

Unreached of the Day

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JANUARY

■ 1 Shaikh in Bangladesh

According to one account, the word Shaikh is a general term of courtesy equivalent to the English term of esquire. According to another account, the name is applied to people of pure Arab descent. Much prayer is needed for the Shaikh, as they fear followers of Christ as an invading threat to their families and communities.

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

- Pray that this people group will be in awe of the Lord for His creation and realize that He is the only one worthy of worship and devotion.
- Pray that as the Shaikh read the Koran, they will be drawn to Jesus and to the Bible.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Shaikh families.

■ 2 Japanese in Japan

Racially, culturally, and ethnically, the Japanese are one of the most homogenous people groups in the world. They identify themselves in terms of biological heritage, birth in Japan, a shared culture, and a common language. Shintoism is the native religion of Japan; its many gods or spirits are known as Kami. Today, most Japanese claim to be both Shintoist and Buddhist.

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

- Pray that this people group will realize that they were meant to be in God's image, and they need to change their ways to get back to Him.
- Pray the Japanese will increasingly realize their great need for a Savior.
- Pray that material wealth will not satisfy.
- Pray for a spiritual awakening that will result in a movement to Christ.
- Pray for believers to share their faith.

■ 3 Burmese in Myanmar

The Burmese are the political, economic, and religious leaders of Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Burmese homes often have altars for the spirits, as well as a statue of Buddha. Farmers may spend more in a year on their religion than on education, health, and clothing for their families.

Genesis 12:2-3

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.

- 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.
- Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Burmese would live holy lives, being zealous to grow into the image of Christ.
- Pray they would be kind and compassionate to their neighbors, drawing them to the Savior.
- Pray for peace tempered by justice in Myanmar.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Burmese.

■ 4 Brahmins in India

Brahmin pride and the perception that Christianity is only for outcast "untouchables" are serious obstacles to Brahmin families and communities' accepting God's blessing for families through Jesus. They also believe that missionaries pay people to become converts to win a cultural and political war with Hinduism.

Genesis 15:5-6

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.

- Pray that members of today's people group will understand that they can become part of God's holy family and experience His goodness.
- Pray for Brahmin families and communities to discover and embrace the free gift of life found by trusting in Christ and his finished work.

■ 5 Yadav in India

The Yadav caste group shows great leadership—politically and socio-economically—especially in the two largest states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Fear that Christianity aims to turn individuals from their families, communities, and traditions hinders Yadav families and communities from considering the gospel.

Genesis
12:2-3

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.

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 will look to the Lord alone for strength and victory.
- Pray for a movement of God's blessing to flow through Yadav families so that they can discuss and apply God's Word.

■ 6 Bania in India

"Bania" is something of a generic term, and there are many Bania communities. The Bania trace their history back about 5,000 years, and today we associate them with trade and business.

Exodus
15:11

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

- Pray that today's people group will understand that glory, holiness and power come only from our Lord and king.
- Pray for discovery Bible studies to spread rapidly and bless Bania families and communities.
- Pray for workers and that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Bania families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 7 Rajput in India

The name Rajput is derived from the Sanskrit word rajputra, meaning son of a ruler. The Rajputra constitutes a class of nobility. The Rajput clans emerged as a dominant community in north and western India in the colonial period. Economic data suggests that the majority of Rajput are landowners.

Exodus
18:11

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

- Pray that non-believers among this people group will be convinced to follow the Lord because of His miracles.
- Pray for the few Rajput believers to be effective at engaging their families and communities in discussing Bible stories and experiencing God's blessing.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Rajput families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessings.

■ 8 Najdi Arabs in Saudi Arabia

Najdi is one of the varieties of the Arabic language spoken by Saudi Arabs. Saudi Arabia is completely off limits to any kind of indigenous Christian presence, and there are almost no followers of Jesus among the Najdi Arabs. However, there are few, and they need outside prayer support.

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

- Pray for this people group to understand and obey this essential and central command.
- Pray that Najdi Arab believers would learn to live in the power of Christ's Spirit.
- Pray the Najdi Arabs would hunger to know forgiveness of sin, found only through faith in the work of Christ on the cross.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among this Muslim people.



■ 9 Sunda in Indonesia

The Sunda are the largest Indonesian unreached people group. In many areas, Islam is mixed with Sunda traditional customs. They have a legend that God incarnated a little of Himself in the world in order to protect the life of man. Data from the West Java Statistical Department shows a high rate of poverty among the Sunda. There is a need for agricultural investment and modernization and in development of small to medium-sized businesses.

