

WHO ARE

# Frontier People Groups?



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**And this gospel of the kingdom  
will be proclaimed throughout the whole world  
as a testimony to all nations,  
and then the end will come.**

— MATTHEW 24:14



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# **What can a group of young artists in Los Angeles do to help send missionaries to where they are most needed?**

What if we combine our love to draw with our faith in Jesus?

We did not know we could use our passion and work to share about missions! During the pandemic, being part of digital missions became our answered prayer. We could use our digital art to draw for God's kingdom.

Digital missions is sharing the gospel through digital tools, resources, and strategies. This is the time to use technology to reach those who do not know Jesus. Through this prayer guide, we want families to pray for unreached people.

We hope that you will dare to dream bolder by using your skills for global missions. He will take us further than we can imagine when we say "Yes" to Him.

We invite you to be part of our journey with this prayer guide!

— ANDREW FENG, INDIGITOUS U.S. LEAD, AND NICK WU



## Who Are Frontier People Groups?

Frontier People Groups are people grouped by language and culture. They are “Frontier” because fewer than 0.1% are Christian. That means fewer than one person in 1,000 identifies with Jesus in any way!

There are about 5,000 Frontier People Groups. This prayer guide shows 31 of the largest groups. Your prayers will cover a total of 700 million people! Many are Muslims or Hindus. Statistically, they won’t ever meet a Christian in their lifetime.

With so few Christians, Frontier People Groups need missionaries. Pray for Christians to go and help them become followers of Jesus!

## For Parents

We invite you and your family to pray for 31 Frontier People Groups.

Begin by telling the story from the perspective of the character. Then, pray together with the three prayer items. Finally, scan the QR code to watch a prayer video.

Your prayers make the biggest difference!



## PROGRESS SCALE

Take note of this Progress Scale in the following pages. The scale counts the percentage of evangelicals and professing Christians in people groups.



### UNREACHED

Few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians. Little, if any, history of Christianity. Frontier Peoples are a subset of unreached.

### MINIMALLY REACHED

Few evangelicals, but a significant number who identify as Christians.

### SUPERFICIALLY REACHED

Few evangelicals, but many who identify as Christians. In great need of spiritual renewal and commitment to biblical faith.

### PARTIALLY REACHED

Evangelicals have a modest presence.

### SIGNIFICANTLY REACHED

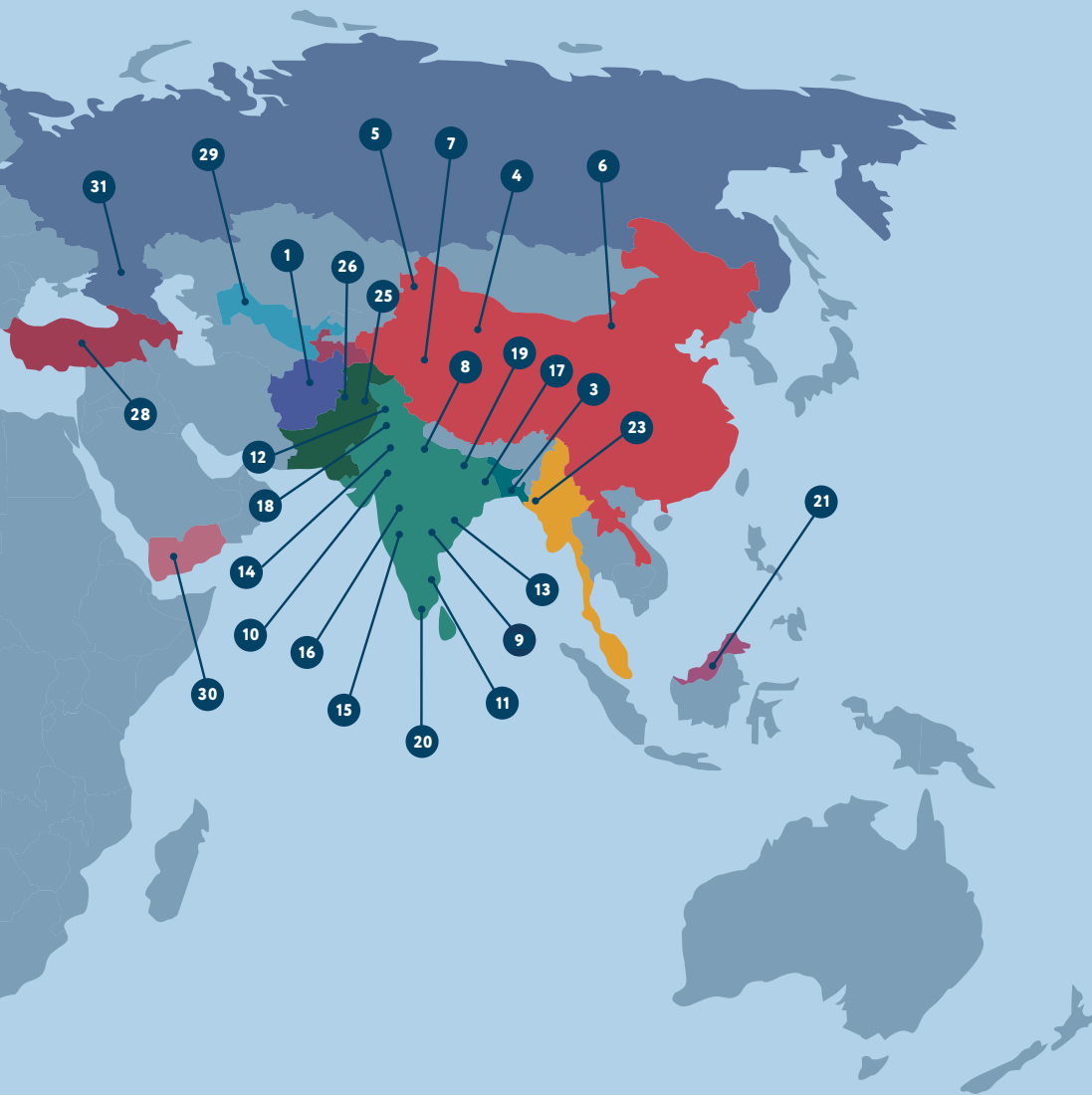
Evangelicals have a significant presence.

