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JANUARY

■ 1 Japanese in Switzerland

Today Japan's economy is the third largest in the world after the USA and China. In order to keep their multi-national corporations running the Japanese way, some Japanese moved to Western countries like Switzerland. The Japanese are frequently pragmatic about religion. Many have become materialistic and secular. These attitudes pose obstacles to the Gospel.

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

- Pray that this people group would be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.
- Pray that Japanese believers would have opportunities to share the love of Jesus with their families and friends in Switzerland.
- Pray that Christian businessmen would have open doors to share the Gospel with the Japanese.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong disciple making movements in Switzerland.

■ 2 Berti in Sudan

The Berti people live in the Darfur region of western Sudan. They herd livestock and raise crops and they try to avoid the violence that plagues their land. However, intertribal wars are common in their region.

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

- Pray that this people group would realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.
- Pray for quality Christian radio to be widely available throughout Sudan.
- Pray for the funding needed and for access to broadcast facilities.
- Pray for Sudan to experience a just and lasting peace.
- Pray for an honest and effective national government.
- Pray for the Berti people to find peace in Jesus Christ, leading to a movement to Christ.

■ 3 Wolane in Ethiopia

Most Wolane people live in central Ethiopia south of Addis Ababa, the capital city. Many live in the capital itself. The Wolane who live in Addis Ababa earn their living through trade and retail, while those living in the rural areas farm and raise livestock. The Wolane have an oral culture; believers will need to go to them with Gospel songs, skits and visual materials. Teachers can teach the Wolane literacy skills.

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

- Pray for many leaders in today's people group to seek and find God's blessings, which He intended to give to them since the beginning of time.
- Ask God to stir up believers who live near the Wolane to develop good relationships with them and find persons of peace.
- Ask God to raise up a disciple making movement.

■ 4 Basith (Sikh traditions) in India

The Basith people are primarily farmers. Relationships between men and women are unusual in Basith communities. When there is a divorce, the man is responsible for the children. Daughters share in parental inheritance.

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

- Pray that members of today's people group would understand that they can become part of God's holy family and experience His goodness.
- Pray for a movement of Basith households to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will invite the Basith people 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 Basith people.



■ 5 Hani in Vietnam

How do you grow rice if you live in the mountains? The answer is to build terraces or flat plots of land along the slopes. This has been the practice of the Hani people of Vietnam for hundreds of years. In addition, the Hani raise cattle. They practice folk religion and believe that spirits inhabit objects of nature. Hani people believe the spirits must be appeased by prayers, rituals and offerings.

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

- Pray that members of today's people group would look to the Lord alone for strength and victory.
- Pray that each Hani village would have the opportunity to hear the saving message of Christ.
- Ask the Lord to send workers to the Hani.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a growing church in each Hani village.

■ 6 Agariya (Muslim traditions) in Pakistan

The Agariya people derive their name from the prominent city of Agra in northern India. Many Muslims left India and moved to Pakistan during and after the Partition of 1947, including most of the Agariya community.

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

- Pray that today's people group would understand that glory, holiness and power come only from our Lord and king.
- Pray for a network of Agariya households to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead the Agariya people to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers who are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to go to the Agariya people to tell them the good news.

■ 7 Ad Dharmi in India

Most Ad Dharmi people of India make their living by tanning hides and making leather items. Working in leather is seen as a low caste profession by other Hindus.

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

- Pray that non-believers among this people group would be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.
- Pray for radio programs in Eastern Punjabi to present the claims of Jesus Christ to the Ad Dharmi.
- Pray for movements to Jesus to sweep through Ad Dharmi families, permeating the group from within.
- Pray for new Ad Dharmi Christian believers to fully understand the way of salvation and be zealous to know and follow the Lord.
- Pray for the Ad Dharmi community to be able to send their children to good schools.

■ 8 Omani Arab in Saudi Arabia

Most of the Omani Arabs living in Saudi Arabia are farmers. They live in villages or oasis settlements. The farmers grow dates, melons, tomatoes and wheat. The Omani gather in the marketplaces to buy and sell and to socialize. They love to tell stories and recite poems or verses from the Koran.