Exodus
23:25-26

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.

- Pray that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.
- Pray for the Lord to use His children to bless the Sunda financially and spiritually, and that the Sunda will give God praise.

■ 10 Persian in Iran

The government of Iran is strongly opposed to anything they perceive as Western, including the gospel. The government of Iran tries its best to stop the spread of the gospel, but that country has the fastest growing church in the world, largely thanks to their government-dictated form of spirituality. Now is God's time for drawing the Persians to Himself.

- Pray that as members of this people group become part of God's holy family that they will also find His purposes for them.
- Pray for Persian believers to be so filled with the love and joy of having a relationship with Christ that others would take whatever chance they need to belong to Him.
- Pray for the spread of the gospel in Iran to continue to be blessed by multiplying house church movements. Pray for entire families to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and understand that Jesus Christ died for them.

■ 11 Uyghur in China

Millions of Uyghurs live in China, a nation that imprisons well over one million Uyghurs in brutal "re-education" camps. Although almost all Uyghurs are Sunni Muslim, they mix their Islam with folk religion. Ask that suffering Uyghurs would experience God's comfort from within re-education camps and broken homes.

Exodus
34:8-9

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.

- Pray that members of this people group will soon have as rich an understanding of the need for God's presence as Moses did. A small but growing number of Uyghur believers live in nearby Central Asia.
- Pray that they would be strengthened in their faith and filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to disciple Uyghur believers to start a Disciple Making Movement for Uyghur communities throughout China.

■ 12 Daasanach in South Sudan

The Daasanach, who are sometimes called the Marille, are a people with fairly recent history. Known for their fighting prowess, these exiles from other groups have come together to survive against the rough environment they live in. The Daasanach are very hard to reach due to their wariness of outside people and their lack of technology.

Exodus
40:34-35

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.

- Pray for many from this people group to experience the glory of the Lord and allow Him to transform them forever.
- Pray for the Daasanach to have all the food and resources they need.
- Pray for them to have peace in their lives and with each other.
- Pray for the few believers to stay strong and live their lives by example to others.
- Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among them this decade.

■ 13 Arabic-speaking Algerians in Algeria

People groups change through the centuries. The Romans conquered Algeria and the Berber peoples who lived there. In the seventh century, the Arab Empire was in full swing, and they conquered and settled that same land. Though Algeria is culturally Arab, their form of Arabic has borrowed a number of words from the earlier Berbers. Thus, the nations of North Africa have their own forms of Arabic.

Leviticus 19:1-2 | *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.*

- Pray that new believers among this people group will seek holiness by allowing the Holy Spirit to transform them from the inside out. Pray that the uncertainties of life would open Algerian Arab Muslims to seek Jesus as the answer. Pray that the JESUS Film and audio materials would be used effectively among them.

■ 14 Arabic-speaking Moroccans in Morocco

In 670, Umayyads of Damascus completed the first Islamic conquest of the North African coastal plain, settling in what is now Morocco. Arabs have ruled this region ever since, which includes the original Berber tribal groups of North Africa, some of whom were Christians before the Arab invasion. This cultural mix resulted in scholarly advances in science, mathematics, astronomy, geography and medicine.

Numbers 6:24-26 | *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.*

- Pray this blessing on today's people group.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus would bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.

■ 15 Nigerian Fulani in Nigeria

Scattered mostly in Nigeria and Cameroon, these semi-nomadic people fiercely reject anything they perceive contrary to their lifestyle of roaming with their cattle herds. This includes education and permanent homes. One businessman and member of a ruling party has established two large cattle ranches, forcing the Fulani tribal people from their historic grazing land. They were given no compensation.

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

- Pray that many from this people group will make the Lord their only God, and thank Him for His miracles.
- Pray the Fulani would be able to care adequately for their families, better prepared for the rapidly changing conditions of the 21st century.
- Pray they would see the need to make schooling a priority for their children.

■ 16 Mushunguli in Somalia

The Mushunguli people are said to have descended from fugitive slaves who escaped from their Somali masters in northeast Tanzania around 1840. Many migrated to Somalia in search of security from the slave-trade, and mainstream Somalis look down upon them because of their slave origins. Somalia is not a hospitable place for Christian outsiders to live and work.

Joshua 1:8 | *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.*

- Pray that many from this people group will not only study but apply what God teaches through His word.
- Pray these people would be able to care for their families, living in safety and peace.



