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PRAYER
GUIDE



 **A THIRD
OF US**

WELCOME

A third of the world lives and dies without real access to the gospel. Often with **no church** nearby, **no Bible** they can understand, and **no personal connection** to a follower of Jesus.

This guide isn't here to overwhelm you. It's here to invite you.

Because prayer is not "the small thing we can do." Prayer is where God loves to begin – through ordinary people who simply say, "Lord, let Your kingdom come ... and let it come there, too."

If you've ever felt powerless about **global need**, you're not alone. But you are not stuck on the sidelines. Your prayers **reach farther** than you can. God hears them. God uses them.

A SIMPLE DAILY RHYTHM (5–7 MINUTES)

- 1) **Pause:** Take one deep breath. Offer your attention to God.
- 2) **Notice:** Read the short overview. Imagine real people with real lives.
- 3) **Pray:** Choose 1–2 prayer emphases. Pray simply, honestly, specifically.
- 4) **Listen:** End with a moment of quiet.
- 5) **Respond:** Ask, "Is there one small step You want me to take?"

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DAY 1 MUSLIM PEOPLE

Praying with compassion and courage.

The **Muslim world** stretches across **North Africa**, the **Middle East**, and large parts of **Asia**—filled with families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities God knows by name.

Many have been taught **ideas about Jesus** and the Bible that make trust in the gospel **feel impossible**—or even dangerous.

WHAT GOD IS DOING

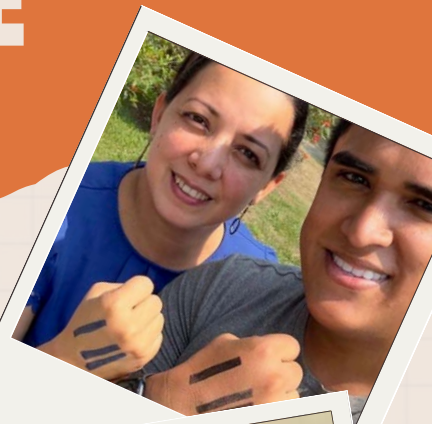
God is at work: in recent decades, many Muslims have **come to Christ**, and new church-planting **movements** have emerged in some people groups. **Prayer** has been part of that story for decades—and it still is.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

There are still many Muslim people groups with **little access to the gospel**, including places where access is restricted (Somalia, Afghanistan, and Iraq). And yet, even there, **indigenous believers** are seeking to faithfully proclaim Jesus.

HOW TO PRAY

- Open hearts to Scripture
- Grace to read God's Word with fresh eyes
- Strengthen courageous believers
- Christians in Muslim contexts to be faithful witnesses and blessings—even under pressure.



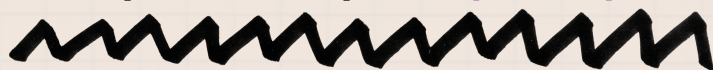


DAY 2 HINDU PEOPLES

Praying for seekers, leaders, and open doors.

Hindu communities are concentrated across South Asia and also present in a large global diaspora.

Many live within complex social systems that shape identity, community, and spiritual practice.