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

- Pray for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.
- Pray for Omani Arabs to be attracted to the poetry and stories in the Bible.
- Pray for persons of peace among Omani Arabs to open the door to the Gospel.
- Pray for Omani Arabs in Saudi Arabia to have open hearts to Jesus.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ no matter where they live.

■ 9 Swiss Jew in Switzerland

Jews have lived in Switzerland since the 13th century. They are united in the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities. These communities comprise ultra-Orthodox, Orthodox, Reform and Liberal Jews. Commonly, Swiss Jews work in the textile and clock industries. In 1999, Switzerland elected Ruth Dreifuss as their first female president. She is Jewish. By keeping themselves removed from Christians for fear of oppression, Jews have cut themselves off from hearing about the salvation that Jesus offers.

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

- Pray that many from this people group would serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.
- There are no known followers of Christ among Switzerland’s Jewish population. Pray this would soon change.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among Swiss Jews.

■ 10 Lao Phuan in Cambodia

Like most peoples in Cambodia and Laos, the Lao Phuan are rice farmers. Their households raise livestock, and they supplement their diet with freshwater fish. They also raise silkworms. People can produce skirts and songs in the local language that highlight the protection and the transforming grace of the Lord.

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

- Pray that as members of this people group become part of God’s holy family that they would also find His purposes for them.
- Pray for the Lao Phuan people to have the chance to hear the Gospel in a culturally appropriate way.
- Pray for a disciple making movement among this people group to transform their communities.
- Pray for the few believers among the Lao Phuan people to lovingly take Christ to their families.

■ 11 Urdu in Guyana

Would you ever expect to find Urdu-speaking Muslims in Guyana? They emigrated in search of economic opportunities. Urdu speakers are found in every level of Guyana’s society; they are a combination of those who do not read and those who are highly educated, the poor and the money lenders, the landlords and the religious leaders. Their only common denominator is the Urdu language and the Muslim religion.

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

- Pray that members of this people group would soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God’s presence as Moses did.
- Pray for loving ambassadors of Christ to go to the Urdu speakers in Guyana.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among their leaders and open the door to the King of kings.

■ 12 Aimaq in Pakistan

Aimaq is a generic term for “tribal people.” Most are in either Afghanistan or Iran, but there are smaller Aimaq populations in Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Pakistan. Aimaq tribal customs remain stronger than any form of nationalism, due in part to long-enjoyed independence and geographical distance from central governments. Tribal law vested in village leaders usually prevails over government authority and even some Islamic rules.

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

- Pray for many from this people group to experience the glory of the Lord and allow Him to transform them forever.
- Pray for abundant rain so that crops and livestock can thrive. Pray for workers to go to the Aimaq peoples in Pakistan.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will allow them to accept the lovingkindness of Christ.



■ 13 Mazhabi (Sikh traditions) in India

The Mazhabi live in India's northern Punjab state and call themselves Rai Sikh. They speak Punjabi and read and write in Gurmukhi. Many of the Mazhabi work in agriculture or as day laborers. Some are in government service. Only boys receive education. There are thousands of Sikhs who have put their faith in the risen Christ. They can go as his ambassadors to the Mazhabi community.

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

- Pray that new believers among this people group would seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment among Mazhabi elders and decision makers.
- Pray that Gospel materials and the internet would lead them to salvation in Christ alone.

■ 14 Borgu Fulfulde in Canada

Fulani (or Fulfulde) people who move to Canada face the challenge of a new language, the possible absence of a spouse (who may have remained in Africa) and a different set of social expectations. Fulanis are among the largest people groups in West Africa; but in Canada they are small in number. There are some Fulani people who follow Christ in Canada and can shine His light in a winsome way to other West Africans.

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

- Pray this blessing on today's people group.
- Pray for the few Christ followers among the Borgu Fulani in Canada to lovingly take Christ to African Muslims.
- Pray for Fulani leaders to have dreams and visions of the risen and victorious Christ!

■ 15 Wolof in the US

Wolof people in the US are hardworking and resourceful. They work as interpreters at Harlem Hospital, and they are shop owners, managers of restaurants and travel agencies, and vendors on Manhattan streets. They fund one of the largest mosques in West Africa. There are three radio stations among them in the Wolof language.