Progress scale and prayer items are referenced from [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net)

Scan the QR codes on the following pages to learn more about each people group on [prayercast.com](http://prayercast.com).







## GEOGRAPHIC LEGEND

1 Afghan Tajik	17 Nai
2 Algerian Tuareg	18 Rajput
3 Shaikh	19 Teli
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5 Kazakh	21 Malay
6 Mongol	22 Moroccan
7 Uyghur	23 Rakhine
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9 Bania	25 Arain
10 Brahmin	26 Pashtun
11 Dhobi	27 Wolof
12 Jat	28 Turk
13 Kapu	29 Uzbek
14 Kumhar	30 Arab Northern Yemeni
15 Kunbi	31 Chechen
16 Mahratta	

**NOTE** People groups are sorted by country. Geographic locations are approximate.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

— MATTHEW 25:35



Illustration by Jessica Tse

## Afghan Tajik

سلامر عليکم (salaam alaikum)! My name is Sherzod and I belong to the Afghan Tajik people in Afghanistan. I made two delicious dishes, a rice dish called osh and some flatbread. Osh is one of my favorite dishes. It has lamb, different spices, and vegetables like pepper and garlic. In my tradition, showing hospitality and having guests come over to my house is a great honor. I hope that my friends who are coming over later will enjoy these two dishes as well!



**LOCATION**  
Afghanistan

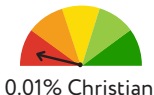
**LANGUAGE**  
Dari Persian

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
10,831,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask God to restore political peace and stability to Afghanistan.
- ♦ Ask God to call Christian workers trained in the Dari language to take the gospel to the Tajiks and plant strong local churches.
- ♦ Pray that relief funds will be available for those living in famine-stricken areas.



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# Algerian Tuareg

أهلا ('ahlan)! Hi there! My name is Amastan, and I'm nine years old and I belong to the Tuareg people in Algeria. My father and I are traveling to the nearby well with our donkey to bring back some water for our family. What I'm most excited about is playing a game called melghas with my friends! Melghas is a game where kids first hide themselves. Then, another tries to find and tag them before they reach the well for a drink. The last time we played, I got caught before even touching the well. This time, I'll outrun all the other kids and reach the well first!



**LOCATION**  
Algeria

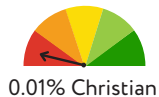
**LANGUAGE**  
Arabic, Algerian  
Saharan Spoken

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
137,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Algeria is not very welcoming to Christian workers. Pray for missionaries to be creative in sharing the gospel with the Tuareg and Algerian people.
- ♦ Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Muslim tribes. Pray that they will receive the gospel.
- ♦ Pray for the few Tuareg believers to reflect Christ and the gospel in their communities.



Prayercast

Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations.

— ROMANS 1:5



Illustration by Ben Tong

That all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other.

— 1 KINGS 8:60



Illustration by  
Becky Seo

## Shaikh

আসসালামু আলাইকুম (Āsasālāmu ālā'ikuma)! My name is Hadhira, and I am a Shaikh school teacher. The Shaikhs are very diverse in our occupations. Many of my cousins are farmers in the country while a few of my friends are artisans and vendors. Nowadays, many Shaikhs follow the pace of the modern world, and I hear we are quite good businessmen as well. Although we are widespread and occupy many different jobs, we are all united by Allah. I believe that we are blessed by Allah to be different and successful in our skills and talents!



**LOCATION**  
Bangladesh /  
South Asia

**LANGUAGE**  
Bengali

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
125,776,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask the Lord to open the hearts of the Shaikhs so they will receive the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement that will bless the Shaikhs within this decade.
- ♦ Pray for the Lord to send faithful workers to the Shaikhs to tell them about Jesus.