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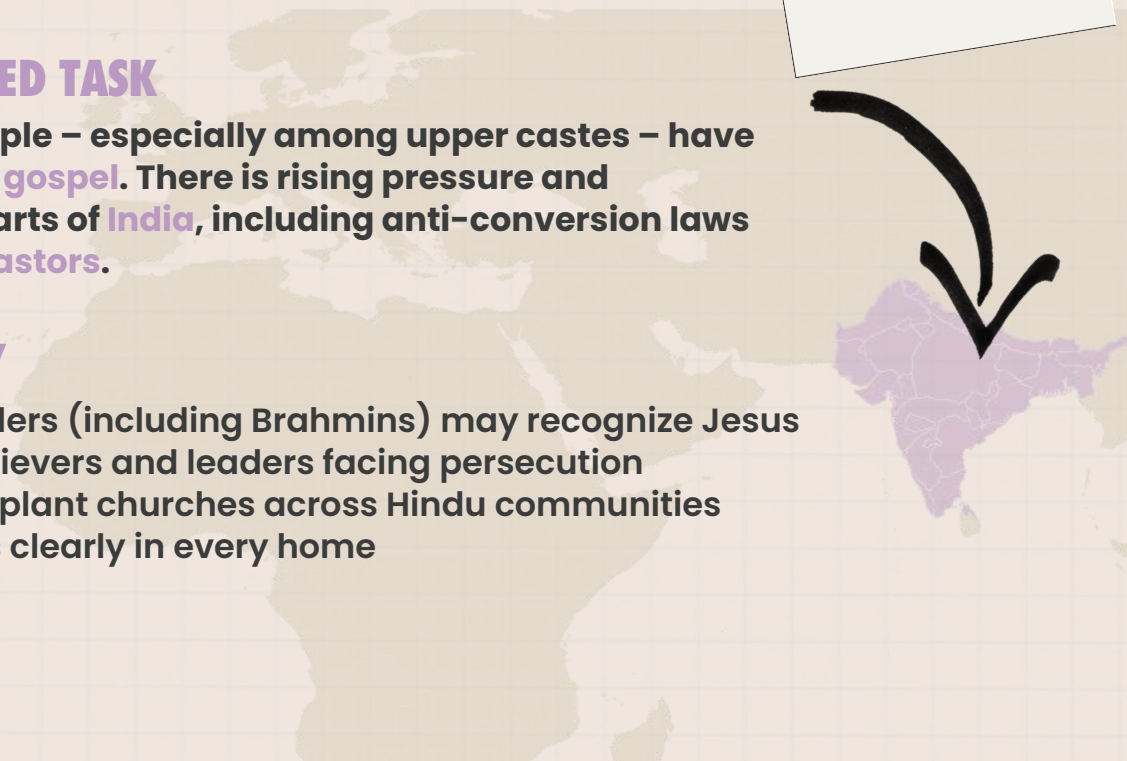
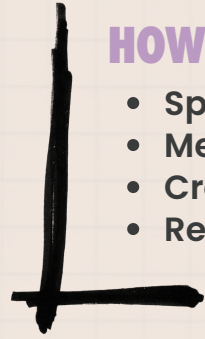
Many former Hindus – especially from lower castes – are coming to know Jesus. Many share stories of healing and a vibrant house-church growth.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Many hindu people – especially among upper castes – have never heard the gospel. There is rising pressure and restrictions in parts of India, including anti-conversion laws and arrests of pastors.

HOW TO PRAY

- Spiritual leaders (including Brahmins) may recognize Jesus
- Mercy for believers and leaders facing persecution
- Creativity to plant churches across Hindu communities
- Reveal Jesus clearly in every home



DAY 3

BUDDHIST PEOPLES



Praying for hope to feel possible.

Buddhist communities are spread across much of Asia, often shaped by deep cultural tradition and local expressions of faith.

Buddhism often **blends with other practices** in different places, which can make spiritual life feel **complex and layered**.

WHAT GOD IS DOING

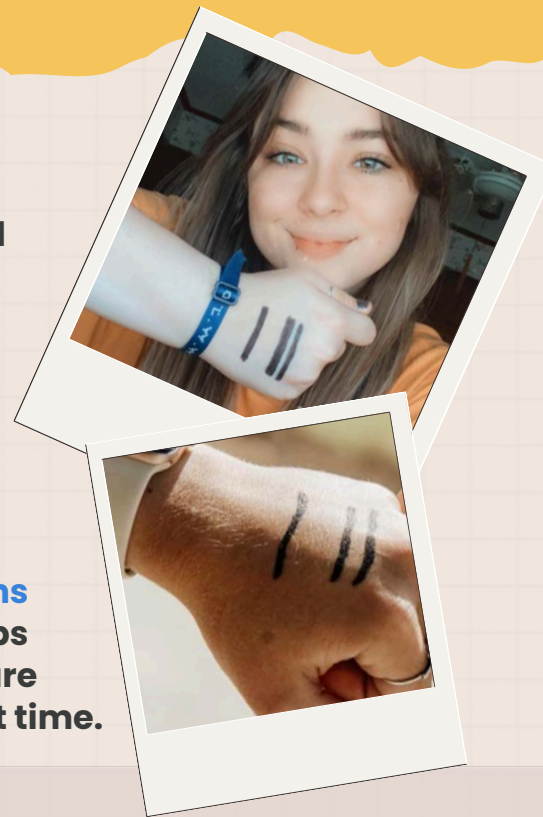
Major breakthroughs for the gospel are among **Koreans** and through the work of Korean gospel workers. Groups like the **Khmer in Cambodia** and the **Thai in Thailand** are experiencing church-planting movements for the first time.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

There are many places and peoples still largely **isolated from the gospel** (especially Tibetans). It is challenging to reach cultures where Christianity **feels foreign** or "imported."

