



**PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN**  
**May 2025**

**Thank you for joining us in prayer for all Faithful Witness teams:**

1. Pray for believers from majority backgrounds who are fearful of their families and friends knowing their identity as a child of God, and yet want to be bold in Him. In Chad, a man has retreated back to Islam and left his wife who remains a strong believer. Pray for those new in faith or seeking the truth to be steadfast amidst persecution and hardships.
2. Ask God's provision of robust teams of prayer and financial supporters for all workers.

**EASTERN CHAD**

- We plan to run a Trauma Healing course in May for refugees and local people, both Muslim and Christian—pray for God's leading in all the details of preparation of materials in Arabic, food, and our language skills. Pray for God's healing of wounded hearts following unimaginable trauma.
- Give praise for believers preparing for baptism, for discipleship training with a group of Sudanese believers, and for a conference this month on evangelism strategies. Pray God's word will accomplish his purposes in people's lives.
- Several workers are waiting for visas to be issued/renewed—ask favour with the government. A family has very low financial support—ask God's provision and enabling to remain in ministry.
- Pray 2 Thes 2:16-17 asking that workers experience God's grace, comfort, peace, and hope. May they be encouraged and strengthened. Ask blessing upon everything they do and say. Pray workers connect deeply with God and in his word. May he guide priorities.
- Pray workers are blessed with good health, energy, and unity. Pray for a team member returning from Home Assignment, and a couple preparing to join the team. Pray for perseverance, patience and energy throughout the hot season—it slows us down in many aspects of life and good sleep is difficult. Ask good progress with learning language and understanding culture.
- Pray for deep relationships with the community. Ask God's healing work for a friend that had a recent motor vehicle accident. As we visit people in hospital pray many hear good news and respond to Jesus. Pray for more literacy students, in particular, Muslim women. May gospel truth that was heard over the Easter period take root and bring salvation.

**MALI**

- Ask strength, energy, good health and safe-keeping as the heat continues, and people anticipate the rainy season. Pray for successful dental surgery for a worker, and healing for another who has been unwell for some time. Ask protection in travel and ministry to rural villages.
- Give praise for the arrival of a new team member—pray for good adjustment to the weather and culture. As workers study French and local languages ask God's enabling, good connections with local people, and God's saving work in the lives of language tutors.
- Praise God for the opportunity to share Bible stories in a Hassanya village. Pray the Lord will use his word to impact the life of the people and bring them to salvation in Christ Jesus. Ask success and gospel impact as a well is drilled in a new village. May God bless families through a gift distribution ministry to children. Pray for more open doors and creative ways to share the gospel.
- Though we have insufficient medication and resources, pray God's healing work as we respond to the health needs of our neighbours and of people in the villages. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel.
- Pray for five Muslim children who were recently introduced to Sunday School—may God's presence be evident in their lives and impact their families.
- Pray for discipleship training with the local church and pastors.
- Ask enabling for a worker serving as SIM Mali treasurer and also assisting SIM's West Africa office as assistant treasurer, alongside local ministry. Ask blessing upon her marriage and children, and provision of children's education costs.

## NORTHERN NIGERIA

- We are experiencing a significant harvest in Nigeria, but urgently need more workers. Specifically, for our Fulani-focused ministries, we are seeking professionals such as doctors, nurses, veterinarians, educators, and engineers. Their expertise is crucial for opening doors for the gospel in this area.
- There is ongoing conflict between Fulani nomads and Hausa farmers because of limited resources for their cattle, along with other security threats—pray for our safe-keeping as we work in several villages. Pray the gospel of peace brings transformation.
- Pray for school resources including books and teacher support as we encourage the education of Fulani village children. Pray for open doors to reach more members of the Fulani community and for open hearts to receive the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for their faith to be encouraged and strengthened and to experience God's peace.
- Pray for provision of funding for school fees and expenses for the education of worker's children, and ask successful studies as they prepare for final exams. Ask good progress with language acquisition, and progress with ministry goals. Pray from 2 Thes 3:16 that workers experience the Lord of peace himself giving peace at all times in every way.