Prayercast

# Hui

你好 (ni hao)! My name is Ma, and this is my beloved grandson Bai. He is growing up so fast! We belong to the Hui people group in China and as Sunni Muslims, we want to show our devotion to Allah. Now that Bai is 10, our family has decided to take him along on our annual pilgrimage to Mecca. I am happy to see that Bai is very excited about this journey. We're looking forward to all the memories we'll make together on this trip!



**LOCATION**  
China

**LANGUAGE**  
Mandarin

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
13,917,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the Hui people will have a hunger for spiritual truth that will lead them to seek and find Christ with their Christian neighbors.
- ♦ Pray for the Chinese believers to do whatever it takes to introduce Jesus Christ to the Muslim Hui people.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement to flourish among the Hui people.



0.01% Christian



Prayercast

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

– PSALM 145:18



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Becky Seo



Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

— EPHESIANS 3:20



Illustration by  
Whitney Hii

## Kazakh

Сәлеметсіз бе(sälemetsiz be)! My name is Inzhu, and I belong to the Kazakh people in China. Our people are known for being horsemen and nomads, meaning that we travel from place to place in search of fresh pasture for our livestock. For generations, my family and I have cared for dozens of horses in the grasslands. This horse's name is Inju, she's very special to me because she's been with me since birth. She never leaves my side, and helps me take care of newborn horses and foals. Sometimes, I ride her while letting the other horses roam free. Inju and I are forever friends, and she will always hold a special place in my heart!



### LOCATION

China



### LANGUAGE

Kazakh



### RELIGION

Islam



### POPULATION

1,887,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask the Lord to send long-term laborers to live among Kazakhs and share the love of Christ with them.
- ♦ Ask the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the Kazakhs towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among Kazakhs.



0.01% Christian



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# Mongol

Сайн байна уу (san ban oh)! I'm Batu and I am nine-years-old. I have my bow and arrow ready for this year's Naadam Festival. This is a festival Mongolians celebrate in the summer. It has three main events: wrestling, horse racing, and archery. These are also called the "three games of men." This year, my friends and I are competing in archery as a team. Even though I am a boy, I will do my best to hit as many targets as I can!



**LOCATION**  
China

**LANGUAGE**  
Mongolian,  
Peripheral

**RELIGION**  
Buddhism;  
forces of nature

**POPULATION**  
5,655,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ There are an unconfirmed number of Christian Mongols. Pray for these believers to share the gospel with non-believers, to stand firm in their faith, and trust in God.
- ♦ Pray for God to help the Mongolians through harsh winters. Pray that Mongolians can experience spiritual warmth from God's love and grace.
- ♦ Many Mongols worship forces of nature (such as the moon, stars, sun, and rivers). Pray that God can reveal Himself to the Mongols as the one true God.



0.04% Christian



Prayercast

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

– DEUTERONOMY 31:6



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Jessica Tse*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
— PSALM 105:1



Illustration by  
Jessica Tse

## Uyghur

خەيىرلىك ئەتىگەن! (yakhshimusiz)! My name is Meryem and I am from the Uyghur people group. I live in Xinjiang, which is in the western part of China. My family, like other Uyghur families, harvests different resources like cotton, grapes, melons, and other fruit. We live near an irrigation system that makes our crops flourish. As a result, our agriculture industry is large and successful. I just finished collecting grapes from a nearby grape farm. I am going to bring this back home to my parents and help them sell it or turn it into wine!



**LOCATION**  
China

**LANGUAGE**  
Uyghur

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
11,921,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that Han Chinese believers can lead the way and show the compassion of Christ to the Uyghurs.
- ♦ Today, over one million Uyghurs are being detained and placed in internment camps. Pray for protection over the Uyghur men, women, and children in these camps.
- ♦ Pray for Uyghurs to find Jesus in their pain and that God would use this very suffering to lead them to the kingdom.



0.01% Christian



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# Ansari

ہیلو! (halloo) I'm Nasirah, an Ansari woman living in Uttar Pradesh, India. I'm a seamstress, and I work in the large textile industry within my community. It's the same job that my mother and grandmother did before me. Every day, I work on my hand-loom to make silk dresses, like the one I'm wearing right now! Today, I'm going down to the rural villages with my family to provide help for the less fortunate farmers. I have a tight-knit family and we love to help out in our community whenever we can!



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Urdu

**RELIGION**  
Islam (Sunni)

**POPULATION**  
10,700,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that God would send Indian followers of Jesus to their Ansari neighbors to share with them the good news.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement among them this decade.
- ♦ Pray for good schools so that Ansari children can get an education that helps to lift them out of poverty.



