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■ 1 Adyge in Syria

Fleeing Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, the Muslim Adyge people left the northern Russian Caucasus Mountains for Syria prior to World War II. There are still five locations where they live in northern Syria. Today they are experiencing a renaissance of self-identification.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 | *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.*

- Make this your prayer for this people group.
- Pray that the churches in Syria would grow spiritually and numerically and serve Christ by thrusting out workers to the Adyge people.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Adyge people in Syria and Russia.
- Pray that the Adyge would come to seek their identity in Christ and learn to obey Him.

■ 2 Levantine Bedouin in Syria

Most of the Levantine Bedouin are semi-nomadic, living in the desert during the rainy season and along its edges the rest of the year, raising sheep, goats and camels. Those who have become farmers are no longer called Bedouin. Their patriarchal life has changed little in hundreds of years.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 | *May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.*

- May today's people group find full understanding of the love of God.
- Pray for Christian medical workers to work among them because their health needs are great.
- Pray that those in Israel would be won to follow Christ and carry the gospel to their kinsmen in Syria and Lebanon.

■ 3 Alawite in Syria

The Alawis are divided into four main tribes. They are a closed society, and they see themselves as a persecuted and despised people who actually are the chosen people of God, the only ones to have seen the light in a world of darkness. The Alawis have survived as a distinct group in spite of repeated persecution. Ironically, Syria's president is Alawite.

2 Timothy 2:2 | *...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

- Use this verse to pray for a disciple making movement among this people group.
- Pray the Lord would use turmoil in the Middle East to point people in that region towards Jesus the Prince of Peace, Immanuel God with us.

■ 4 Druze in Syria

"Druze" is a word derived from el-Drzi, the name of one of the early propagandists of the Druze religion. The religion of the Druze began in the 9th century as a sect of Islam. Druze hold the Koran to be sacred, but look upon it as an outer shell, holding an "inner, esoteric meaning." They can be found in Israel, Lebanon, and Syria, where they follow a lifestyle of isolation.

2 Timothy 2:25–26 | *Correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

- Pray for new believers to have mercy and love for those who are abusive.
- Pray that they will intercede in prayer for them.
- Pray each individual in the Druze community would soon become persuaded that Jesus is truly the only way to God and would place their faith in His finished work on the cross.
- Pray for hundreds of disciples among the Druze.



■ 5 Kabardian in Syria

The name looks Armenian, but it isn't. Originally from Russia, some Kabardian people live in northern Syria. Their life code values both hospitality and blood revenge: hospitality to guests and blood revenge to their enemies. Their youth are becoming radicalized by Muslim militants.

Titus 1:5 | *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

- Pray for the Lord to raise up elders to lead this people group into all truth.
- Pray that the "tree of life" motif (see Revelation 2:7, 22:1-3) in their culture would become a "bridge of God" to open the door in their communities to the one who gives abundant life.
- Pray that Arab believers would reach out to them with love, compassion, and zeal, leading to a powerful church planting movement.

■ 6 Middle-Eastern Turkmen in Syria

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

Hebrews 1:1-2 | *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

- Pray that today's people group comes to understand that the one, true God has spoken through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Pray they would have the wisdom to listen to Jesus.
- Pray for the Syrian church to become unified in Christ's purposes so that they can and will go to the Turkmen among them.
- Pray for the Turkmen of Syria to respond to the limited witness and grow disenchanted with Islam.
- Pray that they would see faith in Jesus as an acceptable alternative to the spiritual answers they have embraced for generations.

■ 7 Kerinci in Bahrain

Hot and humid to hot and dry: this is the climate change faced by the Kerinci people who migrated from Indonesia to Bahrain for work. They were a farming people in Sumatra, Indonesia, but farming is not something many people do in Bahrain. Islam is their main religion although the Kerinci retain many animistic beliefs.

Hebrews 2:3 | *How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard.*

- Pray that this people group would not ignore good news of salvation announced by the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for God's abundant spiritual and physical blessings for the Kerinci people.
- Pray for those who love the Savior to go to the Kerinci people in Bahrain.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Kerinci people this decade.

■ 8 Ambalavasi in India

The Ambalavasi community lived and worked near Hindu temples, so their name comes from "ambal," which means temple and "vasi," which means inmate. 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.

Hebrews 2:14 | *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.*

- Pray for today's people group to escape the power of death and the devil and to flee to Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Ambalavasi come to see religion as more than ritual and festivals and that they would long for a personal encounter with God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade among the Ambalavasi people.
- Pray that God would open Ambalavasi hearts and minds to be receptive to scripture and power encounters.