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

- Pray that many from this people group would make the Lord their only God and thank Him for His miracles.
- Pray that the Church in the US would be pure and holy, a true light to all Wolof people.
- Pray that the Wolof immigrants in the U.S. would experience salvation and use their influence to take Christ to their communities in Africa.

■ 16 Abdul in Bangladesh

Abduls live throughout South Asia, including Bangladesh. Many Abdul people work as alms gatherers while singing and drumming or selling perfume. Their primary language is Maithili, though most understand Urdu and Bhojpuri. Gospel materials exist in these languages. There are also vibrant Bhojpuri speaking believers in India who can reach them in Bangladesh. Abdul people in Bangladesh may be more reachable than other Muslim people.

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

- Pray that many from this people group would not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.
- Pray that there would soon be a church planting movement among the Abdul people.
- Pray that this people group would learn to fear the name of Almighty God and would be healed in their bodies, souls and spirits.

■ 17 Arabic-speaking Algerian in Germany

Algerians are part of the Arab Diaspora, and they have taken refuge in Germany and other European countries. Most would fit into the lower middle or lower class as shop keepers and workers in factories, construction sites, restaurants and farms. As they gain more education and job skills, they are moving into the middle and upper classes. Algerians in Germany need practical education and learned skills.

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

- Pray that the “nation” we are praying for today would know that the Lord’s hand is powerful and would give Him praise.
- Pray for believers to help with this while sharing the Savior who offers them life to the full.
- Pray for a vibrant, worshiping church and a disciple making movement among Algerian Arabs in this decade.

■ 18 Amat in India

Amat people are also known as the Amanat. They are mostly farmers; though some are artists, day laborers or carpenters. Like many Hindu groups, the Amat’s spiritual lives are crippled by astrology, which they believe determines their destiny. Astrologers help them determine auspicious dates for important events like weddings. Holy Spirit-led Christian believers can go to the Amat people. They can demonstrate the power and love of the Savior.

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

- Pray for today’s people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.
- Pray that the Lord Jesus would provide an abundant harvest for Amat farmers as a testimony of His love and power.
- Pray for them to hear and respond to loving Gospel preachers.

■ 19 Ambalavasi in India

Ambalavasi people live and work near Hindu temples. Most consider them Brahmins, though their roles are even more complex than the Brahmins. They work in Hindu temples where they often serve as artists. Some are musicians or perform dramas. Others are storekeepers or provide flowers for the Hindu temples.

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

- Pray for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!
- Pray that many of God’s people would take opportunities to tell the Gospel to Ambalavasi people, resulting in a vibrant, growing church.
- Pray that pride would not get in the way of Ambalavasi Brahmins receiving Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead them to the resurrected Savior.

■ 20 Malay in Hong Kong

Malay people live throughout southeastern Asia but the majority live in Malaysia. The dispersal of Malay people was in progress by the fifth century. At that time, some migrated to Hong Kong. Courtesy is a very important aspect of Malay society no matter where they live. Those who take Christ to them must remember and act upon this virtue.

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

- Pray that many from this people group would understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!
- Pray that true Bible believing churches would be planted by Spirit-filled believers who are not afraid to lay down their lives for these people.
- Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that will throw the doors open for Malay Muslims to follow Jesus.

■ 21 Central Tibetan in Switzerland

The first Tibetans to enter Switzerland came in the 1960s, and the climate and terrain of Switzerland made a good home for them. Tibetan children have learned German. Tibetan Buddhist religion is their core identity, so few have embraced Christ. Buddhism was placed over the powerful Tibetan religion of Bon, which is a mixture of magic, divination, spirit worship and shamanism.

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

- Pray that the nations would know that they cannot defy the Lord. Pray for spiritual receptivity among these Hindus.
- Pray for the Lord to show Himself powerful.
- Pray that strong Bible-believing and teaching churches would rise up to reach Tibetan people in Switzerland.
- Pray that God would raise up loving Swiss Christians to reach out to their Tibetan neighbors.

■ 22 Sinicized Hmong Shua in China

The Hmong Shua speak a different language from all other Miao languages. Hmong Shua means “Sinicized Miao,” and some claim their ancestors were soldiers sent from Jiangxi in China. The soldiers settled down and married Miao women. As a result, today many Hmong Shua do not even claim Miao ethnicity. Other Miao groups call them “Chinese Hmong.” The majority worship their ancestors. Gospel genealogies of Jesus may be a useful entry for Hmong evangelism because they show Jesus’ ancestry.