■ 17 Tunisian Arabs in Tunisia

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

Joshua 4:24 | *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.*

- Pray that the "nation" we are praying for today will know that the Lord's hand is powerful and will give Him praise.
- Pray for Tunisian Arabs to become aware of their spiritual bankruptcy before God.
- Pray for dreams and visions that would open Arab eyes and show them that Jesus is the only way to God.

■ 18 Shuwa Arabs in Chad

Populated with independent adventuresome nomads, Chad lies at the crossroads of a major trans-Saharan trade route and Africa's second largest wetland, Lake Chad. For years, various tribes and terrorist factions have fought for control of this region. The Shuwa Arabs of Chad are mostly nomadic, but some live in the villages and towns. Shuwa Arabs play a minor role in Chad's political arena. Many missionaries have left Chad because of the numerous conflicts, political upheavals, and harsh living conditions.

Ruth 2:12 | *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!*

- Pray for today's people group to seek and find refuge with the Lord and be rewarded.
- Pray that they would be able to provide adequately for the needs of their families.
- Pray for a Christ-ward movement that will bless the Arabs of Chad.

■ 19 Muslim Jats in Canada

After 1858, under the British Raj, the Jats were known for their service in the Indian Army, being categorized as a "martial race" by the British. Today the Jat peoples are one of the most prosperous groups in India on a per capita basis. As a general rule, it's the more prosperous and well-educated peoples from South Asia who are allowed to immigrate to Canada. Jat farmers are also known to be experts at producing a high yield, so these people are also welcome in other parts of the world.

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

- Pray for influential members of this people group to understand that there is no solid rock like our God!
- Pray for a movement of Jesus to heal and strengthen Jat communities.

■ 20 Karapoto in Brazil

Though many Brazilian tribes are still undiscovered by the outside world, some have been in contact with the Portuguese speaking majority for a long time. Among these are the Karapoto people, who are somewhat assimilated. They have their own language, which is being replaced by Portuguese. They are sedentary farmers and herders. In their minds, they think that another way of worship (Christianity) disconnects them from their traditions, ethnicity and society. Many have not had contact with those who put Christ's teachings into practice.

1 Samuel 5:4 | *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.*

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that their gods have failed them, but God never fails!
- Pray for an unstoppable Disciple Making Movement among the Karapoto people.



■ 21 Sarnami Hindi in Curacao

This people group originated in the Indian states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar before they went as indentured servants to Curacao, just north of South America, to work in salt mines and plantations. Oil, shipping, and tourism are important industries in Curacao, and most likely, the Sarnami Hindi people are involved in these industries. The majority of the Sarnami Hindi people in Curacao are Hindu, and only about one percent of them are Christian of any kind.

1 Samuel
17:45

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.

- Pray that the nations will know that they cannot defy the Lord.
- Pray for spiritual receptivity among these Hindus. Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to emerge among the Sarnami Hindi people.

■ 22 South Ucayali Asheninka in Peru

The South Ucayali Asheninka live in the central jungle areas of the Peruvian Amazon. They have suffered greatly at the hands of outsiders and terrorist groups. They are subsistence farmers, and the men go hunting and fishing in the evenings. They have an animistic worldview, and they rely on shamans to appease wicked spirits. There may be few true believers in this people group.

1 Kings 18:21

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.

- Pray that today's people group will indeed see the vast difference between the Lord and any other deity.
- Pray that they will follow Him.
- Pray for their growth and the courage to share Christ with their families and communities.
- Pray for those trying to improve the lifestyle of the Asheninka group to make great strides in the 2020s, resulting in a people movement to Christ.

■ 23 Hindi in the US

Hindi is the language of India's densely populated and highly unreached northern states. Almost all Hindi speakers in the US hold high-paying positions and they come from the prestigious castes that are bypassed by the gospel in India. Wealth is an obstacle to the knowledge that one has spiritual needs.

1 Kings 18:39

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.

- Pray that today's people group will understand the vast power and goodness of the Lord.
- Pray for Hindi speakers to overcome spiritual barriers and accept Jesus' finished work on the cross as the only payment for sin.
- Pray that North America would be fertile ground for a movement to Christ among Hindi speakers.