■ 9 Eluthassan in India

The Eluthassan people live in Kerala, one of India's most Christianized states. They speak Malayalam, Kerala's language. These Hindus remain unreached, despite the fact that a high percentage of their neighbors follow the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Hebrews 3:3 *For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.*

- Pray for God to grant this people group the wisdom to know that Jesus' glory far exceeds the glory of any human prophet.
- Pray for the Lord to move on Eluthassan hearts to open the doors of their communities to those who believe in Christ.
- Pray for spiritual openness among the Eluthassan people of India.
- Pray that there would be a Disciple Making Movement among the Eluthassan people this decade.
- Pray for physical and spiritual blessings for this people group.

■ 10 Gujarati in Tanzania

The Gujarati are primarily classified as the inhabitants of the state of Gujarat, western India. Many Gujarati have migrated to other countries such as Tanzania and are often referred to as simply "Gujarati," even though a number of castes and tribes may be represented. The majority of the Gujarati are Hindus, but there may be many Muslims among them. The Gujarati of Tanzania may well have an insular mindset, desiring to protect their culture from those very different cultures around them.

Hebrews 3:18 *And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

- Pray today's people group would enter into God's spiritual rest by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray that each individual in the Gujarati community in Tanzania would have one or more opportunities to hear about the Savior.



■ 11 Gujarati in Australia

The Indian state of Gujarat has long been an important center for trade, and their merchants have been sent all over the world. Today, they are successful in business ventures internationally. Thousands live in Australia. Often people who have material wealth are less open to accepting the abundant life Christ offers. For that reason, there is a very low percentage of Gujarati believers anywhere in the world, including Australia.

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

- Pray for this people group to approach God's throne of grace and receive the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Gujarati businessmen would embrace the Savior and take His name to Gujaratis around the world.
- Pray the Lord would raise a Disciple Making Movement among the Australian Gujaratis.



■ 12 Danuwar Rai in Nepal

If you believed you had Hindu goddesses as ancestors, would it be hard to break away from Hinduism? That is the situation for the Danuwar Rai people of Nepal. Collectively, the Rai are known as a very courageous, daring and fearless people. In recent history, they have won worldwide respect for their bravery in the Royal Nepalese Army. Joining the army is often a way out of enduring economic hardship.

Hebrews 5:9 *And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.*

- Pray for today's people group to obey God and that Jesus to become their source of eternal salvation.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Danuwar Rai people that will leave them dissatisfied with anything short of a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-driven workers to go to the Danuwar Rai people this decade.

■ 13 Srigaud Brahmin in India

The Srigaud Brahmins are almost exclusively Hindu, a truly unreached group! Most Srigaud Brahmin families prefer to be employed in challenging professions such as computer software engineering rather than being a priest. Few know a Christ follower from any Brahmin community.

Hebrews 6:19 | *We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.*

- Pray that the Spirit leads this people group to hope in Christ and that He becomes the trustworthy anchor of their souls.
- Pray that the Church in South India would reach out to the Srigaud Brahmin community.
- Pray that the Srigaud Brahmin community would become dissatisfied with their current situation and begin to seek answers to their questions in the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among these Brahmins that will result in a movement to Christ.

■ 14 Chain in India

Caste-consciousness is an obvious obstacle that limits who may evangelize them. This is one of the reasons why those from the more prestigious castes are not reached. It has been the lower castes who have responded to Christ in the past. The Chain people are mainly landowners, so for them to have a fair chance to accept the gospel, they will need to hear from others from their level of society.

Hebrews 7:22 | *This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.*

- Pray that this people group believes in Jesus and embraces the blessings of the New Covenant.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out His chosen vessels as Christ bearers to the Chain people.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Chain people and other prestigious communities in India.



■ 15 Chhetri in Bhutan

Hundreds of years ago the Chhetri people group was formed by the intermarriage of several people groups that had settled in the mountains of Nepal. Later the Chhetri conquered most of Nepal; the name Chhetri is based on a word for warrior. In 1768, one Chhetri family formed the royal family of Nepal.

Hebrews 8:6 | *But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.*

- Pray for today's people to realize that their works will never make them pleasing to God.
- Pray they trust in the grace of God found only in Christ.
- Pray that believers would lead the Chhetri people in Nepal to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for them to be disciplined in the ways of Jesus Christ and to spread His glory to other communities.

■ 16 Eastern Cham in Vietnam

As a small minority group now overrun with poverty and persecution, one must remember that the Eastern Cham kingdom once reigned in Southeast Asia. The Cham are descendants from what was known as the Champa Kingdom. The Eastern Cham are a mixture of Hindus and Muslims, but they are also highly influenced by ancestor worship and animism.