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

- Pray that today’s people group would indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity.
- Pray that the Hmong Shua would come to understand and embrace the glory of the King of kings and embrace Him as a community.



■ 23 Chut in Vietnam

Chut women find edible roots, snails, vegetables and mushrooms on the forest floor. Chut men hunt small game using traps and crossbows with poisoned arrows and they use dogs to track animals. The various Chut tribes share a common belief in a creator deity. Workers should use this “bridge to God” as a springboard into an explanation of what Christians believe to be true about the creator God.

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

- Pray that today’s people group would understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.
- May they put their hope and identity in the resurrected King of kings!
- Pray for them to have the spiritual hunger it takes to seek and find Jesus.

■ 24 Lu Mien in China

The Lu Mien form part of the Yao nationality. They farm terraced rice paddies that hang off the sides of steep cliffs. The family unit is very important to the Yao. The Yao religion is a combination of ancestor worship and exorcism of ghosts. They are polytheists, meaning they have many gods. Han Chinese believers can be Christ-bearers to the Lu Mien people.

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

- Pray for today’s people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.
- Pray that the Yao people would be set free from the spiritual bondage they have been in for generations.
- Pray for the light of the Gospel to deeply penetrate the darkness.
- Pray for Yao believers to take Christ to villages and families.

■ 25 Katso in China

The Katso of China proudly retain their ethnic identity as Mongols. In the early 1980s, Katso village elders sent a delegation to Inner Mongolia to learn about Mongolian culture and they immediately adopted customs similar to Mongols. Efforts to take the Gospel to them have been met with stubborn resistance and opposition from village leaders and local police who are eager to preserve the Mongolian traditions.

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

- Pray that you would be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.
- Pray for signs and wonders among them and for breakthroughs with a multiplication of disciples and house churches.
- Pray for bold workers, driven by the love of the Holy Spirit to go to them.

■ 26 Hbrogpa Amdo in China

Hbrogpa is the largest of the four main Amdo languages. Their name is Tibetan for “nomad” or “herder.” Most Amdo herd sheep, yaks and goats. Horrendous clashes with the Chinese have resulted in massive loss of life among the Amdo Tibetan groups. It is difficult for outsiders to enter the Hbrogpa homeland.

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

- Pray for the Lord to raise up believers from among today’s people group that will faithfully and fervently pray for their people.
- Pray for believers to build bridges of trust and friendship with the Amdo.
- Pray the Amdo would be increasingly aware of their need for a savior and that there is no savior but Jesus Christ.
- Pray for their elders to have dreams and visions of Jesus that will prepare them to welcome Him into their communities.

■ 27 Boyu Tibetan in China

The local Flower-Gathering Festival of the Boyu Tibetans takes place annually. They believe if they drink the spring water on the mountain before the sun touches it, they will be free from disease, and if they bathe in the water, all evil will be kept from them. During the Flower-Gathering Festival, the Boyu worship Lianzhi, the goddess of flowers.

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

- Pray that you would not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.
- Pray for power encounters and dreams and visions of Jesus.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Boyu people teachable and understanding hearts.
- Pray for Boyu families to be drawn by the Holy Spirit to seek forgiveness and to understand the adequacy of Christ’s work on the cross.

■ 28 Tseku in China

The Tseku people live in the high, remote Himalayan Mountains in freezing, blizzard-like weather. Their food is mainly meat and milk from their livestock and barley and rice. Few, if any, Christian workers are willing to live in such a remote, inhospitable land. Tibetan Buddhism is also a major spiritual obstacle.

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

- May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.
- Pray for the Lord to bring about a movement to Christ in the 2020s.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Tseku people teachable and understanding hearts.
- Pray that a strong movement of the Holy Spirit would bring entire Tseku families into a rich experience of God’s blessing.

■ 29 Kyakala in China

Assimilation occurs when members of minority groups have absorbed the characteristics of the dominant group and become indistinguishable from them. The Kyakala were initially consumed into the Manchu nationality, which in turn has largely been swallowed up by the Han Chinese. There are some Christians among the Kyakala who can share the spiritual blessings of Christ with their community.

