



PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

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Because you prayed, workers continue to stand firm despite opposition. As workers bring light into areas where people are living in darkness, join with them by praying against the rulers, the authorities, the powers, and the spiritual forces of evil that have held control of these communities. Pray from Ephesians 6:10-18 for the protection of the full armour of God for workers... 'with truth as your belt, righteousness your breastplate, the Gospel of peace firmly on your feet, salvation as your helmet and in your hand the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Above all be sure you take faith as your shield...' May we all stay alert and be persistent in our prayers for all Christ's men and women. As the kingdom of heaven draws near to these communities, pray for encounters with the living God.

EASTERN CHAD

- Wet season started late and people's crops are dying. Prices of grain for both food and planting have increased by over 50%, poor families are likely to go hungry. Pray for the right amount of rain for a good amount of time to provide good harvests.
- **Because you prayed**, three families have been able to return from home assignment and resume building friendships and gaining communication skills. Ask wisdom, grace, and good health especially for a baby who has been unwell. One family has been welcomed into a new village. Pray for protection, some ministry areas are experiencing unrest and fighting. May God use each worker mightily for his Kingdom purposes.
- Pray for a family on home assignment, asking provision for their children's education and for finances allowing them to return to live and serve effectively in Chad.
- Pray that Kingdom work in Chad can adapt and grow despite the government ban on US missionaries. May God bring more workers. Pray also that Chadian Christians may be increasingly moved and equipped to take a greater role in reaching out to their fellow Chadian citizens.

CENTRAL ASIA

- Pray God stirs the hearts of people to respond to the great need for more workers, those willing to witness of Jesus by word and deed while living among the unreached peoples of Central Asia.
- Pray God will expand the number of intercessors who stand in the gap for unreached communities.
- Within this Muslim context, ask God to prepare the hearts of people to be receptive to kingdom truth, with many people ready to listen, understand and believe good news as believers live among them.
- Pray for local believers. May they continue in their faith, established and firm, with a growing understanding of the mystery of Christ in us, the hope of glory. May they be burdened for the people surrounding them and be willing to touch them with the love of God, despite security risks and opposition. Pray from Colossians 1:23 that the gospel will be heard and proclaimed to everyone in the world.

SOUTH ASIA

- Pray for more workers to proclaim the message of the Kingdom, and seed that falls on receptive soil.
- Ask favour and God's provision for workers as they process through new rules and restrictions for annual renewal of foreigners' registration extensions. Pray the door remains open and that we may daily witness the gospel in word and deed among friends, employees, and students.
- A worker writes, 'As we were beginning the opening ceremony of our new office, a thought suddenly came into my heart: that God has a greater plan, far beyond anything I could imagine. With that peace in my heart, I was able to share with them, in the local language, about the vision God has given us for this company. Many of the people who gathered were not believers.' Ask breakthrough in finance in the business. We now have more employees, but sales are still very low and this may impact our residency status. Ask the Lord's protection and sovereignty.
- Ask God to prosper homeschooling achievement as high school requirements become more challenging. Pray for a daughter's university entrance exam late this month. Pray for good rest for a family on home assignment, asking blessing on time spent with parents and siblings, and that good business connections and networks develop.

EAST AFRICA

- Ask God to establish a people for himself, those who call upon Jesus, worship him alone, and share the good news of his salvation. May God provide opportunities for true God-seekers to meet with believers.
- Ask godly wisdom as team leaders cast a vision for Kingdom work in the region.
- Pray for God's work in influential people and places of government. May God bring more freedom for believers. Pray for those in prison for their faith, asking for their release. Pray for freedom to worship Jesus, with others, without fear.

NORTH AFRICA

- Ministry with local believers continues with leadership development and discipleship programmes as we focus both on growing maturity and sharing good news. Give thanks that the gospel is bearing fruit and growing. Ask spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Pray that believers bear fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, having great endurance and patience (Colossians 1:5-12). We are encouraged as we work with three young men called to long-term ministry among unreached people.
- Ask for grace and strength as the hot season continues, amidst power cuts. Ask unity, good collaboration, and good communication among the multi-cultural team. God has done great things! We are grateful, and praise God for the opportunity to live and serve here. Ask God's favour as resident permit renewals are processed. Pray for financial provision and resourcing to enable workers to thrive.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Thank you for your prayers and partnership. Fulani ministry continues to grow and expand its impact. **Because you prayed**, we have welcomed a new worker. Pray for the family as they continue to settle in. Ask God's provision and grace as another family follow God's calling and will soon leave all that is familiar and join the team in Northern Nigeria. Give thanks for others preparing to serve here in both long-term and short-term placements.
- Pray for peace and security in Nigeria, as the situation remains fragile in many areas.

MIDDLE EAST

- Pray for a way for workers to return to this country, asking wisdom, and favour with the government in issuing visas.
- Pray the campaign to raise up workers for the Middle East and North Africa would be used by many SIM entities around the world; pray the content would speak to many and encourage them to see the part they could play in sharing the gospel with people who need it so much.
- Ask God to send workers into this harvest field. Many are searching for truth because they have lost faith in the majority religion and want peace in their lives.
- Pray for the local believers to be deeply rooted in God's word, to be hungry for the Word and able to wisely share truth with others. May believers be equipped to endure persecution.
- Give thanks for young adults who have continued to meet online as they seek spiritual answers. Pray for encounter with Jesus who is the one and only answer.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Ask God's continued leading and open doors as we serve and share the good news within our community. May God grant us wisdom, strength, and continued fruitfulness. Pray for a couple that are showing some interest in Christianity and sometimes attend church, may they be drawn into genuine, transforming faith. As we visit a neighbourhood family, pray for healing of their child. May the kindness of God be experienced, drawing them to repentance and salvation.
- Pray for resources and good interest as we prepare for church Family Camp next month. The Joyful Heart team are planning a weeklong camp during the school break and ask pray for more manpower support.
- Pray the team is marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—living by the Spirit, in step with the Spirit. There is transition in our team as we bid farewell to 2 family units. Goodbyes are always a difficult grieving time. Ask grace as responsibilities are taken up by other workers. Workers that are leaving ask prayer for avenues to open to continue mission involvement in their new situations.