Hebrews 9:12 | *He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*

- Pray for this people group to come to comprehend that the blood of animals will never get them right with the one, true God.
- Pray that they realize that only the blood of Christ can forgive their sins and gain for them eternal life.
- Pray that followers of Christ from Vietnam will be led by the Lord's Spirit to take Christ to the Eastern Cham.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them.

■ 17 Hindu Bedia in Nepal

One source considers Bedia to be the generic name of a number of vagrant nomadic groups. Traditionally, a large section of the Bedia were reported to be earning a livelihood from prostitution and dancing, however, this has largely been discontinued.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

- Pray that the believers in today's people group would hold fast to the hope they have in Christ.
- Pray for the Bedia people to be delivered from their fear of "Christendom" and to embrace God's blessing through His word for their families and clans.
- Pray the Bedia would make schooling a priority for their children and would be able to improve their standard of living.
- Pray the few followers of Jesus among the Bedia would have pastors and teachers to help them grow to become faithful disciples.

■ 18 Hindu Bairagi in Nepal

The history of the Bairagi commences with Ramanuja, who lived in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and taught in the southern part of India. A proper Bairagi is one whose principal deity is either Vishnu or any of his incarnations like Rama and Krishna. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing community harmony within this Hindu community.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

- Pray for this people group to come to God and understand that He will reward them with His truth.
- Pray the few believers among the Bairagi people would grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and friends.
- Pray that those that the Lord will soon call to Himself will be catalysts for a movement to Christ.
- Pray they would live holy lives that honor Christ.



■ 19 Sikh Arora in India

Arora Sikhs have had to rely on their resilience and determination. This grit has not only brought them through various obstacles, but it has also helped them rise above them. Today, the Arora are prominent figures in many fields. One of them, Dr. Manmohan Singh, was a recent prime minister of India. Though they are known for their religious tolerance, very few Aroras have actually embraced Christ as the only way to salvation.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Pray that the believers in this people group keep their spiritual focus on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith.
- Pray for their mental well-being and for all their physical and spiritual needs to be met.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Arora Sikhs this decade.

■ 20 Bhojpuri Bihari in South Africa

During colonial days a large number of people from Bihar region of British India moved to various parts of the world to work as indentured laborers. Some even went to South Africa, where the community found employment and was able to put down roots working in sugarcane, cocoa, rice, and rubber plantations. Now, the Biharis in South Africa have prospered, are well educated, and have a high rate of literacy.

Mark 10:14-15

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

- Pray for today's people group to show hospitality to those messengers of the gospel who God sends to them.
- Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ during the 2020s among the Hindu Biharis of South Africa.



■ 21 Balinese in Malaysia

The island of Bali is probably better known than the host country of Indonesia! Bali's beauty, friendly people, exquisite art, and unique culture have made this Indonesian island a favorite destination for millions of tourists. On this "island of the gods" reside the Balinese people. Some Balinese live in Malaysia, a beautiful country near Indonesia.

James 1:5 | *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

- Pray for this people group to begin to seek the wisdom of God that is found in His word.
- Pray for spiritual openness among the Balinese people.
- Pray that as Balinese Hindus embrace Christ, they would forsake all other gods.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Balinese in Malaysia that will spread to their communities in Indonesia and Australia.

■ 22 Highland Bali Baliaga in Indonesia

The culture, language, and religion of the Baliaga differ significantly from that of their Balinese neighbors. They maintain a strong sense of cultural identity and still practice unique rituals found nowhere else. Although they practice the Balinese form of Hinduism, they are also animistic. They worship at various Balinese temples but also practice a form of ancestor worship

James 1:12 | *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

- Pray that the believers in today's people group patiently endure their afflictions and share the good news with others.
- Pray for the Baliaga people to hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- Pray for their elders to open the door for their people to embrace the only Savior.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Baliaga people this decade.



■ 23 Sikh Bawaria in India

According to Bawari legends, they were Rajputs and nobles before the coming of the Moghul armies. The Muslims defeated them and banished them to the forests. Today, they are eligible for special government jobs and extra university admissions. Most Bawari Sikhs work in agriculture on land owned by higher caste Indians.

James 1:22 | *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

- Pray for the believers in this people group to become not merely hearers but doers of God's word.
- Pray for workers to develop outreach plans.
- Pray for a desire for spiritual truth that will lead Bawari Sikhs to the spiritual blessings of Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to send dreams and visions of Jesus Christ to the Sikhs.
- Pray for a people movement among Sikhs during the 2020s.

■ 24 Sikh Chhipa in India

A Chhipa can be a Sikh, Hindu, or a Muslim. Confusing? We can only imagine the spiritual confusion caused by three major religions within one people group. Do they view faith in Christ as a fourth "religion" that would add more confusion? Presenting the gospel will be a challenge.