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

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as a testimony of his power and love.
- Pray the Kyakala people would have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among them.

■ 30 Sudanese Arab in Italy

A small number of Sudanese Arabs now live in Italy. Having fled the poverty and violence of Sudan, they appreciate the peace of their newfound home in Italy and are taking advantage of opportunities for education and work. Most of the Sudanese Arabs practice Islam. They believe that the teachings of the Koran and the prophet Mohammad are far closer to God's will than the teachings of the Bible. There is a small Sudanese Arab church in Italy.

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

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Ask God to open the spiritual eyes of the Sudanese Arabs in Italy.
- Pray for the emergence of a disciple making movement among the Sudanese.



■ 31 Sadgope Yadav in Bangladesh

The Sadgope Yadav people are mostly agricultural. Many own land and raise cattle in the eastern regions of Bangladesh. The Sadgope Yadav claim to be descendants of King Yadu, which gives them a sense of high honor. They tend to look down on other Bangladeshis and this pride can be a barrier to following Christ. There is a need for the hearts of the Sadgope Yadav to be prepared to receive the Holy Spirit-anointed word.

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

- Pray that hearing the word would lead to deep repentance.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to the Sadgope Yadav in many ways.
- Pray for these proud people to humble themselves, repent and receive forgiveness in Christ.

FEBRUARY

■ 1 Azeri in Belarus

The homeland of the Azerbaijani has been invaded many times. It was first conquered by the Persians in the sixth century B.C. During the seventh century, Islam was introduced, and they have been Muslim since. Their culture is a blend of Turkic and Persian influences. A small number of Azeri live in Belarus.

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

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- As far as we know, there are no Christian believers among this people in Belarus. Pray that this would change.
- Pray for dedicated, Holy Spirit-anointed workers to go to the Azeris in Belarus.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among Azeri family heads, so they would be willing to listen to the Gospel.



■ 2 Bosniak in Croatia

Bosniaks are an ethnic group living in southeastern Europe, mainly in Bosnia and Herzegovina. A smaller number live in Croatia. For many Bosniaks, Islamic identity has more to do with cultural roots than with religious beliefs. Even among most religious Bosniaks, there is a disdain for religious leaders who exercise influence over day-to-day life. Most Bosniaks are Sunni Muslim, but historically Sufism played a significant role among them. This might be a bridge to the Gospel because Sufis seek a personal relationship with the Almighty.

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

- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they would respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray for hundreds of Bosniaks to find that loving personal relationship with the Lord of lords.

■ 3 Ryukyuan in Japan

The Ryukyuan are the indigenous peoples of Japan's Ryukyu Islands. They are some of the longest-lived people in the world. The Ryukyuan people have always considered the arts and music as more honorable than combat skills. Christian believers can use the arts as a way to take Christ to them.

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

- Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.
- A small number of the Ryukyuan people identify themselves as Christians. Pray they would be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them in Japan.
- Pray for loving Christian artists to go to them, bearing Christ in their words and deeds.

■ 4 Kenyan Arab in Kenya

The Kenyan Arabs live in fishing villages along the coasts of Tanzania and Kenya. Their culture is still very similar to that of the first Arabs (desert nomads or Bedouins) and refer to their ancestors as the "true" Arabs. Some Kenyan Arab Muslims also believe in spirits, so they practice magic to gain their favor. They would welcome Christ's servants who come as his hands to heal the sick and spiritually stricken.

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

- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out workers to the Kenyan Arabs and for persons of peace to welcome them.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Arabs of Kenya.

■ 5 Kashmiri (Muslim traditions) in Pakistan

The Kashmiris live in Kashmir, a region in the Himalayan Mountains of northwestern India and northeastern Pakistan. This disputed area has been a battleground between India, Pakistan and China since the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947. Mountains fill more than ninety percent of Kashmir. Most of the region lies under snow and glaciers all year. Kashmiris have a tourist industry for those brave enough to take chances. Believers can enter as tourists.

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

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.
- Pray for a just and lasting peace in Kashmir.
- Pray their trials would breed a desire for true holiness.
- Pray for Kashmiris to allow transformation by the work of the Holy Spirit.

