His love and life.
- Pray for the Baiti to have open hearts and be responsive to God’s presence by moving as a group into His loving community.

■ 30 Hindu Mochi in Bangladesh

The name Mochi means “cobbler,” a label that describes their place in the caste system. Most are still employed in the shoe-making occupation along with making other leather products. There have been reports of a few Mochi putting their faith in Christ. This small but vital minority could be the key to reaching the rest of this people group for the Lord.

Ps 63:4-5 | *I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.*

- Pray that much praise will soon reach the heavens from Mochi people.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the few Mochi believers a passion for sharing His love with their friends and family, leading to an unstoppable movement to Christ in the 2020s.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal strategies for overcoming social, political, religious, and caste limitations.
- Ask the Lord to raise up men and women willing to teach the Mochi to read and in the process, make His name known among them.
- Pray for internet and audio ministries to be used effectively to share Christ with the Mochi.

■ 31 Jhalo Malo in Bangladesh

“Malo” is an Arabic word that means “boatman,” and many of the Jhalo Malo people live in the Bangladeshi states of Dhaka and Khulna. The traditional means of survival for the Malo people is fishing. When fishing is good, they can earn enough money to provide for themselves, but when their catch of fish is less than normal, they can starve. Some of them also work as landless agricultural laborers. These Hindus are devoted to Vishnu (the Hindu preserver god and his avatars: Rama and Krishna). It will be very hard for them to give Jesus Christ their full devotion.

Ps 64:9 | *Then everyone will be afraid; they will proclaim the mighty acts of God and realize all the amazing things He does.*

- Pray for a healthy fear of God among this people group.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will show them how futile idolatry is and that their good works are useless in making them right with God.



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■ 1 Sadgope Yadav in Bangladesh

The Yadav peoples are rare! Unlike most agricultural people, their status is neither high nor low. Many of the Chasot, or Sadgope Yadavs, own land and work in agriculture and small businesses. Their education does not usually go beyond secondary level. They are concentrated in West Bengal, though a number also live farther east in Bangladesh.

Ps 65:5

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

- Thank the Lord that He is the hope of all the earth and the only hope of the Sadgope Yadav people!
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will drive the Sadgope Yadavs to the loving arms of Jesus.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the fruit and the power of the Holy Spirit to go to the Sadgope Yadavs.
- Pray for a movement to Christ that will affect this community in Bangladesh and India.

■ 2 Audhelia in India

Where did COVID-19 come from? The Audhelia people believe that illnesses come from the wrath of a Hindu goddess. The Audhelia is a small hybrid caste located in the central states of India including Chhattisgarh, the state we will pray for today. They are largely known as pig herders, but in modern day many are farm laborers.

Ps 65:8

Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.

- May many from this people group stand in awe of the Lord's deeds and joyfully follow Him.
- Child marriage is very common among the Audhelia. Many girls get married between ages five to seven.
- Pray for new laws to protect children and for Jesus' love for children to be revealed to them.
- Pray that there would be a movement to Christ among the Audhelia people that will spread to other people groups in Chhattisgarh.



■ 3 Bhaina in India

What are some wedding traditions in your culture? For the Bhaina people of India, washing feet and applying vermilion, a red pigment, to the bride's hair are common customs. The Bhaina reside in the fertile plains of the Raigarh and Bilaspur Districts of the state of Chhattisgarh. They work as farmers and laborers. There is a lack of Christian workers among the Bhaina people which hinders the spread of the gospel.

Ps 66:1-2

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of His name! Tell the world how glorious He is.

- May there be many from the Bhaina people doing just this very soon!
- The illiteracy rate among the Bhaina is extremely high.
- Pray that they would have access to more education and that the parents would place higher value on education and economic advancement.
- Pray for a vibrant movement to Christ among the Bhaina people that will bring joy, peace, and wholeness to their community.

■ 4 Chauhan in India

The Hindu Chauhans give special devotion to the goddess Durga, who embodies local gods associated with mountains, plants and fire. Their name comes from a past ruler, and they belong to the Kshatriya caste, just below the high Brahman priestly caste. They earn their living in farming, business, and banking. Even though they are Kshatriya, they seek upward mobility through marriage.