James 2:8 | *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well.*

- Pray for today's people group to obey God's law and love their neighbor as themselves.
- Pray that the Chhipa people would see the futility of their conflicting religions and seek and find the only savior.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Chhipa families, especially the children and the youth, and to raise up a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses of Jesus Christ's mercy and love.

■ 25 Sikh Jat Dhillon in India

The Dhillon Jats had a large number of kings, royalty and warriors in their history. Some believe the Dhillon Jats founded India's capital city, Delhi. Unfortunately, people with high status are often the least open to the gospel. Christianity got its foothold in India by appealing to backward castes who eagerly welcomed the gospel. It gave them hope, but it also made the Dhillon Jats see faith in Christ as being for "lower status" peoples.

James 4:8 | *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

- Pray that God draws this people group to Himself.
- Pray that their hearts are purified and become completely devoted to Him.
- Pray for Dhillon Jats to put their hope and identity in Christ rather than in their social standing.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Dhillon Jats.

■ 26 Sikh Jat Gil in India

Throughout most of South Asia, the entertainment hub is nicknamed "Bollywood," centered in Mumbai. A number of Shergills are prominent in India's entertainment industry. The Shergill name comes from the Gil Jat clan, and it is one of the largest and most aristocratic of the Jat clans. Historically, they were renowned for their courage, honesty and bravery.

1 Peter 1:3 | *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

- Pray that many among this people are born again and become part of God's family.
- Pray for the Gil Jats, even those who work in the entertainment industry, to see their need for Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God to anoint and appoint workers to create relevant, culturally sensitive Christ-centered radio, TV programs, and films that will be appropriate for the Gil Jats of India.

■ 27 Sikh Sidhu Jat in India

Who are the best farmers in India? Some might say they are the Jats. Their success over time allowed them to become prosperous landowners, and to this day they are some of the wealthiest people in India. Currently, many Sidhu Jats have advanced through education to successful professional positions, but there are still a fair number of Sidhu who struggle to maintain their farms to provide for their families. Most Sidhu Jats are a proud people who do not see a reason to change their religious life.

1 Peter 2:2 | *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.*

- Pray that the believers in today's people group would long for the word of God and grow into spiritual maturity.
- Pray that thousands of Sidhu Jats would be open to a personal relationship with God and enter into His kingdom.

■ 28 Sikh Rajput in India

Rajputs are descendants of ruling Hindu warrior classes of North India, but they vary greatly in status from princely lineages to farmers. Due to the influence of Sikhism in the Punjab, a number of Rajput villages in that state converted to Sikhism during the Mughal era. The Rajput influence played a major role in Sikhism by militarizing common Sikhs.

1 Peter 1:24-25 | *For All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

- Pray that as the word of God is shared with this people group and that they see its truth and beauty.
- Pray the Sikh Rajputs would be given the gift of conviction of sin and would deeply feel a need for Jesus as savior.
- Pray that there will soon be a Disciple Making Movement among them in India.



■ 29 Sikh Kumhar in India

If you ever buy anything made from ceramics in India, you will probably be buying from someone from the Kumhar community who can be either Hindu or Sikh. The Sikhs among them live primarily in Punjab, where there is a Sikh majority. They are faithful to the Sikh code of conduct, established by the teaching of ten Sikh gurus. This includes reading or reciting daily prayers as written in their holy book known as the Guru Granth.

1 Peter 2:10 | *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

- Pray for the Lord would to extend His mercy to this people group and that many of them become God's children
- Pray that the Sikh Kumhars would be touched by God's word.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Sikh Kumhars in the 2020s.

■ 30 Sikh Sonar in India

The Sonar community is known for their amazing creativity in the art of designing and producing beautiful gold jewelry. Their very name "Sonar" means goldsmith. Many have done well financially, and some are money lenders or bankers. The younger Sonars are advancing in education, which has given them more professional opportunities in other fields of work. Though most are Hindus, there are also many Sikhs among them.

1 Peter 3:14-15 | *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His words of wisdom to believers who share their faith to this people group.
- Pray that Sikh Sonars would humble themselves to be open to the Lord. Pray for believers to go to them as Christ bearers.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Sonars in the 2020s.

DECEMBER

■ 1 Gulf-spoken Arabs in Egypt

As the prodigy of the founders of Islam, Gulf Arabs have a strong vested interest in remaining faithful to the Islamic political/religious system. Gulf Arabs are often part of the most conservative forms of Islam. Radio and satellite TV efforts like SAT-7 provide all Arabic speakers with the gospel in the privacy of their own homes.

1 Peter 3:15 | *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

- Pray for today's people group to learn to worship Christ as Lord and King.
- Pray for openness to these messages. Ask the Holy Spirit to thrust out people who are willing to share the love of Christ with the Gulf Arabs in Egypt.
- Pray that a strong church planting movement would be raised up among the Gulf Arabs in Egypt.

