



## PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

December 2025

### Thank you for joining us in praying for all Faithful Witness teams:

1. Over 2,000 years ago, God became flesh and dwelled among us (John 1). Give thanks for workers as they dwell in forgotten communities as witnesses pointing the way to the Light of Life—may many encounter Jesus and believe.
2. As workers proclaim, 'Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven! For there is peace and a good hope given to the sons of men', pray for peace in each Faithful Witness location. May God's calming presence reign, and may His hand bring stability to every community, and protection for each worker and family.
3. Pray for strength and good health for workers during the busyness of December with many Christmas events and opportunities.
4. One of the biggest objections Muslims have to Christianity is that Jesus is God and that God came down and lived as a human. To them, this is shameful and beneath God's character. Pray the Holy Spirit will open their eyes in understanding the beauty of the Incarnation of Christ and their need for a perfect Saviour who is with them in the difficulties of life.

### EASTERN CHAD

- Pray for a worker currently in Burkina Faso and another in Ethiopia as they anticipate the arrival of their babies, ask protection and good health for all. Pray for the brother of a worker who is severely depressed and has been critically unwell.
- Pray for God's protection of people from cholera and from the devastating effects of conflict and displacement. Pray for peace in Chad. May God provide adequate harvests for people to have enough food for this coming year.
- Pray for workers in Chad as they partner with a local church group and travel 600km to provide healthcare and share the good news with a community—may people hear and receive truth. Ask God's presence and sustaining power for Christians who are suffering from the pressures they are experiencing.
- In another location, pray workers have good conversations and encouraging connections over Christmas. May our relationships with people continue to deepen. Pray people will come to know and experience God's love for them.
- Pray that language skills will continue improving and ask guidance and good connections as a worker seeks to contribute through community health education.
- Pray for peace in Sudan where violence continues to escalate. It's recently become more difficult to visit our friends in the refugee camp. Pray we'll be granted authority to enter the camp, and that we'll be able to continue visiting without issues. Pray that the millions of displaced children, men and women would know God's loving care for them, and that they'll have the food, healthcare, safety, hope, and education needed to survive, and to be able to start rebuilding their lives.

### NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Pray for the more than 100 million people in Nigeria who still live without the light of the Gospel. Ask God to open hearts and raise labourers for the harvest.
- Praise God for His protection, guidance, and wisdom throughout this year. He has sustained our team and ministry in challenging times. Ask God's protection over a family as they journey to Abuja for health care this week.
- Pray for the peace of Nigeria. Schools are closed in several states due to security alerts and mass kidnapping threats. Pray for protection and peace for worker's children and families affected by these closures. Ask God's safekeeping and encouragement of workers. May God's calming presence reign, and may His hand bring stability to every community.
- Ask God's encouragement and provision for workers—finances remain challenging.
- Intercede for the 22+ million Fulani in Nigeria, often marginalized and negatively stereotyped. Pray for peace, reconciliation, and continued opportunities for gospel witness among them. Pray for open doors

for the next phase of ministry, that the Lord will lead us to the right places, prepare receptive hearts, and accomplish His purpose through us in this new month.

- Lift up Christians in Nigeria who face severe persecution, kidnappings, and killings because of their faith. Ask God's intervention, comfort, and justice.

#### **MALI**

- SIM workers were evacuated from Mali in November—ask God's healing work in their lives strengthening them emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually as they return to their sending countries, debrief, transition, and consider their next steps. Pray that donors will understand our situation and still be willing to support financially and prayerfully.
- Pray for team children who are trying to make sense of the situation, as they miss their friends. Ask provision for their schooling needs to find the right tutor to catch up schoolwork they have missed.
- Pray for God's continued work among the people we have been serving asking that fruit will remain, and that God will raise up others to continue with the work and reach out to the Fulanis and Moors, and to continue the work of discipleship in the churches.