■ 24 Kogi in Colombia

The Kogi people have lived in the mountains of Colombia for hundreds of years. They wear white, homespun, plant-based clothes. Living in round huts made with stone, mud and palm leaves, they bar outsiders from their ancestral lands. "Aluna" or "The Great Mother" is the creator goddess they worship. Colombian believers can take Christ to the Kogi people, but they will need to take precautions to ensure they are not introducing new diseases. The Kogi tribe must make necessary changes to cope in modern society.

2 Chronicles
7:1-2

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.

- Pray for today's people group to be in absolute awe of the Lord when they hear of His glorious presence.
- Pray the youth would learn to read and gain valuable skills.
- Pray the tribe would not be exploited by those inclined to take advantage of them.

■ 25 Tajik in Uzbekistan

Tajiks are one of the major people groups of Central Asia. Tajiks have repeatedly been invaded and conquered throughout their history. The armies of Alexander the Great, the Arabs in the seventh century, Genghis Khan, the Turks, the British, and the Russian empire have all had a profound impact on these people.

2 Chronicles
7:15

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

- Pray that you will be encouraged to pray, knowing that the Lord will hear your prayers that are in accordance with His will.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Tajiks in Uzbekistan.
- Pray that many among these hospitable people would receive Christ's ambassadors as well as the Lord's blessings.
- Pray for a movement of Tajik households to study the Bible and accept the blessings of Christ.

■ 26 Northern Thai in Thailand

The Northern Thai community has followed Buddhism for 1,000 years, and like other Theravada Buddhists, they mix their beliefs with numerous animistic rituals. Protestant missionaries have worked in northern Thailand for about 150 years, but response from the Northern Thai has been painstakingly slow. Their understanding of sin is very different than that of Christ followers.

Nehemiah
1:6

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.

- 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 Thai families to be drawn to Jesus and to the Bible to find out more about Jesus.
- Pray the Thai would increasingly desire a solution for their sin problem.
- Pray they would desire a Savior, someone who can provide forgiveness for sin and power to live this life victoriously.

■ 27 Azeri Turks in Iran

In Iran, this people group is known formally as Azeri. Informally, the Azeris and other Turkic speaking Iranian groups are commonly referred to as "Tork" (Turk). Despite conflict in the past, the Azeri are now well represented at all levels of the government and military, as well as in the religious community. The living conditions of Azeris in Iran closely resemble that of Persians.

Nehemiah
2:4

Then the king said to me, What are you requesting? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

- Pray that you will not pass up the chance for short, but effective prayers when you intercede for the nations.
- God is moving in Iran; pray that God will lead Azeri families and communities into a movement to Christ.
- Pray that the Azeri families of Iran will increasingly be drawn to Isa al-Masih (the name Muslims use to refer to Jesus) and to God's Word.

■ 28 Vietnamese in Cambodia

The Vietnamese living in Cambodia today are a people without a country. They are not citizens of Cambodia. They are not allowed to take jobs that could be filled by a Cambodian. Buddhism and animism are deeply ingrained in the Vietnamese and Cambodian cultures. If a Vietnamese person becomes a believer, he or she risks being alienated by his or her family and neighbors.

Nehemiah
8:5-6

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.

- May this people group have Holy Spirit reverence for the Lord when they hear His word.
- Pray that Cambodian Vietnamese believers would grow strong in the faith and be able to meet the needs of their families.
- Pray that God raises up a Disciple Making Movement among this people in this decade.



■ 29 Hui in Malaysia

The Muslim Hui people who live in Malaysia originally lived in China. Many left China to establish businesses in Malaysia or to escape religious persecution after the communist takeover in 1949. Even though they share the Muslim faith of the majority of the Malaysians, the Hui are not seen as Malaysians because their family language and ancestry are Chinese.

Nehemiah 8:1

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.

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray that each Hui in Malaysia would have the opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Hui in Malaysia in this decade.

■ 30 Tai Lue in Laos

The Tai Lue dwell in villages near rivers. Most make their living growing and selling wet rice and other crops. Other Tai Lue fish and make jewelry from silver, and their women are expert weavers and embroiderers. The JESUS Film and God's Story video are both available in the Lu language. The Tai Lue are primarily an oral culture, so these would be good resources for them.

Nehemiah 8:8

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

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Tai Lue so that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- Pray that the gospel will spread rapidly throughout the Tai Lue people and that Christ will be glorified.