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But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

– 1 JOHN 1:7



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Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'

— ROMANS 9:25

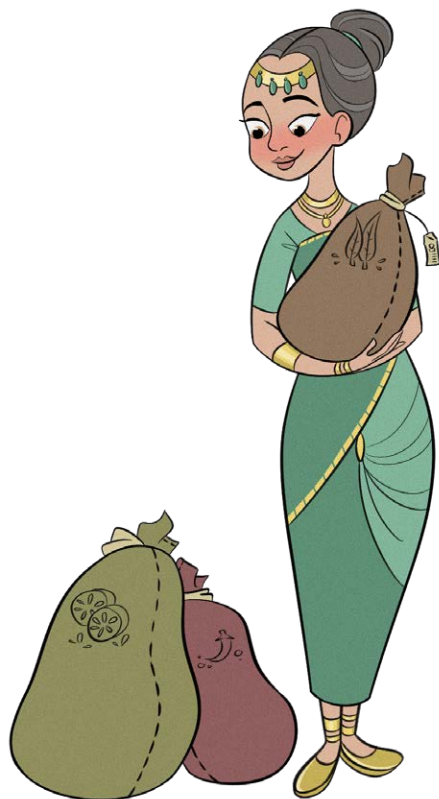


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Whitney Hii

## Bania

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Eshana, and I am a Baniyan spice merchant in India. All of my spices are homemade by my family and I. Do you want some herbs to make your tea sweet or some spice to make your soup spicy? We have it all! I sell my spices to local villagers and neighbors. Sometimes, I like to trade spices with neighboring villages and merchants too. The ingredients that are local there are different from the ones we find at home. You never know what kind of spices you'll find!



### LOCATION

India

### LANGUAGE

Hindi

### RELIGION

Hinduism

### POPULATION

29,240,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the salvation of these people and that God may send several Christian workers among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs.
- ♦ Pray for developmental and literacy programs.
- ♦ Pray for a spiritual hunger in the Baniyan and Vanian community that will lead them to Christ.



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# Brahmin

शुभ प्रभात (shubh prabhaat). Good morning, I am Ved. Would you like to observe me performing this worship ritual? Only the Brahmin are able to perform this special ritual, as we are the only caste that can be priests. It is a great honor for outsiders to observe, because we only perform our Hindu rituals for those in higher castes. The younger generation of Brahmin no longer seek this ancient practice, and few know the knowledge of Vedas. Most are now seeking to be educators, lawmakers, scholars, doctors, politicians, computer engineers, and so on. However, as an elder priest, I hope to spread the importance of our tradition and knowledge.



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
59,134,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Brahmins are seen as knowledgeable and enlightened; pray for the light of the gospel to bring the knowledge of Christ to them in India.
- ♦ Pray for wisdom for disciples of Jesus who befriend and share their faith with Brahmins.
- ♦ Pray that the true God will reveal Himself to this community and use Brahmins to preach and teach about Jesus Christ.



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And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

— MATTHEW 25:40

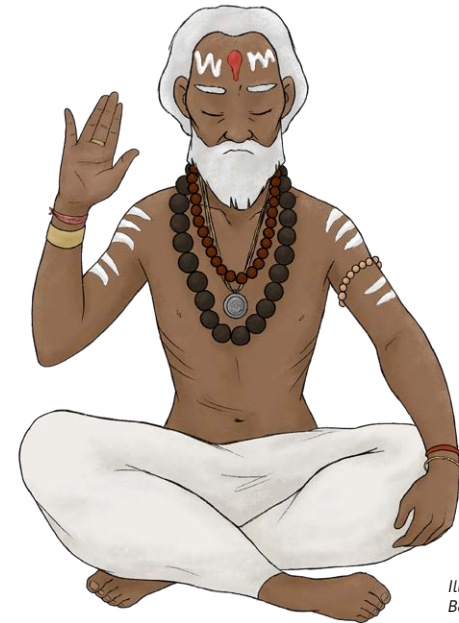


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Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all  
the peoples praise you!

— PSALM 67:3



Illustration by  
Becky Seo

## Dhobi

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Bhavna, and I am part of the Dhobi people of India. I've always been surrounded by water because my family and neighbors have been washer-men and cleaners all their lives. When I was a child, I would run around the washing pools and play in the water. My mother would catch me, then teach me to dry and iron the clothes that my father had washed. Now that I'm older, I try to help my parents earn money in every way I can. Lately, there have been fewer customers due to the popularity of washing machines. I hope that I can support my parents for as long as I can.



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
11,993,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ◆ Since many of their professions are going out of business, pray for the Dhobi people to gain access to better education and new skills in the modern world.
- ◆ Pray that the Dhobi people will hear the gospel and that only Jesus Christ can wash away their sins.
- ◆ Pray that the Holy Spirit will give the Dhobi people spiritual hunger that they will not be satisfied until they taste and see that the Lord is good.



0.02% Christian



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# Jat

ਸਤ ਸਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ, (sata srī akāla), I'm Jumari! I'm a Jat woman from Punjab. Right now, I'm working on this phulkari, or embroidery. My favorite part is these little flowers, don't they look nice? I learned how to embroider from my mother, and I'm making this one for my sister's wedding this year. The wedding will have a total of 100 of these pieces of embroidery! I had my own wedding last year, which is why I wear this nathli, or nose ring. All the married women in my community wear rings like this, and some even have decorative beads on them. Alright, enough talking, I have to get back to work!