■ 2 Baharia in Egypt

Bahariya is the name of an oasis located in north central Egypt. There are many villages in the oasis. There is substantial tourism to the oasis because of antiquities (tombs, mummies and other artifacts have been discovered there), and because of the beautiful surrounding deserts.

1 Peter 4:12 | *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

- Pray that the hardships that God allows in the lives of believers in this people group do not discourage them.
- Pray for tourists to take Christ to the Baharia people in Egypt.
- Pray this will be the time when there is a movement to Christ among them.



■ 3 Eastern Bedawi Bedouin in Egypt

Several Bedouin tribes reside in Egypt, often occupying various oases in the desert areas. They lead a fairly harsh existence, with few amenities. Almost all are Sunni Muslim. The Eastern Bedawi Bedouin tend to be insular, separated from communities around them. Radio and television broadcasts of the gospel message in the language of the Bedouin will be very useful, even necessary to reach these tribes.

1 Peter 5:5 | *Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

- Pray that the believers in this people group are clothed with humility and grace.
- Pray for movements to Jesus to sweep through Bedouin families, permeating the group from within.
- Pray for the Bedouin, that they would hunger to know the forgiveness and fulfillment found only through Christ.

■ 4 Bedawi Beja in Egypt

The Bejas worshipped the Egyptian goddess Isis at Philae. After the temple was closed down in the 6th century by the Byzantine emperor Justinian, the Beja converted to Christianity. In the 10th century, Islam spread and gained popularity among the Beja people. Most Beja people today are Sufi Muslim, but they practice black magic against enemies, and they use sacred fires to ward off spirits which they believe cause sickness and accidents.

2 Peter 1:2-3 | *May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray the Beja would once again discover their ancient Christian heritage, and that the Lord would remember the prayers of their ancestors.
- Pray for them to return to Jesus Christ.



■ 5 Siwa Berbers in Egypt

The Siwa people mostly live in the Siwa Oasis, a remote desert location in the far west of Egypt, close to the Libyan border. A road was built in the 1980s from this oasis to the Mediterranean coast. The people are culturally closer to the Berbers of Libya than they are to Egyptians, and they have their own language. Tourists visit the Siwa Oasis; this offers interesting possibilities insofar as bringing the gospel to these people.

2 Peter 1:4 | *By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

- Pray for the believers in this people group to cling to the promises of God and escape Earthly corruption.
- Pray for Christ to send out His ambassadors to the Siwa Berbers.
- Pray for them to crave the spiritual nourishment only Jesus Christ can offer.

■ 6 Fur in Egypt

Darfur, the name of the area where they live today, means the homeland of the Fur. They are an active farming people and may also raise cattle. The Fur are nominally Sunni Muslims. They are kin to the Kanuri people of Nigeria, with whom they maintained contact over the centuries. Some live in Egypt.

2 Peter 3:17 | *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

- Pray that the Lord protects the believers in today's people group from false teachers and false teaching.
- There are few followers of Christ among the Fur; pray the Lord would soon build a church planting movement among this ancient community.
- Ask the Lord to help the Fur care properly for their families, and to live lives of peace.

7 Halebi Romani in Egypt

Halebi is an Egyptian name for Romani, and they reside in Egypt's Nile Delta. Traditionally, the men traded in horses, and the women practiced folk medicine, fortune-telling, and divination. Some travel into the Sudan because of economic hardship. It may be difficult for the Halebi to trust outsiders. Therefore, Christians need to build friendships with these Romani, caring genuinely for their material and physical needs.

2 Peter
3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

- Pray that the believers in this people group grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for their material and physical well-being.
- Pray for these Romani to increasingly hunger to know the Son of God.
- Pray the few believers among the Romani would grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and neighbors.

8 Fezzan Bedouin in Libya

Resources are available in the languages of most Bedouin, but how can resources be made available to these people living largely in remote portions of Libya? Gospel radio can be effective in reaching people in remote areas and is especially needed for nomadic groups. Pray for funding needed to create good quality programs and to keep them on the air. There are no known followers of Jesus among the Fezzan Bedouin.

1 John
1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- Pray for today's people group to perceive the holiness and justice of God and to be led by the Spirit to repent of their sins.
- Pray for those the Lord is preparing for Himself.
- Pray for the Fezzan Bedouin to have adequate rainfall for their crops and herds.
- Pray also that they would see the importance of educating their children well for a rapidly changing world.