■ 31 Vanniyan in India

Does your ancestry include royalty? The Vanniyan believe theirs does. They claim to be descendants of medieval kings who ruled South India. Today Vanniyan are the most politically mobilized and well-informed caste in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Their main language is Tamil. Most Vanniyan engage in agriculture and animal husbandry for a living while educated Vanniyan are politicians, engineers, administrators, scientists, and university professors.

Nehemiah 9:3

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.

- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.
- Ask the Lord to enable Indian believers to share Christ with the Vanniyan and help them begin their own Disciple Making Movement.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts of the Vanniyan towards Jesus.

FEBRUARY

■ 1 Kist in Georgia

In the 18th century, ethnic Chechens came from Chechnya to settle in Pankisi Gorge. These Chechens were named "Kist" by the Georgians. Over time, the Kist people have adopted Georgian last names and Georgian as their secondary language.

Nehemiah 9:6

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.

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide the Kist people into a movement to Christ.
- Pray that they would understand the gospel, that Jesus saves us by grace through faith in him and that salvation is not based on good deeds.
- Pray for the few believing Kists.
- Pray that the Lord would give them strength, courage and love to share the gospel with those around them.



■ 2 Crimean Tatar in Ukraine

The Crimean Tatars are Turkic people who have inhabited the Crimean Peninsula for over seven centuries. During World War II, the entire Tatar population in Crimea fell victims to Stalin’s oppressive policies, and they were deported to other parts of the Soviet Union. Today, most live either in Russia or Ukraine.

Nehemiah 9:29

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.

- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray for resolution of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine as to the “ownership” of Crimea.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit-generated movement to Christ among the Crimean Tatars that will lead to a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 3 Sylhetti Bengali in the UK

Driven by poverty and drawn by ambition to see the world, many Sylhetti Bengali left Bangladesh and joined the English merchant fleet during World War II. After the war, they settled in various cities of the United Kingdom.

Psalm 2:8

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

- Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.
- Pray that the relatively few believers would honor the Lord with their lives and represent him well to family and friends.
- Pray the Bengalis in the UK will understand what it means to know and follow Jesus.
- Pray the Lord will give them faith to believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that He offers eternal life and power for living this life well.

■ 4 Pomak in Bulgaria

The name Pomak means “people who have suffered,” which is an accurate description. Throughout history, they have been considered the outcasts of Bulgarian society. The Pomaks are virtually all Muslim, and their religion makes up an integral part of their identity. It will be difficult for them to accept Christ without feeling like they are turning their backs on their people, something that has been damaged during the last 100 years.

Psalm 8:1

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

- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great! Ask the Lord to send forth laborers to work among the Pomaks.
- Ask God to create a hunger within the hearts of the Pomaks to know the Truth.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Pomaks that will result in many blessings for this ethnic group.

■ 5 Yazidi in Germany

The Yazidi religion borrows ideas from five different faiths. They have been persecuted and misunderstood by Muslims who controlled them for centuries. In 2014, many of them fled the persecution by ISIS in Iraq and Syria, finding refuge in such places as Germany. A handful of Yazidi have come to faith in Christ.

Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

- Pray for many from today’s people group to tell of God’s marvelous deeds to their families.
- Pray Yazidi-background believers would be free to practice their faith, as the Yazidi have historically persecuted and even stoned to death those who convert. ISIS sympathizers have attacked the group even in Germany.
- Pray for true peace among these displaced and traumatized people.

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■ 6 Min Nan Chinese in New Zealand

In the mid 19th century, the Min Nan were among the Chinese who immigrated to New Zealand because of a gold rush. After WWII, another wave of Chinese immigrants fled the communist takeover of China, making their home near Auckland. The primary religion practiced by the Min Nan Chinese is ethnic religion which is deeply rooted in a people's ethnic identity. They believe that conversion equates to cultural assimilation or even betrayal.

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

- Pray that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.
- Pray for Chinese groups in New Zealand to disciple those who are spiritually hungry in the ways of Jesus.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Min Nan people to flourish in New Zealand.

■ 7 Kanarese in New Zealand

Many states in India have their own language and Karnataka is no exception. The Kanarese are Kannada speakers who blend in well with other South Asians who have migrated to New Zealand. South Asians tend to come together as one group. However, Kannada speakers did establish their own association to preserve the language, culture, and religion in New Zealand.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.
- Pray that those who follow Christ among the South Asians in New Zealand would honor the Lord and draw others to him through their words and actions.
- Pray for believers to lovingly reach out to the Kanarese in New Zealand.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them.