Ps 66:8 | *Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing His praises.*

- Pray that today's people group will loudly sing His praises to other nations.
- Pray that the Hindi-speaking churches in their areas will see these "hidden people" and seek to witness to them until there is a movement to Christ.
- Pray that God opens the hearts and minds of the Chauhan people to the gospel, that the JESUS Film will be viewed by many, and that many will read the Scriptures and respond positively.
- Pray also for dreams and visions that will help them to realize that there is no true God but Jesus.

■ 5 Ganda in India

How would you like to be part of a people group whose name means "donkey?" The Ganda of India are a Dalit people, very low in the Hindu caste hierarchy. Unlike some Dalits, however, the Ganda are mostly closed to the gospel. They are farmers who marry young and live in various parts of India including Chhattisgarh. They speak Odia and Hindi, two of India's major languages.

Ps 66:10 | *You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver.*

- Pray for the Lord to test and purify today's people group and lead them to Himself.
- Pray for faithfulness and witness of the few Ganda believers.
- Pray that they will remain strong in their faith, thereby attracting inquiries concerning the Savior.
- Pray that the Ganda will become open to the gospel and will access Christian literature and media, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to bless the Ganda people economically and spiritually this decade.

■ 6 Hindu Ghasiya in India

How do you reach a people group with a very low literacy rate? You would primarily focus on oral and visual teaching tools. Sometimes these groups are skilled in memorizing what they hear. Their primary occupation has been scavenging and agricultural labor, and some are engaged in other services now, including playing music. Because of their poor economic condition, the Ghasiya seldom send their children to study beyond primary school. Raising their literacy rate would go a long way to improving their occupational opportunities. Telling Bible stories through songs may be an effective way to reach these Hindus.

Ps 66:16 | *Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He did for me.*

- Pray for bold testimonies of the Lord's deeds of love to come from today's people group.
- Pray that Ghasiya parents will see the need and importance of providing a good education for their children.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Ghasiya this decade.

■ 7 Halba in India

"Friendly" is the word used to describe the Halba people of Chhattisgarh, India. The Halba people live with exquisite beauty all around them. Their homeland includes dense forests, mountains, waterfalls, and natural caves. Some from the Halba community are affluent landowners. However, many of them still face challenges such as poor health care, high infant mortality rates, child marriage, and child labor. They also have a low literacy; their villages do have primary schools, but they don't function regularly. Only about one in 300 claims to be Christian of any kind.

Ps 67:2 | *May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.*

- Pray that His ways will soon be known by Halba people.
- Ask the Father to strengthen their faith and to do miracles in their midst that will draw eyes to Jesus, their Savior.
- Pray for a significant people movement to Christ among the Halba people in the 2020s.





■ 8 Majhi in India

The Majhi community is a low status Dalit formerly called “untouchables.” They work as landless farm laborers for other landowning castes. As keen craftsmen, they also make bamboo baskets to sell at the market. Majhi houses are made of mud and thatch. They were formerly animists but now consider themselves as Hindus, although they are shunned by some other Hindu communities. Their low status keeps them away from people from other communities who might otherwise introduce them to the Savior. Nonetheless, they are said to be a clever, strong and industrious people.

Ps 67:3-4 | *May the nations praise you, O God! Yes, may all the nations praise you. Let the whole world sing for joy because you govern the nations with justice and guide the people of the whole world.*

- Pray that this day will come soon!
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth a zealous, reproducing Majhi church that will boldly lead thousands to God’s throne of grace.

■ 9 Garasia in India

The Rajput Garasia are believed to be descendants of Rajputs who lost their land to invaders. The majority of the Garasia are farmers who own their small to medium plots of land. Unlike many peoples of India, Garasia people choose their own spouses. A newly married couple lives with or near the groom’s parents. The Hindu faith of the Garasia is heavily mixed with folk religion. They believe in magic, charms and that evil spirits inhabit the objects of nature.

Ps 67:7 | *Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear Him.*

- Pray for fear and worship to rise up from all peoples.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of these Rajputs toward Christ so that they will be receptive to His ways.
- Ask the Lord to call willing people to share Christ with the Rajput Garasia.
- Pray the Lord to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Garasia in this decade.