## NORTH AFRICA

- Pray for unity, trust, and love among believers in this region.
- We would appreciate prayer for new workers—French speakers with pastoral as well as cross-cultural skills to work with local believers and to join our team.
- Pray for the passport process for workers, and a resident permit for a new worker.
- Pray God will bring sub-Saharan international students to study here, people who are committed and bold to share the Good News with the next generation of leaders. Pray that university students would develop a vision for reaching the unreached.
- Restrictions and security mean most church activities are limited to the building and those who already follow Christ. Pray believers abound in love, purity, and righteousness and discern how to advance the gospel in this context.
- Recently, the team has been prompted to think about how we can be a blessing to the city we are in and are considering approaching the authorities about this. Pray God would grant us wisdom and insight and that he opens doors for us to be salt and light.
- As workers draw aside for a time for rest, refreshment, encouragement, and renewal, pray James 1:2-6, that their faith is in God alone, and, despite troubles, they will find joy and know wisdom. Pray for the power of endurance and that they lack nothing.

## EAST AFRICA

Pray the people of this region experience God's redeeming and transforming love and grasp the infinite dimensions of God's love for them.

May this region of political strife know God's peace and reconciliation.

Pray Eph 3:14-21 for workers, asking that out of the glorious riches of Father God they will be strengthened with power through his Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Being rooted and established in love, may they have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that they may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work. To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

## MIDDLE EAST

- There is huge pressure on children of all ages as the school year draws to an end next month. One lost mark is the difference between a child becoming a doctor. Pray for parents to be able to help their children in a healthy way without unrealistic expectations and pressure. Pray children are allowed to play and relax. Many children are studying late into the night, with poor sleep patterns and unhealthy eating because of the fear of failing. Pray children will experience love, whatever their educational ability.
- Pray that the government pays fair wages to educational staff and that teachers refuse bribery and will fairly grade each child they teach. Pray for deep change to the educational system from kindergarten right through to university.

- In the Middle East, fewer than 5% are Christians. Pray believers reflect Christ in their actions and stand firm in one Spirit living as light in the darkness and salt that stands out from the surrounding culture, drawing many to faith.
- There are many opportunities to use skills as ministry in this region. Pray for workers to come who are able to witness through business, medical, and education skills.

### AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- As the new school year starts, pray for our meetings with local schools as we discuss with them our plans and ideas, and ask permission to use the Bible and speak about God during our lessons.
- Give praise for fruit in the lives of community children and children of church families—may they grow in love with Jesus and learn from Bible studies. Pray for much fruit also through individual bible study, bible class, and small groups as church members are discipled.
- Pray for a missions team from Singapore that will be going to Ayutthaya to serve later this month—ask good planning and coordination with the team, and for prepared hearts.
- Pray for our university ministry which is new for the team. Ask God's wisdom and leading, and good partnership as we collaborate with local churches and Campus Crusade Thailand.
- May workers be able to rest properly and balance time and strength for neighbours and for ministry. Ask guidance as a family decides whether to send their oldest child to the local kindergarten. Pray for rest and refreshment for those on holiday and workers on Home Assignment.

### ASIA

- Pray that we would grow in trust of our Mighty God and thrive in our walk with him. Pray we live by faith that he is at work in us, in our friends, and in our situations.
- Give praise for a new language-learning programme and ask continued improvement and growth in conversation and comprehension ability.
- Ask for the total protection of our health.
- Pray for wisdom for our team as we interact with those around us. May we be able to build trust with the community and shine the light of Jesus. We have so many different individuals with whom we have different roles and relationships (friend, family, employee, student, shop-keeper, neighbour). Ask that we always interact in love and wisdom—like Christ would.
- Give praise for the opportunity to meet people, serve people and show them a little of who Jesus is through our businesses—pray for the growth of our businesses.
- Pray from Phil 1:9-11 asking that the love of God may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that God's people may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### CENTRAL ASIA

- Pray for protection, wisdom, and clarity in planning for visiting teams. Ask strength and grace for our team as we prepare to host them.
- We're in a season of change—welcoming a new team member, helping him adjust and settle in, and preparing to say goodbye to others who will be leaving in June. Please pray for smooth transitions, peace in the goodbyes, and grace as responsibilities shift.
- We're so encouraged by the growth we're seeing in our local leaders. From taking their first steps to now walking boldly in leadership and initiative—it's truly God's transforming work. Pray for continued growth, wisdom, and that their hearts would remain soft and open to God's leading.
- Pray from Col 4:2-4 that believers can be devoted to prayer, being watchful and thankful. May God open a door for their message, so that they may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Ask God's strength for those that suffer for their faith.