■ 8 Cocos Islands Malay in Christmas Island

The land of coconuts, Christmas Islands, is the home of the Cocos Malay people. It was part of Singapore until there was a business deal in 1958 with Australia. The Cocos Malays have established an identity for themselves despite their disparate origins. The majority of the group is Muslim and they are deeply committed to their religion. This people group needs workers skilled in outreach to Muslims.

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

- Pray that many from today's people group will look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!
- Pray for the Lord to raise up such people.
- Pray for the word of Jesus to spread among the Cocos Malays until there is a massive harvest among them.
- Pray for their spiritual and physical needs to be met.

■ 9 Afghan Tajiks in Afghanistan

When does a Tajik speak Dari instead of Tajik? When he lives in Afghanistan! The Tajiks make up about one-fourth of Afghanistan's population. Because they do not have a high literacy rate, the gospel can probably best come to them using oral means. A few possibilities are videos, recordings, radio, skits, and stories from Scripture.

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

- Pray that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.
- Pray for followers of Jesus in Afghanistan to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan, for a stable and effective government and for improved living conditions.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Tajiks of Afghanistan that will bless them abundantly.

■ 10 Southern Uzbeks in Afghanistan

The Uzbeks are descended to a great extent from Turk-Mongol invaders. Uzbeks come from a predominantly Sunni Muslim background. They need to overcome misunderstanding about who Jesus is and what he has accomplished on our behalf.

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

- Pray that many from this "nation" will boast only in the name of the Lord.
- Pray for laborers to sow God's Word to persons and households of peace, which would in turn catalyze movements to Christ among the Uzbeks.
- Pray the Uzbeks will increasingly see Jesus as the only way to salvation and will hunger to find out more about this man.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 11 Gorani in Albania

The Gorani are a folk Islamic people who live in small villages in the rugged mountainous regions of what is now Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia. Herding and agriculture are their main form of livelihood. Their hard life, war and determination to maintain their folk Islamic identity has caused many, especially the young, to migrate to other countries. Their remote geographic location contributes to making it hard to reach them.

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

- Pray that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.
- Pray that God would cause the Gorani to trust God's servants and be open to knowing God through his voice found in his Word.
- Pray for their family heads and community leaders to lead the way to a movement to Christ.

■ 12 Ziban Bedouin in Algeria

Since the Arab Conquest in the seventh century, the Ziban Bedouins have roamed the vast Saharan Desert of Algeria in small family clans. If they break the rules of their society each clan selects a sheik to determine whether or not they are guilty. If a person is found guilty, they use the laws of the Koran as their guide. Their nomadic life, strong sense of independence, and Islamic identity have made them unwilling to accept outside ideas.

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

- Pray that this people group will rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.
- Pray that leaders and individuals of the Ziban clans will be reached, so they can lead their people to the Lord.

■ 13 Tajakant in Algeria

The Tajakant are sedentary, engaged in small-scale trading and farming. They mainly live in Morocco and the Moroccan administered territory of Western Sahara, but some live in Algeria. In past years, the Tajakant were known as traders and warriors, and held a strong position in the trans-Saharan trade between sub-Saharan Africa and Morocco. They are Muslims.

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

- Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.
- Pray for good quality radio broadcasts in their language.
- Pray that changes within the Tajakant culture would include the lordship and blessings of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a Christ-ward movement.

■ 14 Nubri in Nepal

In one of the most isolated areas in the Himalayan region bordering Tibet, the Nubri people live in scattered villages throughout the Nubri Valley where they herd their animals, make beer, grow wheat, welcome a few tourists, seek out a location for their cell phone signals, and celebrate their traditional Tibetan Buddhist festivals. Each village has a temple, and the lamas do rituals to bless houses and fields, heal the sick, and appease local mountain spirits with offerings.

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

- Pray that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.
- Pray for spiritual hunger that would lead the Nubri people to the foot of the cross and the empty grave.
- Pray that they would hunger and thirst for righteousness.



■ 15 Chinese in Angola

In the last couple of decades thousands of construction workers, engineers, doctors, cooks and petroleum engineers have migrated from China to Angola. They are extracting oil and developing Angola's damaged infrastructure after many years of war. Angola is one of China's largest suppliers of oil. The Chinese companies are using local materials, but hiring Chinese people from the People's Republic of China (PRC). This is not providing jobs for the Angolans, so the Angolans resent this situation.

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 will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.
- Pray for Chinese and African believers to work together to make sure that the Chinese in Angola have the chance to worship him.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to grow among the Chinese in Angola.