■ 10 Padharia in India

What good does it do to have public jobs and special consideration for university admissions if you have a low literacy rate? That is the situation for the Padharia, a Scheduled Tribe of Gujarat. They live as landless agricultural workers. Some fish and rent out their boats. Their brand of Hinduism is influenced by traditional animism and a veneration for their ancestors.

Ps 68:4 | *Sing praises to God and to His name! Sing loud praises to Him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord—rejoice in His presence!*

- May the Padharia people feel His holy presence when they worship Him.
- Pray that the Lord sends teachers to help the Padharia increase their literacy rate.
- Pray for them to have a hunger for His Word and the desire to have their sins forgiven.
- Pray the Lord raises up a Disciple Making Movement among the Padharia in this decade.

■ 11 Sentinelese in India

The Sentinelese people of the Andaman Islands were recently in the news, and it wasn’t pretty. A young Christian man felt led of the Lord to go to their island and tell them about Jesus. Unfortunately, the Sentinelese people killed him. The Sentinelese are one of the last truly isolated tribal groups on the planet. The Indian government has strictly forbidden any contact with them. Due to their isolation the Sentinelese lack any protection against modern diseases.

Ps 68:5 | *Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.*

- May the widows and orphans among this people group become part of His family.
- Pray for the Lord to go to this people through dreams, visions or angelic visitations.
- Pray that the Indian government would allow Christian medical teams to come to the island with the necessary precautions.
- Pray that the Sentinelese leaders would come to Christ and lead the rest of their people to the Savior.





■ 12 Wollo Amhara in Ethiopia

The once homogenous Oromo have split into subgroups divided by mutually intelligible dialects, religion, and by location. The Wollo are among the least known of several Oromo subgroups.

All Oromo people adhere to traditional religious practices. When faced with a serious need or crisis, the Wollo Oromo people look to traditional religion for help. However, there are Oromo subgroups with Christ followers that could reach out to their Wollo cousins.

Ps 68:19 | *Praise the Lord; praise God our savior! For each day He carries us in His arms.*

- May today's people group allow the Lord to carry them in His powerful and loving arms.
- Pray that believers from other Oromo subgroups will introduce Jesus to the Wollo people.
- Pray for a peaceful solution between the Ethiopian government and the Oromo peoples.

■ 13 Najdi Arabs in Saudi Arabia

Najdi is one of the varieties of the Arabic language spoken by Saudi Arabs. The public practice of any religion other than Islam (including Christianity and Judaism), the presence of churches, and possession of non-Islamic religious materials is not allowed. Saudi Arabian dress follows strictly the principles of hijab, the Islamic principle of modesty.

Saudi Arabia is completely off limits to any kind of indigenous Christian presence.

Ps 68:32-33 | *Sing to God, your kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the Lord. Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens, His mighty voice thundering from the sky.*

- May all the nations praise Him including the Najdi!
- Pray the few believers among the Saudis will grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and communities.
- Pray the Saudi Arabs will hunger to know forgiveness of sin, found only through faith in the work of Christ on the cross.
- Pray they will hunger to know God's love, found through faith in Christ's work and life.

■ 14 Iraqi Arabs in Iraq

Arabs form about 70% of the total population of Iraq, the majority being of the Shiite branch of Islam and living in southern Iraq, with the Sunnis living primarily in central Iraq. Social life is important to Arabs. They like to share a daily coffee time by sitting on the floor and drinking from cups without handles. The ancient Church was centered in and spread from the Assyrian city of Arbel, located in the north. The Christian Church has been a part of Iraqi culture since that time.

Ps 68:34-35 | *Tell everyone about God's power. His majesty shines down on Israel; His strength is mighty in the heavens. God is awesome in His sanctuary. The God of Israel gives power and strength to His people.*

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's power and goodness to others.
- Pray the Lord will encourage them and give them fruit from his Spirit: love, joy and peace.
- Pray for peace and stability in Iraq, that the government will be able to maintain order, and the various factions within the Arab community will give up hatred and revenge against each other.

■ 15 Jordanian Arabs in Jordan

The lifestyles of Jordanian Arabs are mixed. A minority are highly educated and serve in the highest levels of society. A growing middle-class work in businesses, factories, in education, and as government employees. Unfortunately, most Jordanians live at the poverty level. They work in agricultural on land owned by others, as day laborers and as herdsmen. Extended families often live and work together. Jordanian women are freer and better educated than in most Arab Muslim countries.