HOW TO PRAY

- Encounter God not as a distant idea, but as personal, loving, and near
- The church in India would show seekers the eternal unity of Jesus
- The salvation of the Dalai Lama and the Buddhist monks like him
- Local churches would grow in cultural humility



DAY 4 @ ANIMIST PEOPLES

Praying for freedom from fear and for open doors.

Animist belief is widespread across thousands of people groups, often involving spirits, ancestral practices, and **fear-driven rituals** meant to maintain safety or peace.

In many regions, these beliefs overlap with other major religions as **"folk" practice**.

WHAT GOD IS DOING

Many formerly **animistic peoples** have come to Christ in the last century – mostly in **sub-Saharan Africa, Asia,** and the **Pacific**. At least half of the world's tribal animist peoples now have **growing church-planting efforts**.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Most of the world's remaining **unengaged people groups** with no missionary witness are part of this group. Many **animist groups** remain least-reached, often because of geography, conflict, or restrictions.

HOW TO PRAY

- Enable gospel movement past barriers, distance, and restrictions
- Blessing on new Jesus movements and for open doors
- Complete translation of the full Bible in all tribal languages
- Indigenous churches might establish discipleship in every village





DAY 5 NON-RELIGIOUS PEOPLES

Praying for the skeptical and the searching.

Those claiming “no religion” are a rapidly growing global group, especially in parts of Europe and East Asia.

“Non-religious” does not always mean “non-spiritual”. Many still carry spiritual hunger and big questions.

WHAT GOD IS DOING

Spiritual awakening is happening in parts of Eastern Europe. Churches are growing among atheistic backgrounds in Chinese cities. God is bringing new life through diaspora churches and immigrant believers.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Campuses are a major place where secularization deepens. There is an urgent need for expanded campus ministry and disciple-making among students.

HOW TO PRAY

- Those tired of empty answers would find truth in Jesus
- Hope for young people facing despair and meaninglessness
- Creativity in reaching the next generation for Jesus
- Seekers would find communities to connect them with the gospel message



DAY 6

CHINESE PEOPLES



Praying for resilience, discipleship, and quiet courage.

Chinese folk religion is a blend of practices including ancestor veneration, Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, and local deities. Traditional beliefs **shape the daily life** in many communities – particularly in rural areas and southern China.



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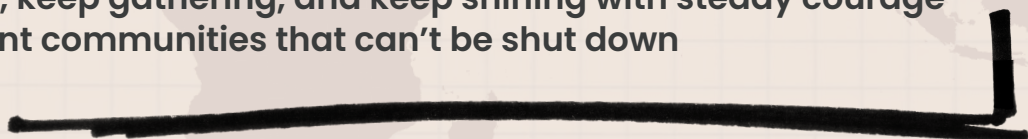
Millions have become believers over the last century, with large numbers gathering in official congregations and many more in **unregistered house churches**. There is a remarkable surge of interest in Christian faith.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Ongoing **pressure and persecution are systematic** in China. Detentions and increasing restrictions on Christians make it challenging to share the message of Jesus. **Millions wait to be reached** with the gospel.

HOW TO PRAY

- Seekers and new believers to grow into mature, rooted trust in God
- Pastors, leaders, and small groups—especially under pressure—to keep loving, keep gathering, and keep shining with steady courage
- Build resilient communities that can't be shut down



DAY 7 CHRISTIAN PEOPLES

Praying for renewal, discipleship, and unity.

The “Christian” identity can mean many things, especially where faith is cultural, historic, or nominal. Many such places **need renewed access** to the gospel and discipleship.

Many parts of Europe have been secularized and **lack meaningful connection** to evangelical churches.

WHAT GOD IS DOING

Tremendous growth of the church has led to thousands of **majority-Christian people groups** in the last century. 1,800 languages have New Testament translations, and over 4,000 languages have **active Scripture translation** efforts.



THE UNFINISHED TASK

There is a great **need for discipleship** among many recently “Christianized” groups. Many churches struggle with syncretism and **overreliance on Western forms**.

HOW TO PRAY

- Spiritual awakening inside historic churches
- Supernatural grace to serve together in unity
- Traditional Christians would experience a born-again relationship with Christ through exposure to His Spirit and Word



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