When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

– ACTS 11:18



**LOCATION**  
India

**LANGUAGE**  
Punjabi,  
Western

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism,  
Sikhism, Islam

**POPULATION**  
29,863,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that Christian doctors, nurses, and humanitarian aid workers will have opportunities to share the love of Jesus.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to bring forth growing churches among the Jats for the glory of His name.
- ♦ Pray that churches and missions organizations will accept the challenge of adopting and reaching the Jats.



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Samuel Chiu

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our LORD and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

— REVELATION 11:15



Illustration by Jessica Tse

## Kapu

నమస్కారం (namaskārām)! My name is Karan and this is my daughter Annaya. We belong to the Kapu people group in India. Kapu means farmer or protector, and that is exactly what I do: farm and protect my family. Many Kapu were once part of the military, but now we are mostly farmers. I am on my way to the farm while walking Annaya to school. She will be entering high school this year! She has to carry a lot of books with her, so I hope she didn't forget anything!



### LOCATION

India



### LANGUAGE

Telugu



### RELIGION

Hinduism



### POPULATION

15,424,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask the Lord to send Indian believers to the Kapu to tell them about Jesus Christ.
- ♦ Kapu live in villages that often lack access to modern medicine, electricity, and clean water. Pray that the spiritual and physical needs of the Kapu are met by Jesus Christ.
- ♦ Hinduism is widely practiced among the Kapu people. Pray that God will open the minds and hearts of the Kapu to the truth of the Bible and reveal Himself as the one true God.



0.02% Christian



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# Kumhar

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Mishika, and I belong to the Kumhar people in India. My village specializes in pottery making. We make pots of all kinds, big and small! My favorite part of the pot-making process is adding colors and painting patterns onto the pots we make. Right now, I am painting a small bowl that was made by one of my brothers this morning! First, I let the fresh clay dry. Then, I add a thin base color, and once that dries, I get to add circles, lines, and swirls as decoration! This bowl's going to be part of a matching set I created!



## LOCATION

India

## LANGUAGE

Hindi

## RELIGION

Hinduism

## POPULATION

15,375,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for a spiritual hunger in the Kumhar community that will lead them to Christ.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement that will bless the Kumhar this decade.
- ♦ Pray for the Lord to send out teams of workers to help the Kumhar people with their spiritual and physical needs.



0.01% Christian



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O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

– JEREMIAH 18:6



Illustration by  
Whitney Hii

Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

— HABAKKUK 1:5



Illustration by  
Samuel Chiu

## Kunbi

नमस्ते (namaste), I'm Advik! I'm a Kunbi man from Gujarat. Right now, my village is preparing for our tradition of the Goa Dance! In a few moments, the women will start dancing while all the men will play these ghumots, or drums. We perform this dance as a prayer for protection over our homes and community. We're also dressed in traditional clothing for this dance, and both the men and women wear a pink color. The pink dye comes from the manjistha plant, which we use in a lot of our clothing. Oh, they're calling me now, see you later!



### LOCATION

India



### LANGUAGE

Gujarati



### RELIGION

Hinduism

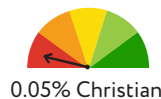


### POPULATION

18,499,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the salvation of the Kunbi people and that God may send Christian workers to work among them and meet their spiritual and physical needs.
- ♦ Pray for the Kunbi Christians to reach out to their own people.
- ♦ Pray that their men and women may give up smoking.



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# Mahratta

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Grishma and I am a Mahratta woman from India. I work at home by doing different chores around the house while my husband takes care of our cows. He uses livestock to help till the soil and harvest crops. Earlier, I washed our clothes by hand. This means rubbing soap on the clothes against a piece of concrete, then rinsing them in a bucket of water. Right now, I am cooking porridge over an open fire so that my husband can eat when he comes home. I can't wait for this busy day to be over!



## LOCATION

India

## LANGUAGE

Marathi

## RELIGION

Hinduism

## POPULATION

31,159,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the Mahratta people can find hope and receive the free gift of the gospel.
- ♦ Pray for God to turn the Mahratta people away from worshiping false idols.
- ♦ Mahrattas are part of the upper rural class; the majority of families own land and raise farm crops. As a result, they look down upon people they consider as not their equal. Pray that Mahrattas can experience God's love and grace.



0.00% Christian



Prayercast

"Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

— PSALM 12:5



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Jessica Tse

Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered.  
Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
– LUKE 12:7

Illustration by  
Jessica Tse



## Nai

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Ashish and I am part of the Nai people group in India. Nai means barber, and that is what many Nai people, including myself, do for a living. My job includes giving haircuts, shaving beards, and occasional wedding preparations. Giving haircuts may not seem like much, but it is meaningful because I get to give people a new appearance. When I see smiles on people's faces, I feel happy and proud of my work. I hope this boy will like his new haircut!



### LOCATION

India



### LANGUAGE

Hindi



### RELIGION

Hinduism



### POPULATION

11,933,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for Indian believers to build friendships with the Nai and tell them about the Savior.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement that will bless the Nai people this decade.
- ♦ Many Nai do not know how to read. Pray for access to biblical audio materials and for God to lead the Nai to listen to Christian radio programs in their languages.