9 Sanusi Bedouin in Libya

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

1 John
2:4

Whoever says I know him but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

- Pray for this people to learn and obey the commandments of God.
- Pray for gospel radio to reach the Sanusi people and that they would learn of these broadcasts.
- Pray for excellent programming, to which they will want to listen.
- Pray they would clearly understand that the salvation God offers is a gift from Him, not something to be earned.

10 Sirtican Bedouin in Libya

The Sirtican Bedouin of Libya speak Arabic and their primary religion is Sunni Islam, the largest branch of Islam. The Bedouin fall into two basic groups: the "true" Bedouin who live as nomadic shepherds, and the majority group who have embraced farming and are known as the fellahin. The fellahin lead a more settled life on the edge of the desert. Their unique language (Badawi Arabic) and the dominance of Islam make them difficult to engage with.

1 John
3:10

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

- Pray for the believers in today's people group to live righteously for the Lord and to love their brothers and sisters.
- Pray for Sirticans to become disillusioned with traditional spiritual answers and to understand they need a sin-bearing savior.
- Pray that they would have dreams and visions of Jesus Christ.

■ 11 Jabal Nafusah in Libya

A unique aspect of Nafusah villages is the famous troglodyte houses. These are underground homes carved vertically or horizontally into the soft limestone. Although most Libyans are Sunni Muslims, the Nefusah belong to a tiny Islamic sect called Ibadaya. Ibadaya originated in the seventh century, when they withdrew from mainstream Islam and relocated in several countries.

1 John 4:4 | *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

- Pray that the believers in this people group would understand that God’s Spirit who lives in them is far greater than any spirit in the world.
- Pray the growing number of Christians among the Berber peoples would become strong enough to reach all of the tribes of North Africa with the gospel.
- Pray for a stable and effective government that will be able to protect the people and provide stability in Libya.

■ 12 Tubu in Libya

Known as “desert warriors,” the folk Islamic Tubu (or Teda) live as semi-nomadic herders in Libya as well as in neighboring Chad. These hardy people have their own independent rules that govern their affairs. For years, the Libyan government claimed they are not Libyan citizens and declared they belonged in Chad. Starting in November 2009, the government began a forced eviction and demolishing of Tubu property.

1 John 5:11-12 | *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

- Pray that this people group realizes that it is only through the Son of God, Jesus Christ, that they can obtain eternal life.
- Pray that compassionate followers of Christ with a deep understanding and caring for the Tubu people would be thrust out to present them with God’s grace.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among Tubu elders that will lead to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 13 Muhamasheen in Libya

The Muhamasheen live in fierce poverty. Many of the men work as street sweepers while the women and children collect cans and bottles for income and beg. Almost none of the children attend school. It is said that most of the Muhamasheen have internalized their low status and do not try to better themselves, find real jobs or seek an education. Much of their meager income goes to buy qat, a stimulant.

2 John 1:4 | *I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.*

- Pray for this people group to learn to walk in the truth and to obey the commandments of God.
- Pray these desperately poor and marginalized people would be able to escape the bonds of their low status.
- Pray for them to find their sense of worth in Jesus Christ.

■ 14 Zuwarah in Libya

The Zuwarah, like other Berbers, are generally bilingual, speaking both Zuarah (a dialect of Nafusi) and Arabic. The Zuwarah are almost entirely Muslim. There is a great lack of Christian resources available in the Nafusi language.

2 John 1:10 | *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting.*

- Pray that today’s people group rejects false teachers and false doctrine.
- Pray for the funds and workers needed to create resources and deliver them to the people.
- Pray that the few believers among the Zuwarah Berbers would be quick to repent of sin and would teach others to live the Spirit-filled life.
- Pray for the Lord to remember the ancient prayers of long-dead Berber believers, as they prayed for their descendants to know and follow Christ.





■ 15 Idaksahak in Algeria

These “sons of Isaac,” which is what Idaksahak means, are committed to their livestock, their families, and their Muslim faith. Few, if any, missionaries are willing to live like nomads to reach nomads.

3 John 1:11 | *Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.*

- Pray that the Lord raises up pastors and teachers in this people group who set good examples and are able to teach the Bible.
- Pray for rugged but loving believers to go to them until they have the resources they need to teach their own people the gospel.
- Pray for an intense spiritual hunger among the Idaksahak people that will lead to a Disciple Making Movement.
- Pray for the Lord to provide the Idaksahak people with adequate rainfall and healthy livestock as an example of His goodness to all.

■ 16 Dui-Menia Bedouin in Algeria

The Bedouins are hailed by Arabs as “ideal” Arabs, especially because of their rich oral poetic tradition, their herding lifestyle, and their traditional code of honor. Bedouins are distinct from other Arabs because of their extensive kinship networks, which provide them with community support and the basic necessities for survival. Only a few Dui-Menia Bedouins live as their forefathers did in camel and goat hair tents.

