



## PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

January 2026

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

1. Join us in asking the LORD our banner to beckon the people of all nations to come and be gathered to him and experience the Sovereign Lord's love, grace and protection. 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says, "See I will beckon to the nations. I will lift up my banner to the peoples."' Isaiah 49:22.
2. In 2025, many Faithful Witness workers encountered difficulties. For some, lack of finances halted ministry. For the team in Mali, security threats necessitated return of workers to their home countries. Ask God's close presence, provision and guiding hand for these workers and families. May they have abundant wisdom, faith, hope, and trust in our God who brings the dead back to life and creates new things out of nothing (Romans 4:17).
3. Ask God to protect the health of those workers who are pregnant or recently delivered their newborns, pray mothers and babies all thrive.

### NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Ask God's protection and blessing of the team as they join SIM Nigeria's Spiritual Life Conference time of retreat, reflection, and refreshing. May the Lord guide every session and protect everyone involved.
- Pray for safekeeping in travel as older children return from university to join their families.
- Pray 2026 will be a season of growth, peace, and new opportunities for all of us. Ask too for spiritual growth and a heart to serve each other and our communities working with unity and good teamwork.
- Ask God's provision and resourcing for all that He calls us to do. The team lives amidst political tensions, insecurity with terrorist threats, banditry, kidnappings, and many other challenges. Ask safe-keeping and protection. Pray for provision of finances. May nothing hinder the team as they demonstrate the goodness of God and declare gospel truths.
- 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.
- Lift up Christians in Nigeria who face severe persecution, kidnappings, and killings because of their faith. Ask God's intervention, comfort, and justice.

### MIDDLE EAST

Pray God's leading and guidance as a young couple considering service here are visiting for a few days. This is very exciting! Pray that Father God will direct according to his will and purposes.

Pray for local believers to be growing in the Word and in faith so that they will have deep roots next to the stream and will not fear the heat of opposition and persecution. Pray for them to build trust with each other—may they prove to be trustworthy, too. Pray for people working against Christians as informants—may they come to know Christ.

As a group of young adults read the word together, pray the veil over their eyes will be removed so they see Jesus for who he really is, the Son of God.

### NORTH AFRICA

- Pray all goes well as the team leader joins a gathering of mission leaders working throughout the wider region, early this month.
- Pray also for the North Africa team, asking good fellowship, good communication, and that we work in unity with the differing gifts we bring together as a small team. Ask protection, strength, and grace for workers and their families. Pray for open doors to share the Good News with those ready to receive it.
- Working with Arabic-speaking local believers we will be starting a series of leadership development training sessions in mid-January. Pray that the candidates who have already been nominated will be determined to participate and that they will attend regularly.
- Ask wisdom and open doors as we discuss with university students our plan to start a French-speaking leadership training program on a national level to equip them to be effective in their witness within the

university environment. Pray for students that have returned to their home countries, and for those facing financial challenges.

- Ask the Lord's guidance as outlines for the sermon series for the next few months are developed for the local church. Pray for open doors to meet those who are ready to receive the Good News.
- Ask that God works, allowing resident permit renewals in his perfect timing and favour. Pray for those on Home Assignment and sabbatical—thank God for his faithfulness. Ask provision for a worker, a civil engineer, needing to find employment.

### **CENTRAL ASIA**

- A recent prayer conference of 500 global workers serving in cousin-culture contexts was a powerful and spiritually intense time to stand together in prayer. We witnessed God's presence, glory, and power. 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.
- Pray the Lord of the harvest sends forth more workers to this region of two hundred unreached people groups—many of these nations have no known Christians.
- Despite an increased amount of freedom in this country for local Christians there is still persecution with people being arrested by the police for meeting secretly in their homes. Pray for more boldness for the believers to share Christ, and more openness from the government towards us. The church is small and divided. Pray church leaders are humble and will seek to build unity between the different fellowships.
- Pray for the team leader's visa application and ask full approval for her course of study and a promised scholarship as she moves to the UK to study, this month. Ask mental strength and God's renewal, protection, and enabling for the remaining worker. Praise God for a new worker arriving this month to teach at the university and to be a faithful witness as a 'tentmaker'. Pray he will adjust well and be a great light among students and the university professors.

### **EAST AFRICA**

May many of the people of this land be among the great multitude gathered before the Lamb, their Saviour (Rev 7:9-10).

Pray for godly vision and wise collaboration of all labouring among those living and dying without Jesus. Pray for more workers, and avenues for visas to be opened.

We are not intimidated by recent threats, 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.

Ask fruit, and transformation at many levels of society.

### **MALI**

As workers are all on Home Assignment, pray visits to the supporting churches will be uplifting and fruitful. Ask God's protection, encouragement, and comfort.

Pray for open doors and God's guidance to new ministry opportunities and mission placements as God calls workers back to the mission field.

Ask God's protection of Christians in Mali. Pray for seekers—may words of truth sown into open hearts and enquiring minds take root and bring a harvest of souls into the Kingdom of God.

### **SOUTH ASIA**

- The Supreme Court in this country met at the end of November to decide whether a law approved in our state goes against the constitution or not. This resulted in more questions, which are now being clarified. Pray earnestly that the Supreme Court would rule in line with the constitution.
- Ask wisdom for all things concerning the business—it is difficult to remain unprofitable. Pray that the business would become profitable in 2026, be fruitful and grow, and find new opportunities.
- Pray from Romans 8:35-39 that nothing will separate the people we live among from the love of God—70 million people living without knowledge of the God who created them, in this state alone.
- Pray that workers keep their eyes fixed on Christ and ask for protection against discouragement.
- Pray for more workers willing to come to serve here.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians of this region asking protection and strength. Pray for the flourishing of new believers and the local church. May the good news of Jesus be heard within the community.

## EASTERN CHAD

- As a new team-mate joins us from January-September, pray for her visa to be issued in a timely manner, that she adjusts quickly, and for her language and culture learning. Pray for us as we orientate and support a new teammate. Pray God strengthens, sustains, and encourages each of us and leads us in love and wisdom by his Spirit to love our neighbours well.
- Give praise for opportunities to visit villages and show the Jesus film and share the good news of Jesus—may truth grasp their minds and turn their hearts to the Saviour. The gospel has been shared with a couple, both police officers, that are in need of God's healing of body and spirit.
- Give praise for new followers of Jesus as they are discipled both in person and remotely. May they continue to respond to the love of God, and flourish.
- Pray workers experience the generous provision of God as His grace abounds, allowing workers to have all they need, at all times. Continue to pray for full recovery of a worker's back injury.

## AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Ask refreshed energy and strength for the team as we head into the New Year.
- Pray for godly discernment as we review and assess our ministries in 2025, then plan ministry focus for the year ahead
- Give thanks for successful complex surgery for a worker's mother, and that she is able to stay with the family as she steadily recovers.

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