■ 6 Aheria in India

The name Aheria means hunter because this was the main occupation of this group prior to the 1920s. However, in 1920, hunting was banned, and this led to the disappearance of their principal occupation. The community now engages mainly in farming. They are a scheduled caste, low in status among other Hindus. Literacy classes combined with discipleship should be effective in taking Christ to them.

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

- Pray that this people group would understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.
- Pray they would overcome caste stigma and put their identity in Christ.
- Pray they would come to understand and believe God's Son, Jesus, who will give them life to the full if they place their faith in him.

■ 7 Chitrakar (Hindu traditions) in India

Today's people is another Hindu caste divided according to profession. The name Chitrakar means "image maker." They are painters on ceramics, makers of woodblock prints and makers of masks for ritual dances. They also draw objects, create toys and make and paint wood items to sell. While most Chitari are Hindu, a small number follow Christ.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group would find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-anointed believers from the Chitrakar people to change their society from within.
- Pray for a movement in which the Holy Spirit leads and empowers Chitrakar disciples to make more disciples.

■ 8 Bulang in Myanmar

Myanmar is one of the three countries where the Bulang people live. Thousands of them live in the Eastern Shan State in Myanmar, with more living in China. For centuries, the Bulang have been ardent followers of Theravada Buddhism. They strive to observe the Buddhist tripitaka (three baskets) teaching: self-discipline, preaching and discussing doctrine. The Bulang believe that right thinking, sacrifices and self-denial will enable the soul to reach nirvana, a state of eternal bliss. This can be a starting point for those who introduce them to Jesus.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group would look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!

- Pray for the Bulang to seek out the Light that may enrich their lives.

■ 9 Khlor in Laos

The Khlor people have gradually lost their culture over the course of the past century. They have lost their traditional dances and the use of their ancient weaponry. They still use shamans to mediate between their community and the spirits. Though they are still held in respect, the shamans' influence has greatly dimmed.

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

- Pray that this people group would find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.
- Pray the Khlor people would hear the life-changing Gospel from believers from other people groups.
- Pray that the Khlor in Laos would find the clarity to seek out the truth that can be found in Jesus.
- Pray that they would find peace in Christ.
- Pray for a network of family-centered fellowships.

■ 10 Chong in Cambodia

The Chong people live in small, isolated villages that are often located in heavily forested areas. Educational opportunities are limited and conducted in the national language, Khmer. Many young people now speak only Khmer and the Chong language is moribund. Many of the Chong are in poverty and are looked down upon by the Khmer majority.

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

- Pray that many from this "nation" would boast only in the name of the Lord.
- Pray for the Gospel to come to them in oral forms such as stories and music.
- Pray that Chong believers would be supported and shown love so the Chong people may enjoy the fragrance of Christ in their families.
- Pray for community of believers to be built in Cambodia.





■ 11 Adyghe in Egypt

The Adyghe have never had an independent state. Folk dances are a very important part of their culture. The dances tell stories about everyday life, and they preserve their long history. The Xabze is a code with many rules and morals. The Xabze is passed on from generation to generation. Today's Adyghe youth are still being taught to carry on the traditions.

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

- Pray that leaders from this people group would look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.
- There is a small percentage of Adyghe who may follow Christ. Pray they would spread the Gospel to their neighbors and families.
- Pray for Christ's workers to minister to the Adyghe.
- Pray for movements fueled by Jesus' teachings of love and dedication to the Lord.

■ 12 Moroccan Arab in Norway

Most of the Moroccan Arabs in Europe are centered around urban centers and often have to work in low paying jobs. Maintaining their identity while being surrounded by European culture is very important to many Moroccan Arabs. This can limit openness to the Gospel. On the other hand, some Moroccan Arabs want contact with the Norwegian population. Christian believers can interact with them, sharing the blessings of Jesus Christ.

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

- Pray that this people group would rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.
- Pray for a church planting movement among the speakers of Moroccan Arabic in Norway to grow and spread.
- Pray they would hear and follow the words of Jesus.

■ 13 Dhankar Dhanuk in India

The Dhankar Dhanuk people can be farmers, scavengers, sweepers, weavers or office workers. They are Hindus who also worship their own local deities. Most Dhanuk are not well educated, so the Gospel will need to be presented in oral forms. Believers can take Christ to their villages through songs and skits. They can be left with Gospel recordings in the local languages.