Jude 1:24-25 | *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

- Make this your prayer for today’s people group.
- Pray for pure drinking water for the Dui-Menia Bedouin, for improved medical care, and for employment opportunities.
- Pray for gospel radio to be widely available throughout the lands of the Bedouin.

■ 17 Nail Bedouin in Algeria

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

Revelation 1:7 | *Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

- Pray for this people group to rejoice at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grant fruitful and divine outreach strategies to mission agencies focusing on Bedouins.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Nail and other Bedouin tribes.

■ 18 Sidi Bedouin in Algeria

The Sidi Bedouins are almost all Sunni, but some are Sufis who seek a heart-felt response to Allah. They are suspicious of outside influences. Their language, culture, religious beliefs, and often-nomadic lifestyle make them hard to reach. There are a small number of believers among them who can disciple them. Their Sufi beliefs might indicate that some are open to seeking a relationship with the Almighty.

Revelation 2:5 | *Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

- Pray for this people group to repent and to make Jesus Christ the first love of their lives.
- Pray they would have dreams and visions of the one true God.
- Pray that any Sidi believers would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and receive divine strategies for reaching others until they have their own movement to Christ.

■ 19 Belbali in Algeria

How would you like to live in a place that is near two international borders? That is the situation for the Belbali, a West African people who are located in southwestern Algeria. Recently their area has been built up significantly because it is the last outpost before the Moroccan, Saharawi and Mauritanian borders, and there has been a large influx of refugees from the Western Sahara. The area is very fertile, so agriculture is common.

Revelation 3:5 *The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.*

- Pray for many names in this people group to be written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
- Pray that many from this people group are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.
- Pray for God's original intent for the land of Algeria and the Belbali people.
- Pray for God to draw the Belbali people to Him, leading to a powerful movement to Christ this decade.

■ 20 Chenoua in Algeria

What would you teach your children to speak if your own people group was small, and there were three other small languages in the local vicinity? You would use the trade language, right? This is what most Chenoua speaking parents do. They live in rural Algeria and speak Arabic.

Revelation 3:8 *I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.*

- Pray for a wide-open door for the gospel to penetrate the culture of this people group.
- Pray that they will listen to and heed radio outreaches in their language.
- Pray for laborers who are willing to lay down their lives for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray for every hindrance of the gospel's touching the Chenoua people's lives to be removed.



■ 21 Ouargla in Algeria

The Ouargla are a Berber people who live in and around the oasis city of Ouargla in central Algeria. Ouargla has a major university and is a center of oil production. The Berber peoples were Christian before the Islamic conquest, and nearly all recent church growth in Algeria has occurred within Berber communities.

Revelation 3:15-16 *I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.*

- Pray that believers in this people group become passionate in their zeal for the true God and His Son.
- Ask the Lord to send Berber followers of Christ to reach the Ouargla people.
- Pray that the university and oil industry provide jobs for workers in the Lord's harvest.
- Pray the Bible and social media resources would bless these people with the profound love of Christ.

■ 22 Algerian Tuareg in Algeria

The Tuareg are descended from Berbers. Following the independence of African countries in the 1960s, Tuareg territory was artificially divided into modern nations: Niger, Mali, Algeria, Libya, and Burkina Faso. The Tuareg adopted nomadism, along with its distinctive form of social organization from camel-herding Arabs about two thousand years ago.

Revelation 4:9-10 *And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.*

- Pray for members in this people group to give glory, honor and thanks to the God who sits on the throne.
- Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Tuareg would live exemplary lives and reveal the Lord's character.
- Pray for improved living conditions for the Tuareg and for good schools for their children, so they can be well prepared to live in the 21st century.



■ 23 Deaf in Morocco

We often talk about people groups who haven't had the opportunity to hear the gospel. In this case, it is the literal truth. The Deaf in Morocco find themselves without many opportunities, spiritual or otherwise. Morocco doesn't have many resources for this community. As a result, the vast majority of Deaf children don't attend school.

Rev.
5:8–10

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

- Pray for many in this people group to begin to worship and serve the Lord of lords.
- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to have the chance to understand and respond to the gospel. Pray for gospel materials to be produced in Moroccan Sign Language.
- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to be blessed with the joy and peace offered by the Lord of lords.

■ 24 Yahia Bedouin in Morocco

Yahia Bedouin clothing is vibrant red and orange with multi-colored beads, with some silver jewelry and semi-precious stones. Their diet comes mainly from their herds: milk, yoghurt and butter, accompanied by rice. They only eat meat on special occasions. Nowadays, the younger generation is leaving the nomadic life, moving to and working in cities, thereby significantly impacting their culture.