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# Rajput

नमस्ते (namaste), I am Mahendra. I'm a Rajput man from Uttar Pradesh. We Rajputs descended from royal lineage, and we continue these traditions of honor today. This is a ceremonial sword that's used in weddings and other ceremonies, and this is the traditional clothing for the annual Camel Festival. Another important tradition for my community is how we style our beards! As you can see, I curl up my mustache and beard, just like many of the men in my community. This is just one of the many ways we preserve and express our culture!



## LOCATION

India

## LANGUAGE

Hindi

## RELIGION

Hinduism

## POPULATION

45,611,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the Rajput community to increase awareness of Jesus and their need for Him.
- ♦ Pray that the Lord will give Rajputs a spiritual hunger and satisfy that hunger.
- ♦ Pray that Rajputs will understand the value of becoming a part of God's royal family.



0.02% Christian



Prayercast

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

— EPHESIANS 3:8



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Samuel Chiu

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

— 1 JOHN 4:16



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Samuel Chiu

## Teli

नमस्ते (namaste), I'm Akash. I'm a Teli farmer from Uttar Pradesh, and right now I'm on my family farm. Here, we grow large fields of mustard and other plants, which we use to extract oil. My family has been in the oil business for generations, as well as many of the members of my community. Right now we're saving up money for a mechanical oil press, which will make work much easier.



### LOCATION

India



### LANGUAGE

Hindi



### RELIGION

Hinduism



### POPULATION

18,839,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the Holy Spirit would anoint Teli community leaders and lead them to open the doors for their people to follow Jesus.
- ♦ Pray that believers will reach out to this people group with the blessings of Christ.
- ♦ Pray for the Lord to raise up Teli believers who will disciple others and begin the process of starting a disciple-making movement among this people group.



0.02% Christian



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# Yadav

नमस्ते (namaste)! My name is Daivi and this is my big brother Dhiman. He is my best friend and it's never boring when we work together! We have to take care of the cattle from early morning to night, but sometimes it is fun! During breaks, we like to wrestle with our cousins and sing and dance a lot, too. We also like listening to the stories our aunties and uncles tell us about the gods like Vishnu and Krishna. They even taught us how to pray regularly to Singaji to protect our cattle and present offerings like butter, unripe mangoes, and sugar. Life is not too bad, but sometimes I wish I could go to school like other children instead of working in the fields.



**LOCATION**  
India

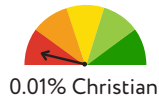
**LANGUAGE**  
Hindi

**RELIGION**  
Hinduism

**POPULATION**  
58,642,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the salvation of the Yadav people and for missionaries to pioneer new ministries among them.
- ♦ Pray for literacy and community development work.
- ♦ Pray for the practice of child labor to end and for education to be made available to all children, especially girls.



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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

– MATTHEW 9:37-38



*Illustration by  
Becky Seo*



Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
– PSALM 96:7



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Whitney Hii

## Malay

Hai! My name is Azura (blue), and these are my friends, Jaya (green) and Nurin (pink). We belong to the Malay people in Malaysia. On our way back from school, my family-friends and I found some flowers, roots, and fern plants to grow the other day, and we've been taking care of them since! They've grown so tall in such a short period of time! Our people are very big on agriculture in the countryside, where there are thousands of plants to explore and harvest. Because of Malaysia's humid weather, we're able to grow all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Some of my favorites are durian, jambu merah, mangosteen, and rambutan!



### LOCATION

Malaysia



### LANGUAGE

English, Malay



### RELIGION

Islam



### POPULATION

13,192,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to work among each Malay group.
- ♦ Ask the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom and favor to missions agencies focusing on the Malay.
- ♦ Pray that God will give the small number of Malay believers boldness to share Christ with their own people.



0.10% Christian



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# Moroccan

سلام (salam), I'm Ilias. I'm from Morocco, and right now I'm on my family's farm. I work here with my parents and sister, and I'm in charge of milking the goats every morning! I also watch over the chickens and sheep. I love taking care of them! I'm wearing a hat called a fez and many of the boys from Morocco wear them. Usually, I'm not dressed this fancy, but this robe is special for holidays.



**LOCATION**  
Morocco

**LANGUAGE**  
Arabic,  
Moroccan  
Spoken

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
24,221,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Moroccan Arabs toward Christians so that they will be receptive to the gospel.
- ♦ Pray that God will call forth teams of intercessors who will faithfully stand in the gap for Moroccan Arabs.
- ♦ Ask God to give Moroccan Arab believers boldness to share the love of Christ with their friends and families.



0.09% Christian



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And that repentance and the forgiveness for sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

– LUKE 24:47



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Samuel Chiu*

Declare his glory among the nations, his  
marvelous works among all the peoples!  
— 1 CHRONICLES 16:24



Illustration by Whitney Hii

## Rakhine

ဟာလ်လို့ (haallo)! Our names are Kyine, Pemala, and Yadana, and we belong to the Rakhine people in Myanmar. We are all on our way to the Thingyan Water Festival. This annual festival is significant to us because it marks the first day of the new year! A long-running tradition of our people is taking the sprigs of thabyay plants (leaves of tropical plants) and using them to sprinkle scented water on our friends and family from silver bowls. Another custom we enjoy is the endless stalls of Burmese street foods, where everything is free during the festival. It's a celebration of life and rebirth!