Ps 73:24 | *You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.*

- Pray that today's people group will seek God's counsel and be led to His glorious destiny.
- Pray that the believers in Jordan get a vision and burden to share the good news with their neighbors.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Jordanian Arabs in this decade. Ask the Lord to make the Jordanian Arabs into a ripe harvest field in the kingdom of God.



■ 16 Palestinian Arabs in West Bank / Gaza

Palestinians are generally pleasant, generous and friendly. They are traditionally hospitable and prepare elaborate dinners for their guests, regardless of their economic situation. Palestinians are predominantly adherents of Sunni Islam with a minority Christian community. The Holy Land, birthplace of Jesus Christ and the land from where Christianity spread over the entire world, is also the birthplace of the Palestinian Church.

Ps 73:25-26 | *Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.*

- Pray for many Palestinian people to know that they must have no other God but the Lord.
- Pray the Palestinians who know God will become wise in sowing the Word of God among their families.
- Pray for the believers in Christ, that they will be accepted by both Muslim Arabs and Jews.
- Pray for the Palestinians in both Israel and the West Bank / Gaza to increasingly experience peace, with political stability, and improving economic conditions.

■ 17 Shuwa Arabs in Chad

Chad is one of the poorest and most illiterate countries of the world. The Arabs of Chad are mostly nomadic, but some live in the villages and towns. The language of the Arabs is the main language of communication in the country, which makes it especially important to share the gospel with Arabs. Although Arabs are respected by the Chad government because of their wealth in animals, they don't play a very large role in Chad's political arena.

Nigerian believers may be able to carry the gospel northeast to the Chadian Arabs.

Ps 75:3 | *When the earth quakes and its people live in turmoil, I am the one who keeps its foundations firm.*

- Pray that many from Shuwa people will allow Him to be their firm foundation in times of trouble.
- Pray for the few Arab believers in Chad, that they will be faithful witnesses to family and friends, wise as serpents but harmless as doves.
- Pray for the Arabs of Chad, that they will be able to provide adequately for the needs of their families.



■ 18 Tunisian Arabs in Tunisia

In the first few centuries after Christ, a strong church was established in present-day Tunisia despite intense persecution from the Romans. Disunity, factions, and a failure to translate the Bible into the local languages weakened the church. When Arab invaders arrived in the 7th century an empty shell of a church was all that existed. Islam spread rapidly and the Christian roots of the people were forgotten.

Ps 75:9 | *But as for me, I will always proclaim what God has done; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.*

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's wondrous deeds to their families.
- Pray that Tunisian Christians would be impassioned to reach their own people, sharing a clear, succinct, and reproducible Gospel presentation.
- Pray for the Arabs to become aware of their spiritual bankruptcy before God.
- Pray that Jesus would use dreams and visions to open their eyes and to show them that He is the only way to God.

■ 19 Ansari in India

The Ansaris were traditionally silk weavers but they now involve themselves in small businesses throughout India. Ansaris are a supportive and friendly people, as implied by their name, which is Arabic for "those who support." Yet they try to remain a distinct people by guarding who marries their women. Ansari women are noted for wearing bangles and beads, and in some communities, they wear glass bangles, which signifies that they are married.

Ps 76:4 | *You are glorious and more majestic than the everlasting mountains.*

- Pray that this people group will realize the eternal majesty and glory of the Lord and give Him praise.
- Pray that God would send many Indian followers of Jesus to these Muslim neighbors with a heart to befriend them and lead them into Christ's abundant blessings.
- Pray that Ansari leaders who have heard the gospel will following Christ and open the doors for others to do the same.
- Pray for an Ansari Disciple Making Movement to Christ this decade.



■ 20 Azeris in Azerbaijan

Azerbaijani settlements were traditionally divided into villages made up of extended families. In an attempt to protect their culture, marriage within the family was encouraged. Religious practices are less restrictive of women's activities than in some Muslim countries, and many women have jobs outside the home.

Georgian Christians may be able to carry the gospel message to the Azeris.