Revelation
5:13

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

- May God's praises ring out forever among this people group, and for a massive movement to Christ among the Bedouin peoples!
- Pray their changing circumstances would create a new openness and opportunities for them to know the love of Jesus.

■ 25 Atta Berbers in Morocco

Rather than calling themselves "Berbers," they refer to themselves by the name of their particular subgroup, in this case the Atta. Berbers also use the overarching term "Imazighen."

Revelation
7:9–10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

- Pray that many members of this people group will be part of the vast crowd praising God in heaven.
- Pray that those who are beginning to find Christ among the Berber communities would be protected and nurtured by the Lord and find one another to begin a church planting movement.
- Pray that radio broadcasts will bear much fruit.
- Pray the Berbers of Morocco would have access to the good news of Jesus in many forms, hearing clearly who He is in their mother tongue.

■ 26 Zekara Berbers in Morocco

The Berbers lived in North Africa long before the arrival of the Arabs and Islam, and once had a Christian heritage. In Morocco, about 40% acknowledge a Berber identity though many more have Berber ancestry. Many Berber children drop out of school because they are taught, in what is to them a foreign language, Arabic. Some of these are from the Zekara community.

Revelation
11:16–17

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

- Pray for today's people group to worship the true God for His great power and sovereignty over the universe.
- Pray for Christ followers to find ways to build friendships and trust with the Zekara Berber people.
- Pray the Berbers of Morocco would once again find the faith of many of their ancestors, faith in Jesus Christ, the only way to God the Father.

■ 27 Harratine in Morocco

The ancestors of the Harratines were at one time captured and taken north by slave traders but were abandoned in Morocco. These ancestors found small plots of land on which to settle near desert oases. The people have found employment as day laborers and in various manual trades. The jewelry and adornment of Harratine women is bold, rich and colorful. Leather, shell, coins, and glass are typical of the pieces worn by their ladies.

Revelation
12:7–8

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

- Pray for this people group to understand that the Lord of hosts had already defeated the dragon, Satan, and his demons.
- Pray for adequate rainfall, pure drinking water and improved medical care for the Harratine people.
- Pray for Christian radio to be widely available throughout Morocco in the language of the Harratine people.

■ 28 Izarguien in Morocco

The Izarguien are Saharan Arabs, a sub-group of the Tekna tribe. The Tekna is a tribal confederation of Berber and Arab origins in southern Morocco and parts of northern Western Sahara. Their traditional lifestyle was partly nomadic and partly sedentary, controlling important routes of the Saharan caravan trade. They live in a harsh and dangerous environment.

Revelation
14:7

And he said with a loud voice, Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.

- Pray for today's people group to learn to fear God and give Him all the glory.
- Pray for the Izarguien tribe to be able to provide adequately for their needs.
- Pray these people would be able to adjust to the changing requirements of the modern era.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them.

■ 29 Jebala in Morocco

The word Jebala comes from Moroccan Arabic "jbel," which means mountain. Thus, Jebala means mountain people. A man or boy is called a Jebli while a woman or a girl is called a Jebliya. They traditionally have lived in or near the Rif mountains in northern Morocco. The Jebala favor pointed-toed leather slippers, and reed hats. Their musicians sometimes perform Sufi music.

Revelation
14:12

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

- Pray that the Lord grants endurance to the believers in this people group and that they are faithful to share the good news.
- Pray the Jebala community would be able to care adequately for their families and for good schools for their children.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among them in the coming years.

■ 30 Gil Bedouin in Morocco

Gil Bedouins traditionally lived a nomadic lifestyle. It will take hearty believers who can and will live among them for years, learn their language and share the gospel in a way that makes sense in their culture.

Revelation
15:4

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

- Make this also your song of praise to the victorious King of kings!
- Pray believers who encounter Gil Bedouins would use opportunities to develop friendships with them and earn their respect to speak the truth of the gospel to them.
- Pray for courage and accurate communication.
- Pray the Gil Bedouin leaders would see their desperate need for the only savior.
- Pray that Gil Bedouin children would be educated in technology, so they could be participants in the modern world.

■ 31 Uregu Berbers in Morocco

The Uregu Berbers are one of the smaller Berber tribes who live in the southeastern part of Morocco. Their Berber society is primarily made up of farmers and merchants. Close knit Berber clans adhere to traditional customs, giving communities a strong sense of identity and loyalty. Most Berbers are Muslim, but many also believe in the power of spirits called jinn.

Revelation
17:14

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.

- Pray that this people group understands the fact that the Lamb's victory over evil is assured.
- Pray that many in this people group will choose to be the faithful ones of the Lamb of God. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to the Uregu Berbers.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus through dreams and visions, and that tribal leaders and influential persons would receive Jesus and lead their people into a movement to Christ.