■ 16 Northern Yemeni Arabs in Yemen

A couple of decades ago Yemen was split into two countries. Though it is united today, there is an ongoing war that pits various religious and ethnic communities against one another. The northern tribes of Yemen may be referred to as the Sanaani Arabs, and they are highly unreached.

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 to come to Yemen.
- Pray that Northern Yemeni families would increasingly experience the righteousness and forgiveness found only in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to visit Northern Yemeni family leaders with dreams and visions that will set their hearts towards the Savior.

■ 17 Tihami Arabs in Yemen

The Tihami is the narrow western coastal region of Yemen on the Red Sea and home of the Tihami Arabs. In addition to poverty, literacy is one of the problems in the Tihami. One prevalent tradition in all of Yemen is qat, a mildly narcotic leaf that is chewed for hours at a time. Qat holds a strong grip on the peoples of Yemen. The predominate culture in the Tihami centers around Islam, but sometimes tradition or cultural customs supersede Islamic law.

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 will recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!
- Pray that those disillusioned by all the problems in Yemen would search until they find the Truth that can set them free.
- Pray for a growing interest in Jesus among all the peoples of Yemen.
- Pray they would begin searching for forgiveness for their sin and for power to live this life.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Tihami Arabs.

■ 18 Turk in Argentina

By the year 1299, the Turkish-dominated Ottoman Dynasty began ruling over what would become a vast empire, greater in area than the Roman Empire. It was the last Caliphate, an Islamic political state. During the time of the Ottoman Empire, a small number of Middle Easterners migrated to Argentina including a few Turks. Most of the Turks in Argentina live in the capital city of Buenos Aires.

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 a Disciple Making Movement among the Turks in Argentina that would spread to Turkey.
- Pray for Argentine believers to be salt and light to these Turks.

■ 19 Kababish in Sudan

The term “Kababish” is usually used to describe anybody who is half Arabic and half black. The Kababish are a loose tribal confederation of Arabic people of mixed origins who live in a region of desert scrubland. They are traditionally Muslim. Access to these people is very difficult. Many are nomadic and Sudan is harsh.

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

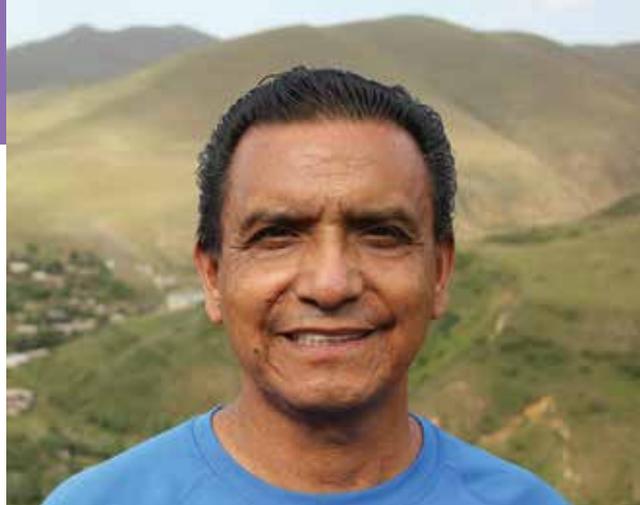
- Pray that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.
- Pray for peace in Sudan, and for adequate food and water for the Kababish people and for their livestock. Ask God to give the Kababish hearts to hear the good news of Jesus and to seek him in the Bible.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.

■ 20 Azeris in Armenia

Armenia was the first nation to become officially Christian. Today, there are Muslim Azeris that live in Armenia, and there was recently a war between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Although the Azeris’ original occupation was agricultural, most Azeris today live in apartments in cities. The long-standing hatred between Azeri Muslims and Armenian Christians keeps Azeris from giving Christ a chance to transform their lives.

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 for the Lord to call long-term missionaries to go to Armenia and share Christ with the Azeris.
- Pray for prayer teams to be raised up to break up the soil through worship and intercession that will draw Azeris to Jesus Christ.



■ 21 Northern Kurds in Armenia

The Muslim Kurds are the largest people group without their own homeland. They are spread across Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Armenia, and Georgia. This oil-rich area is known as Kurdistan. The Kurds of Armenia enjoy a relatively high standard of living, and they have good quality homes.