Ps 79:9 | *Help us, O God of our salvation! Help us for the glory of your name. Save us and forgive our sins for the honor of your name.*

- Pray that many from this people group will call out to the Lord as desperately as the psalmist did in this verse.
- Pray for the followers of Jesus among the Azeri, that they will faithfully fellowship together, be well-taught in the Scriptures, and grow to become mature in the Lord.
- The Azeris have centuries of historical commitment to Islam, not easily changed. Pray for a new attitude of their minds.
- Pray that the Azeris will increasingly be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) as they study the Koran, that they will desire to know more about him.

■ 21 Muslim Jats in Pakistan

Muslim Jats are fiercely independent and highly value their self-respect. Although these qualities are highly admired in most societies, they do not rate highly in God's eyes. Jesus came to be a humble servant to others. He taught His followers to esteem others more highly than themselves and to turn the other cheek. Someone with the right skills could interview Muslim Jats as an historian as a way of having social contact with these fascinating people

Ps 81:8 | *Listen to me, O my people, while I give you stern warnings. O Israel if you would only listen to me!*

- Pray for this people group to heed God's warning and listen to Him!
- Pray for the Muslim Jats of Pakistan to encounter our suffering servant Jesus and invite Him to change their hearts.
- Pray for sensitive, trained evangelists to reach out to Jat communities to help them to begin a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 22 Fula Jalon in Guinea

The Fula Jalon are a large people group located in the western African nations of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Senegal. A small population resides in Guinea Bissau. The culture and heritage of the group is nearly the same in all three countries. Their livelihood is primarily based on farming and shepherding. Although Fula Jalon villages are scattered, each village has a central court and a mosque. Islamic schools are set up for the children in some of the villages.

Ps 81:11-12 | *But no, my people wouldn't listen. Israel did not want me around. So I let them follow their own stubborn desires, living according to their own ideas.*

- Pray that this will be the year when this people group stops following their own stubborn desires and begins to follow the Lord.
- Pray for those who know and follow Jesus among the Fula Jalon.
- Pray they will learn to live in the power of Christ's Spirit, demonstrating the fruit of his Spirit.
- Pray the Fula Jalon people will increasingly be drawn to Jesus (whom Muslims call Isa al-Masih) as they study the Koran.
- Pray they will have a desire to learn more about him, and that he will reveal himself to them.



■ 23 Sunda in Indonesia

The Sunda are the largest Indonesian unreached people group. Almost all Sunda are Muslims. In many areas, Islam is mixed with Sunda traditional customs.

The Sunda seek to protect their harmony with the natural world. In the legend of Lutung Kasarung, there is a belief that God incarnated a little of himself in the world in order to protect the life of man.

Ps 84:2 | *I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God.*

- Pray that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who have this kind of heart for being in the presence of the loving Lord.
- There are only a few followers of Jesus among the very large Sunda community. Pray for them to cling strongly to the truth of Scripture, to be firmly established upon God's character and promises.
- Pray they will faithfully fellowship together even in spite of opposition.

■ 24 Nigerian Fulani in Nigeria

Scattered mostly in Nigeria and Cameroon, these semi-nomadic people fiercely reject anything they perceive as contrary to their lifestyle of roaming with their cattle herds. This includes education (they are mostly non-literate) and permanent homes. Their inability to read and intense independence have placed them on unequal footing with greedy people who take advantage of them.

Ps 84:12 | *O Lord of Heaven's Armies, what joy there is for those who trust in you.*

- Pray for many from this people group to find joy and hope in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Pray they will find each other in order to fellowship together.
- Pray they will learn to live in the power of Christ's Spirit, experiencing the fruit of Christ's Spirit consistently.
- Pray the Fulani will be able to care adequately for their families, and be led to be better prepared for the rapidly changing conditions of the 21st century.

■ 25 Hausa in Niger

The Hausa is the largest ethnic group in Niger and one of the most influential groups in West Africa. Nearly one out of every two Nigeriens is Hausa. The majority have been Sunni Muslim since the 11th century. In addition to Islam, many continue to practice their traditional religion, called Maguzawa, especially in remote locations. Hausa Muslims are known for being hospitable to strangers. In the Hausa language, one word, bako, is used to define both "guest" and "stranger".