### LOCATION

Myanmar  
(Burma)



### LANGUAGE

Rakhine,  
Burmese



### RELIGION

Buddhism



### POPULATION

2,718,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the Rakhine people will be able to adequately use the Burmese Bible for written literature.
- ♦ Pray that evangelistic materials (such as audio-visual materials, songs, tracts, etc.) in the Rakhine language will be produced.
- ♦ Pray for a spiritual hunger in the Rakhine community that will lead them to Christ.



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# Fulani

Sannu! My name is Maimuna (left), and this is my mother, Nabilah (right). We belong to the Fulani people in Nigeria. The two of us just got back from a short journey, where we delivered milk to our tribe's children. When we travel, my mother and I wear these face markings and carry these special milk bowls to represent which tribe we are from. Our tribe is scattered over many pastures because we are semi-nomadic, meaning that we travel great distances to find supplies and shelter, while also taking care of cattle and other animals. I can't wait to see where we go next!



**LOCATION**  
Nigeria

**LANGUAGE**  
Fulfulde

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
30,453,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the few Christian believers among the Fulani people would be sent teachers to help them become well established in their faith.
- ♦ Pray they would find each other in order to fellowship together, and that they would learn to live in the power of Christ's Spirit, experiencing His fruit consistently.
- ♦ Pray that the Fulani will be able to care adequately for their families and that they will be better prepared for the rapidly changing conditions of the 21st century.



0.08% Christian



Prayercast

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

— HABAKKUK 2:14



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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

— ISAIAH 9:2



Illustration by  
Becky Seo

## Arain

ਅੱਸਲਾਮੁ ਅਲੈਕੁਮ (asalāmū alaikuma)! Hey, there! My name is Pavith Ramday, and I am part of the Arain people in Pakistan. We come from a humble background of an agricultural caste, but over many years we have been able to rise up and become lawmakers and politicians. My father was a lawyer, and I followed to become a lawyer, too. One day I'll teach my future son to work hard during his education as we Arains are always diligent in our work. Right now, I have to make a call to one of my clients. Talk to you soon!



**LOCATION**  
Pakistan

**LANGUAGE**  
Punjabi,  
Western

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
9,830,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that the Almighty God will lead faithful workers to take the message of salvation to the Arain people in Pakistan.
- ♦ Pray that the Arain people in Pakistan will soon be disciplined in the ways of Jesus.
- ♦ Pray for a spiritual dissatisfaction with Islam and a willingness to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ.



0.00% Christian



Prayercast



# Pashtun

سلام علیکم (salaam alaikum)! I'm Mahzala, a Pashtun woman from Pakistan. I am wearing this bright and colorful dress because I am practicing for the Attan dance. This is a folk dance that Pashtuns performed in times of war or weddings, and it is now the national dance. The dancers, men and women, move in a circle while clapping and turning along to the rhythm of drums. I am so excited to perform this dance, and I hope everyone will enjoy it too!



**LOCATION**  
Pakistan

**LANGUAGE**  
Pashto,  
Northern

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
26,061,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ The greatest barriers to faith are social and cultural barriers. Pashtuns in Pakistan have been called the largest Muslim tribal society in the world. Pray for Pashtuns to find true hope and salvation through Jesus Christ.
- ♦ No one knows how many Pashtuns are following Jesus. Seeds of the gospel have been sown widely. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and protect new believers against any persecution so their lives can be a witness for God.
- ♦ Pray for the Bible translations in progress.



0.00% Christian



Prayercast

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

— DANIEL 12:3



Illustration by  
Jessica Tse

All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O LORD, and shall glorify your name.

— PSALM 86:9



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Samuel Chiu

## Wolof

Salaam aleekum, I'm Fadia! I'm a Wolof woman living in Senegal, Africa. Right now, I'm in the village square. All of the community events take place here, such as dancing and wrestling matches! In my community, one of the most important things for both women and men is how we dress, and I love to wear fancy dresses and headdresses. Later, I'll be going to the market to buy grain for my family. Many of the people at the market will be dressed in formal clothing because clothing is such an important part of our culture!



### LOCATION

Senegal



### LANGUAGE

Wolof



### RELIGION

Islam



### POPULATION

6,331,500

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the small number of Wolof believers to have the courage to share the love of Christ with their own people and be strong through persecution.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to give the Wolof believers opportunities to share the love of Christ with their own people.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Wolof.



0.01% Christian



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# Turk

Merhaba! My name is Silaah, and I belong to the Turk people in Turkey. I am a carpet-maker, meaning that I spin yarn, turn colorful knots into rugs, and embroider handmade carpets. Carpet-making has been a part of my family's tradition for many generations. I was taught by my mother, whose mother taught her, and so on. One tradition we have is using colors of the earth, such as dark green and brown, with bits of richer colors, such as royal purple and red. This piece of cloth I am holding is my latest creation! It can be made into many different things, like rugs or carpets, or perhaps a scarf of some sort. I can't wait to see what it becomes!