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

- Pray that this people group would be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as a testimony of his power and love.
- Pray the Dhankar Dhanuk people would have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 14 Changgar in India

The Changgar live in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. They have a sense of group identity based on Islam, the common Urdu language and Persian cultural tradition. Most men work in agriculture and animal husbandry. The Changgar who live in poverty would benefit by learning new job skills and access to modern medicine.

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

- Pray that this people group would accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.
- Pray for the Lord to send out workers to the Changgar people to help them with their spiritual and physical needs.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger and a willingness to listen to the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a disciple making movement that will bless the Changgar people this decade.

■ 15 Aiton in India

The ancestors of the Aiton originated in northern Myanmar, where they lived for centuries along with Tai-speaking groups. In the latter part of the eighteenth century, the Aiton entered Assam as political refugees. Elders are responsible for handing down the oral traditions, folk tales and songs

about their origin and migration. Their songs tell of oppression in their original homeland, which led to their long and difficult journey across the mountains into India. They are Theravada Buddhists. They need a hunger for truth and righteousness.

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

- Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group would be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.
- Please pray this small people group would be given a desire for forgiveness of sin.

■ 16 Yemeni Arab in the US

The first Yemenis to settle in the United States did so between the 1870s and the 1890s. Some gained citizenship by fighting in WWI and WWII. One is most likely to find Yemeni Arabs in Detroit, Buffalo or California's Central Valley. Most Yemeni men work long hours to support their families.

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

- Pray for leaders of today's people group to put all their hope in the Lord just like King David did when he wrote this Psalm.
- Pray for a just peace in Yemen that will allow the Yemeni diaspora to return home.
- Pray for the Lord to use the instability in Yemen to help Muslim Yemenis to understand they need a savior.
- Pray for small, extended family home fellowships to multiply in the United States.

■ 17 Southern Bai in China

Some Bai people deny that they are Han Chinese. They aren't fully Chinese either. The Bai are followers of Mahayana Buddhism. Most Bai have yet to receive an intelligible Gospel witness in their language.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group would recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!
- Pray the Bai would see they do not have to live in slavery to spirits if they put their trust in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to intervene in their families, calling people to Him and blessing them abundantly.

- Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords.
- Pray for a church planting movement to thrive in their communities.

■ 18 Bania unspecified in Nepal

Business, jewelry-making and agriculture are the traditional occupations of the Bania. Floor painting and folk songs represent their art and culture. The Bania are devoted to certain Hindu deities. They give utmost importance to religious rituals. Their high status and thriving businesses might prevent them from having the humility to call on the Lord. Christ's ambassadors can use art as a bridge to share the Gospel.

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

- Pray for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.
- Pray for open hearts and a thirst for the abundant, eternal life that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for dreams and visions for Bania elders, leading them to open their community to seek the only savior.

■ 19 Hu in China

The Hu are a distinct people group. They live simple lives, tending to rice paddies built into mountain slopes. Although the Hu claim to be Buddhists, their daily lives are more influenced by animistic beliefs. They fear demons and believe that all sickness and bad luck come upon them because of upsetting the balance between the natural and spiritual worlds.

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

- Pray that this very year many from this people group would seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move the hearts of believers to seek and reach them so that the risen Christ will be manifested.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up a dedicated movement to Christ.

■ 20 Khas in Bhutan

The Khas live in Bhutan, Nepal and northeastern India. They are hard workers who try to make a living by tending crops and livestock in a hard climate. The Khas are Hindus, but they blend their religion with Buddhist elements. Though there are no believers among the Khas in Bhutan, the Gospel has reached a good number of those who live in India.

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

- Pray for many from today's people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.
- Pray that the Khas who know Christ would be properly instructed in the truth of the word, would grow in spiritual maturity and in number and would have a burden to spread the name of Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill them with power and enable them to effectively communicate the word.

■ 21 Kheng in Bhutan

The Kheng are found primarily in Bhutan and speak Khengkha. The areas inhabited by the Kheng are off-limits to foreign travelers. The Kheng are Tibetan Buddhists, but the shamanistic Bon religion greatly influences their belief. It is very difficult for them to understand or embrace the ways of Christ. The few believers among the Kheng may be able to communicate the Gospel message.