Ps 85:8 | *I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for He speaks peace to His faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways.*

- Pray that those who follow the Lord among this people group will never return to their old ways.
- There are a number of Hausa believers. Pray that they will be trained to engage their families and community in discovering and experiencing God's blessing through sharing and discussing Bible stories.
- Pray for Hausa believers to be obedient to the call to make Jesus known.
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among Hausa families and communities.

■ 26 Moor in Mauritania

The Moors are very proud people, conveying a sense of superiority to others in the area. Within their society, the Koran is faithfully followed. The term "Moor" is generally applied to any person, regardless of skin color, who speaks one of the Hassaniya dialects.

Scripture availability is limited in the language of the Moors, and access to the Moors is limited.

Ps 85:9 | *Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, so our land will be filled with His glory.*

- Pray for the land of this people group to soon be filled with His glory and mercy!
- Pray for Moor 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 for the relatively few believers among the Moors, that they may be like-minded, being one in spirit and purpose, looking not only to their own interests but also to the interests of others.
- Pray each individual in the Moor community may be prepared for the gospel message when it comes to them.

■ 27 Arabic-speaking Moroccans in Morocco

Although Morocco allows people from other religions to have religious freedom, the King of Morocco has declared that all native Moroccans are Sunni Muslims. Historically, ministry in Morocco won individuals away from their families and gathered them into new churches. As a result, many view Christianity as a threat to their families and communities.

Ps 86:5 | *O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.*

- Thank the Lord that He is eager to offer love and forgiveness to peoples who turn to Him for help!
- Pray for Moroccan Arab believers to become effective and fruitful in sowing God's word among their families and communities to fuel a movement of God's blessing spreading from household to household.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 28 Tajik in Tajikistan

Most Tajiks are farmers and shepherds. They also practice a remarkable system of terraced, mountainside irrigation so that wheat and barley can be grown at the higher, dry altitudes. An increasing number of Tajiks have moved to the cities over the past 50 years. Poetry plays an important part in Tajik culture. It is read at important celebrations and often sung. Even the Koran has been put to music.

Ps 86:9-10 | *All the nations you made will come and bow before you, Lord; they will praise your holy name. For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God.*

- Pray for this people group to understand that God's name is holy and that He performs miraculous deeds.
- Pray that Tajik believers will live such holy lives that others will desire to have the same spiritual riches found only in Christ.
- Ask God to raise up more long-term missionaries who will go to Tajikistan to raise up an unstoppable Disciple Making Movement among the Tajiks in this decade.



■ 29 Tatar in Russia

Tatars are descendants of Mongol, Bulgar and other peoples, and are predominantly Muslim. Russian domination of Tatars began when Ivan the Terrible conquered the Tatar Khanate in 1552 and long periods of forced Russification have since occurred. Since the late 1980s there has been a resurgence of Tatar nationalism. Tatars have a long, if interrupted, history of resisting both imperial Russian and Soviet domination and this has included resistance to the Orthodox Church's attempts to convert them.

Ps 89:7 | *The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God. He is far more awesome than all who surround His throne. O Lord God of Heaven's Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful.*

- Pray that many from today's people group will understand that the only God is the Lord, and they must turn to Him. Pray they will be in awe of His might.
- Pray for the Tatar believers, that the Lord will send qualified teachers and pastors, and that it will be more important to them to follow Christ than gain community approval.

■ 30 Turkmen in Turkmenistan

The Turkmen were mainly a nomadic people for most of their history and did not settle in cities and towns until the advent of the Soviet system of government. Many pre-Soviet cultural traits have survived in Turkmen society, however, and have recently undergone a kind of revival, including the return of a moderate form of Islam. Secularism and atheism remain prominent for many Turkmen intellectuals.

Ps 89:26-27 | *And he will call out to me, "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation." I will make him my firstborn son, the mightiest king on earth.*

- Pray that this people group will seek and find this King!
- Pray the Turkmen who know God will become wise in sowing the Word of God among their families and multiplying the blessings of God to other Turkmen households.
- Pray for the believers among the Turkmen, that they will be accurately instructed in the faith and will grow in their love for Christ and each other.
- Pray for them to have full freedom of religion in their country, to worship safely as they choose.