## LOCATION

Turkey

## LANGUAGE

Turkish

## RELIGION

Islam

## POPULATION

56,199,000

## PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that churches and mission organizations will accept the challenge of reaching the Turks.
- ♦ Ask God to give Turkish believers and key leaders among the Turks boldness to share the gospel with their own people.
- ♦ Pray that Turkey will avoid both ethnic strife (especially with the Kurds) and resurgent Muslim fundamentalism.



0.01% Christian



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For I know their works and their thoughts,  
and the time is coming to gather all nations  
and tongues. And they shall come and shall  
see my glory.

— ISAIAH 66:18

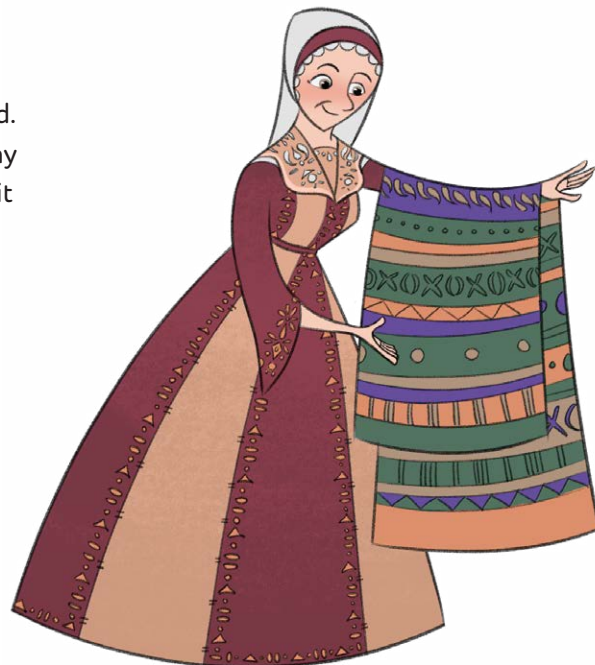


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The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

— 2 PETER 3:9

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Samuel Chiu



## Uzbek

Salom! I am Anora, and this is my friend Tahmina. We're both Uzbek women living in Uzbekistan. I come from a family of shepherds, a common profession here in my city. Today, my children and grandchildren are continuing work on the same farm that I worked on when I was a young girl. Nowadays, I spend most of my time with the older women in my community, where we like to sit and chat, and watch the younger children play in the streets.



**LOCATION**  
Uzbekistan

**LANGUAGE**  
Uzbek

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
35,857,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray that new Uzbek Christians would understand God's Word quickly and commit themselves to a local fellowship where they will find strength.
- ♦ Pray for God to raise up strong local churches in all these countries among the Uzbeks.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to send additional long-term laborers to live among the Uzbeks and share the love of Christ with them.



0.02% Christian



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## Arab Northern Yemeni

سلام (salam)! My name is Makin, and this is my wife, Rima. We both belong to the Northern Arab people group in Yemen. We recently got married a few months ago and have been living happily with each other since. The two of us are also the only Christians in our families. Both of us just came back from a secret gathering where we sang songs and gave praise to God. Because worshiping God is not allowed in Yemen, we have to be careful traveling to these gatherings. My hope is that one day Rima and I will be able to worship God freely with our families and community.



**LOCATION**  
Yemen

**LANGUAGE**  
Arabic, Sanaani  
Spoken

**RELIGION**  
Islam

**POPULATION**  
12,111,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for a written Bible translation in Sanaani Arabic. There are a few audio resources, but the Saudi government severely restricts the Internet.
- ♦ Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit that will give Northern Yemenis a willingness to embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior so that they depend on Him alone for salvation.
- ♦ Pray for a disciple-making movement among Northern Yemenis in Saudi Arabia that will spread to their homeland in Yemen.



0.00% Christian



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Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way.

— ISAIAH 57:14



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Whitney Hii

Through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

— REVELATION 22:2



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Becky Seo

## Chechen

Салам (salam)! I am Salamu, a soldier of the Chechen army. Even when the nation is at war, I say that there's always time for a dance! We dance because we are an independent country! No matter how much the Russian troops invade, Allah will grant us freedom!

I am Chovka, wife of Salamu. It is a great day because I can dance with my husband. He is always out at war, fighting in battles, so I pray to Allah every day that he comes home safe. As I go out to work in the fields each morning, I cannot help but worry about how my husband is doing. I can only pray and hope that Allah continues to protect him so that we can dance together like this again.



### LOCATION

Russia



### LANGUAGE

Chechen



### RELIGION

Islam



### POPULATION

1,454,000

### PRAYER ITEMS:

- ♦ Pray for the endurance and protection of the few known Chechen believers.
- ♦ Pray for political stability in the area where the Chechens and Ingush live.
- ♦ Ask the Lord to tear down barriers to the gospel so that Christian workers who live and work among the Chechens will see fruit.



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