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 that many from today’s people group will discover that and act upon it.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Muslim Kurds toward Jesus as Lord.
- Pray for God to strengthen, encourage and protect the few known Kurdish believers.
- Pray for a strong church planting movement to be raised up among the Kurds of Armenia.

■ 22 Lashari Baloch in Pakistan

The Lashari Baloch people live in the southernmost region of the Iranian Plateau, and they are mostly a tribal people, following tribal customs. They are predominantly Sunni Muslims, although some are Shia.

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 the Holy Spirit to call missionaries to go to the Lashari Baloch people in Pakistan.
- Pray for God to open their hearts when they hear the gospel.
- Pray for God to provide workers who speak the Balochi language to work with the Baloch people until they have an unstoppable movement to Christ.





■ 23 Hmong Njua in Australia

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, various Hmong groups, including the Njua, had to flee Southeast Asia. They were perceived to be against the emerging communist governments, especially in Laos and Vietnam. Though most Hmong Njua left Southeast Asia 40 years ago, there are still small waves fleeing to safe countries like Australia. The primary religion practiced by the Hmong Njua is ethnic religion.

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 will allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they will begin to publicly praise Him.
- Pray for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit that will affect Njua leaders and families, resulting in a growing discipleship movement.
- Pray for other Hmong groups in Australia to disciple those who are spiritually hungry in the ways of Jesus.

■ 24 Mandaean in Australia

The Mandaeans are descendants of Jewish-Christian Gnostics and may be the only sect to identify themselves as Gnostics. Sometimes, Mandaeans are called "Christians of Saint John," because they venerate John the Baptist, and baptism is their central sacrament. In actuality, Mandaeanism is based more on a common heritage than on any set of religious creeds and doctrines. Until recently, Mandaeans lived mainly in Iraq and Iran, but many have now settled in other countries such as Australia. Their reverence for John the Baptist is a natural bridge to the Savior he proclaimed.

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 for eternal salvation to many from today's people group.
- Pray the Mandaeans will be open to new world views.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among them in Australia.

■ 25 Chechen in Austria

Austria holds the fifth largest Chechen population outside their homeland to the east in the Caucasus Mountains of Russia. Virtually all Austrian Chechens are trilingual, fluent in Chechen and Russian, and competent in German. The majority of Chechens in Austria often reside in urban centers, with the rest working as farmers in rural areas.

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 will crave fellowship with the One True God.
- Ask almighty God to call workers who are trained in the Chechen language to help these Muslims begin a movement to Christ.
- Ask God to soften the hearts of the Chechen people in Austria, especially the local elders and family heads.
- Pray for Chechen disciples to grow and bear spiritual fruit.

■ 26 Afghans in Austria

Ever since the USSR invaded Afghanistan in 1979, there have been waves of Afghan refugees fleeing for safety. Most of them have settled in neighboring Pakistan or Iran, but some have made their way to the more peaceful shores of Europe. One of these European destinations is Austria. There are still no known Afghan believers in Austria.

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 Western believers filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit to go to the Afghans and other Muslim communities in Austria.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in Afghan communities in Austria so that they would tire of the old ways of violence and seek holiness, which they will only find in the person of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for workers, and for a Disciple Making Movement among Afghans in Austria.



■ 27 Avar in Azerbaijan

Avar People are the largest linguistic group of Russia's Dagestan region and historically the most powerful. Honor/shame is a high code, deeply ingrained in the Avar cultural psyche. This is true throughout all 34 of the Dagestani people groups, but perhaps most pronounced in the Avar. Some of them live in nearby Azerbaijan. The cultural affinity for revenge prevents them from forgiving or repenting, two things essential for a relationship with the Living God. There are now more than 50 Avar believers!

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. Thank Almighty God for these new believers!
- Pray for blessings upon God's Word in Avar.
- Pray for men and women of peace in each Avar town and village to be keys to welcoming the love of God, the grace of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit into each Avar household.

■ 28 Bahraini Arabs in Bahrain

Bahrain is the smallest Arab state, being an island country in the Persian Gulf. Its strategic location has brought rule and influence from the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Persians and finally the Arabs, under whom the island became Muslim. Until Bahrain adopted Islam in 629 AD, it was a center for Nestorian Christianity. Oil was discovered in 1932 and has brought rapid modernization to Bahrain. Wealth often stands as an obstacle to faith in Christ since it blunts the sense of need.

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

- Pray that many will understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that would lead them to the cross.
- Pray for believers to take Christ to Bahraini Arabs.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among Bahraini Arabs.



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