#### **NORTH AFRICA**

- Pray for a family working in North Africa awaiting the birth of twins in Australia.
- Pray for renewal of residency permits for workers and families allowing the team to live here and also travel abroad easily for schooling, meetings etc.
- Pray for open doors to meet those who are ready to receive the Good News.
- Give thanks for a successful seminar last month that is being developed as a weekly online group to continue coaching and leadership development of these students. May the practical and powerful lessons taught ignite faith and truly equip them to follow Christ in daily life.
- Pray for a Christmas celebration bringing together Arabic-speaking believers in the southern part of the country—isolated believers who do not have opportunities to regularly attend churches or house groups.
- A Christmas celebration is being arranged for French speakers, the majority will be the University student community. A time of worship and a shared meal will be held during the Christmas season. Pray this is a great opportunity for church members to invite their non-believing friends.

#### **MIDDLE EAST**

- Pray for women in this society, their voice is never heard. May they encounter Jesus and know freedom in him.
- Give thanks for the young adults' group regularly studying the Bible and for all the insight they have. Pray their eyes are opened and their lives are transformed by the truth of Jesus.
- Christmas day is a normal work day here although sometimes the government surprises people and gives them the day off. We have a church service and this is often full with people from the majority background who want to come and see what it is about and have photos with the Christmas tree! Pray that the true message of Jesus will be preached and the gospel shared clearly on this day! Pray too for the many maids who come, often it is the only day off in the year they can have and they come with their employers—pray maids and their employers hear the real reason for Christmas.

#### **SOUTH ASIA**

- Our team desires to meet together weekly and pray for spiritual breakthrough for the specific people God has placed in our lives—may nothing prevent us from praying together.
- Ask protection from discouragement and patience in the waiting as workers pour into others as they live out their faith in Christ. Pray for more workers willing to come, equipped and resourced to serve here.
- Give thanks for progress in language and cultural understanding.
- Give thanks, the business is continuing to run smoothly. Pray that we are able to make an employment placement this month, that the employment offer would remain and that our client would accept the offer. May our business-as-mission be fruitful and grow and find new opportunities.
- Pray for godly wisdom and protection as workers navigate new regulations concerning foreigners and anti-conversion laws. Pray good news will be seen and heard within the community.
- As two team members children return to their home country to sit a necessary schooling test, pray for safe travels and God's help over this time, that their test would go well, and for peace of mind for all.

### AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- As a short-term mission team serves with us until 15 December ask protection, good spiritual and physical health, good collaboration, and good communication. May God become known among the Thai people.
- Pray for the straightforward renewal of visas for workers awaiting documents.
- Pray for strength and good health for workers as they plan and run 14 evangelistic Christmas events—we seek to share the message of Christmas to as many people as possible. Activities include events at schools; fellowship and sharing time with school teachers; activities in the courtyard of two Buddhist temples; a Christmas in the Garden event Dec 13; a Joyful Heart Bilingual House event; University ministry celebrations and a Christmas Eve Candlelit service. As we invite children and their parents, and neighbours, may God prepare hearts and transform lives.
- Pray for good collaboration between believers this Christmas Season.

### CENTRAL ASIA

A recent prayer conference gathered together 500 global workers serving in cousin-culture contexts, a powerful and spiritually intense time to stand together in prayer. May this unity of purpose and binding of the dark principalities and powers of this region bring breakthrough. As we declare that Jesus has disarmed these spiritual rulers and authorities may they be publicly shamed by the victory Jesus won on the cross (Col. 2). Pray that many in Central Asia are raised to new life as they trust the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Pray for God's protection over workers, their health, and travel with upcoming trips.

### EAST AFRICA

Despite ongoing persecution, give praise for the good things that are happening in the region. We praise God for new workers from various countries who are committed to serve in this harsh land. Recently, we have received some threats about which we need discernment—we are not intimidated but want to be wise in our response. Ask wisdom and discernment as we interact and share the love of Christ with the people around us.