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

- Thank the Lord that He leads with love and faithfulness!
- Pray for believers to have the burden, courage, love, and the power of the Holy Spirit to make any inroads into this Tibetan Buddhist community.
- Pray for spiritual discernment and a hunger for truth.

■ 22 Kalmyk-Oirat in Russia

The Kalmyks are Mongolian in origin. They live in the semi-desert region between the Volga River and the Caucasus Mountains in European Russia. Buddhism remains a strong point of identity for Kalmyks. Their beliefs are full of occultism and shamanism. They identify Christianity with Russia and therefore they are averse to Russian religion. The initial interest in Christianity was quenched by the influx of many denominations, which led to confusion and disillusionment with Christianity.

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

- Pray for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.
- Pray for them to see beyond the weaknesses of His followers and look to the Risen Christ.
- Ask the Lord to raise up loving health workers as his ambassadors.

■ 23 Chechen in Germany

The first Chechens began to arrive in Germany in the 1990s, when Chechnya was being destroyed by the Russian Army. Chechens can be devout Muslims, often for nationalistic purposes. They often associate Islam with their fight against outsiders, especially the "Christian" Russians.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group would allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they would begin to publicly praise Him.
- Pray for believers to be Christ's hands and feet by helping Chechens in Germany to improve their lives and to see Christ as He really is.
- Pray for Chechens in Germany to find the dignity of becoming part of Lord Jesus' loving family.

■ 24 Tuvans-Todzhan in Russia

The Todzhan Tuvans are a subgroup of the larger, Tuva-speaking group in Russia. They are herders and breeders of reindeer. Divorce is common among the Tuvans. Tuvan culture is noted for its rich, oral epic poetry and Tuvans love music. Today, the Todzhan Tuvans are mostly Buddhists, but the influence of shamanism is still strong.

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

- Pray the Tuvan peoples would be able to provide adequately for their families.
- Pray for workers to go to the Todzhan Tuvans, blessing their families and strengthening their marriages for the cause of Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to show Himself powerful and loving by blessing this group in the coming years.

■ 25 Chinese Buriat in China

The Buriat in China inhabit grasslands in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. This remote area is located where China, Russia and Mongolia meet. Most Buriat live in mud and wood houses, although some are still nomads. Shamanism has deep roots in Buriat culture. A few of the Buriat in China have embraced Christ, resulting from Chinese house church efforts. New believers took responsibility for evangelizing westward into Inner Mongolia, boldly preaching the Gospel and seeing thousands of people come to Christ.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group would crave fellowship with the One True God.
- Pray for Buriat disciples to make more disciples.
- Pray for adequate Scriptures and discipleship resources in their language.



■ 26 Judeo-Crimean Tatar in Ukraine

Most of the Judeo-Crimean Tatar Jews are Orthodox, which means that they take the Old Testament scriptures very seriously. It can also give them reason to try to stay away from people of other faiths. If believers can break through this wall, they can discuss the meaning of the OT prophets who pointed the way to Jesus.

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

- Pray for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.

- Pray for loving workers to go to the Jewish Crimean Tatar people and for hearts to be ready to receive their Messiah.
- Pray for a chain reaction of families reaching families that results in thousands of new believers who share their faith with others.

■ 27 Darai in India

If you belong to the Darai people, you had better get along with your brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. The reason is that you will marry your spouse's younger sibling if he or she dies! They live in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. Today, many are fishermen, rope makers or common laborers. A few are in professional careers. With no followers of Christ in their community, the Darai people have a great disadvantage in seeing Christ working in families.

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

- May this be the attitude of many from today's people group.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out laborers to the Darai people.
- Pray for dreams and visions that will open hearts to Jesus Christ.

■ 28 Darjee in India

The traditional occupation of the Darjee is tailoring, and some are musicians. They regard the Kuldevta as their household deity and also worship Vandevta. They live primarily in the Himalayan countries of Bhutan and Nepal, but some are in India.

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

- Pray that many would understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.
- Pray for the few followers of Christ among this low caste community, that they would follow Christ with zeal and holiness.
- Pray they would be rooted and established in love.
- Pray for the Darjee community to increasingly be drawn to Jesus Christ and His teachings.
- Pray for loving, Holy Spirit-driven workers to go to the Darjee people.