

*A Prayer Guide for  
Blessing the Nations*



## ***“In Blessing I will Bless You” (Genesis 12:2– 3; 22:17)***

*“I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:2–3*

*The blessings of Abraham extend to many generations and even to the ‘families of the earth’—the nations. We can proclaim the blessing of the Lord over our families, cities, and countries. We can make known his goodness and invoke his blessing over every sphere he has put in our lives. By blessing others, we give them honour and declare life for them—the life that comes through the relationship with the Giver of Life.*

*Every ethnos has a redemptive gift. Man, made in the image of God, demonstrates to greater or lesser extent aspects of the Creator. We can call out these dimensions of their nature and practice that we recognize in them and ask God to call it forth to focus on their Creator. In that, we bless the work done by the Creator in shaping each ethnicity so wonderfully.*

*Jesus became a curse by hanging on the cross and opened the way of blessing to those under the curse. “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’), that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13, 14, NKJV)*

*The redeemed do not curse; we are people of blessing. This prayer guide comes with the hope that together, we can bless the nations to know the blessing of the Lord that ‘makes rich and adds no sorrow with it’ (Proverbs 10:22). The blessing of the Lord is the nearness of his presence. Come Lord Jesus to these beloved peoples. Bless them with the adoption as children of God, for they are wonderfully made by you.*

*Please join us in speaking life over these people by proclaiming the prayer of blessing out loud each day for the people group we are praying for. “The tongue has the power of life and death” (Proverbs 18:21)*

*Join us in singing a blessing over the nations:*

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## **Amdo Tibetans**

*About 1.2 million Amdo Tibetan make up the six million Tibetans living in China. Most live and work as farmers and herders. About 10,000 Tibetans are living in Canada.*

*Their religion and culture are deeply integrated, and many believe: 'I am Tibetan; therefore, I am a Tibetan Buddhist.' Most Tibetans have a dedicated space in their homes with ritual objects they use daily.*

*Although few, Tibetan believers are growing in their faith, becoming bold, and caring for fellow believers in the countryside and neighbouring countries. Many Christian resources have been produced for Tibetan Buddhists. However, the long-hoped-for revival lags behind the effort. Enter the intercessors. Will you join us in praying for Tibetans?*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, you have formed us in your image so that creation might worship and adore you, our Creator. Would you bless Tibetans with the joy that comes from fellowship with the Eternal in worship? As they worship, will you let the emptiness of idolatry overcome them so that they will seek the God who loves them, with all their heart, soul, and mind?*

*Connect Tibetan Buddhists with Tibetan Christians who are serving you. Let the exuberant worship of Tibetans become unending praise to their Creator through salvation in Jesus. May their constant and passionate worship be turned toward you, Jesus. Amen.*

## Arab Diaspora

*Canada has a substantial population of Arab diaspora. Approximately 1 million Arabs living in Canada are from Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq. Many people from the Arab diaspora have left their passport countries for better career opportunities and political stability.*

*Most Arabs are Muslim and deeply value hospitality, close family ties, and Islamic ideals. They are often resistant and can even be hostile towards gospel witnesses. Believers who convert from a Muslim background are often disowned by family and ostracized by their community. In many cases, even their lives are threatened. The exact number of Muslim background believers is not known but thought to be minimal.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we bless Arab Muslims with a pouring out of your Spirit through dreams and visions.*

*May they encounter faithful Christian witnesses. We bless them to understand the kind of peace you offer. Through entering a relationship with you, we pray that they would experience the peace and freedom that comes from knowing that you have already paid the debt for all sin.*

*Flood them with your perfect love that washes away all fear. We bless the believers among them with courage, boldness, and perseverance to bear witness to the Gospel—even through suffering and persecution. We bless their witness to bear fruit, resulting in an increased harvest of souls. Amen.*





## Azerbaijani

*Zoroastrianism, most widely known for its element of fire worship, was commonly practiced in ancient times and originated in Azerbaijan. Evidence of this old religion is still prolific today. After the disciple Bartholomew preached in Azerbaijan, Christianity grew to be the official religion by the 4th century. Islam became prominent in the 7th century, and as a result, Azerbaijani culture today shows little evidence of its Christian heritage. Today, 90% of Azerbaijani follow Islam.*

*Azerbaijani value loyalty and hospitality. Tea and bread are considered daily essentials. Azerbaijan is the wealthiest post-Soviet country due to oil and natural gas. However, corruption has slowed development and created economic hardship.*

*There are 8.8 million Azerbaijani in Azerbaijan and over 20 million in Iran, of which less than 0.25% are believers. About 7,000 Azerbaijanis live in Canada, predominantly in the Toronto area.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, rebuild ancient ruins that have been devastated; restore a temple of praise. Restore the Azerbaijani to their gospel roots! Open their eyes to see you and increase their longing to worship you. Bless believers with an increased knowledge of the Scriptures. Anoint them with your Spirit, enabling them to be faithful and bold in witness, withstanding persecution. We call for more workers among the Azerbaijani and ask that a Bible school be established. Bless them with eternal satisfaction in you, Jesus, and we thank you that you are the bread of life. Whoever comes to you will never go hungry, and whoever believes in you will never be thirsty (John 6:35). Amen.*

## Chinese Diaspora in Mexico

*The Han Chinese are the world's largest ethnic group, and although the majority live in mainland China, significant populations are reported in 62 countries worldwide. Less than 2% of the Chinese diaspora in Mexico are Christian.*

*Thankfully there is some receptivity to the Gospel. The Joshua Project reports that there are about 1,268,000 Chinese that call Canada home, and about 8% of them are evangelical Christians. Most Chinese are either atheist or Buddhist.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Jesus, we thank you that when you were on earth, you journeyed through all the towns and villages, teaching, proclaiming the good news, and healing people. Would you send your Spirit to every village, town, and city the Chinese call home and draw them onto the narrow path towards you.*

*We bless the Chinese to come to know you as saviour. We pray for the blessing of surrender for those on the journey towards you. Lord, bless them by sending workers to proclaim the good news to the Chinese wherever they live. Amen.*



## Fulani of Senegal

*Fulani pride themselves on being the group that brought Islam across the Sahara to Western Africa.*

*They are reluctant to leave this heritage behind and renounce Islam to follow Jesus. Senegalese are hospitable, polite, and open to dialogue, and they will quickly listen to the Gospel. However, turning from their own beliefs and practices to exclusively follow Jesus is very difficult. New believers often face persecution and rejection by their families.*

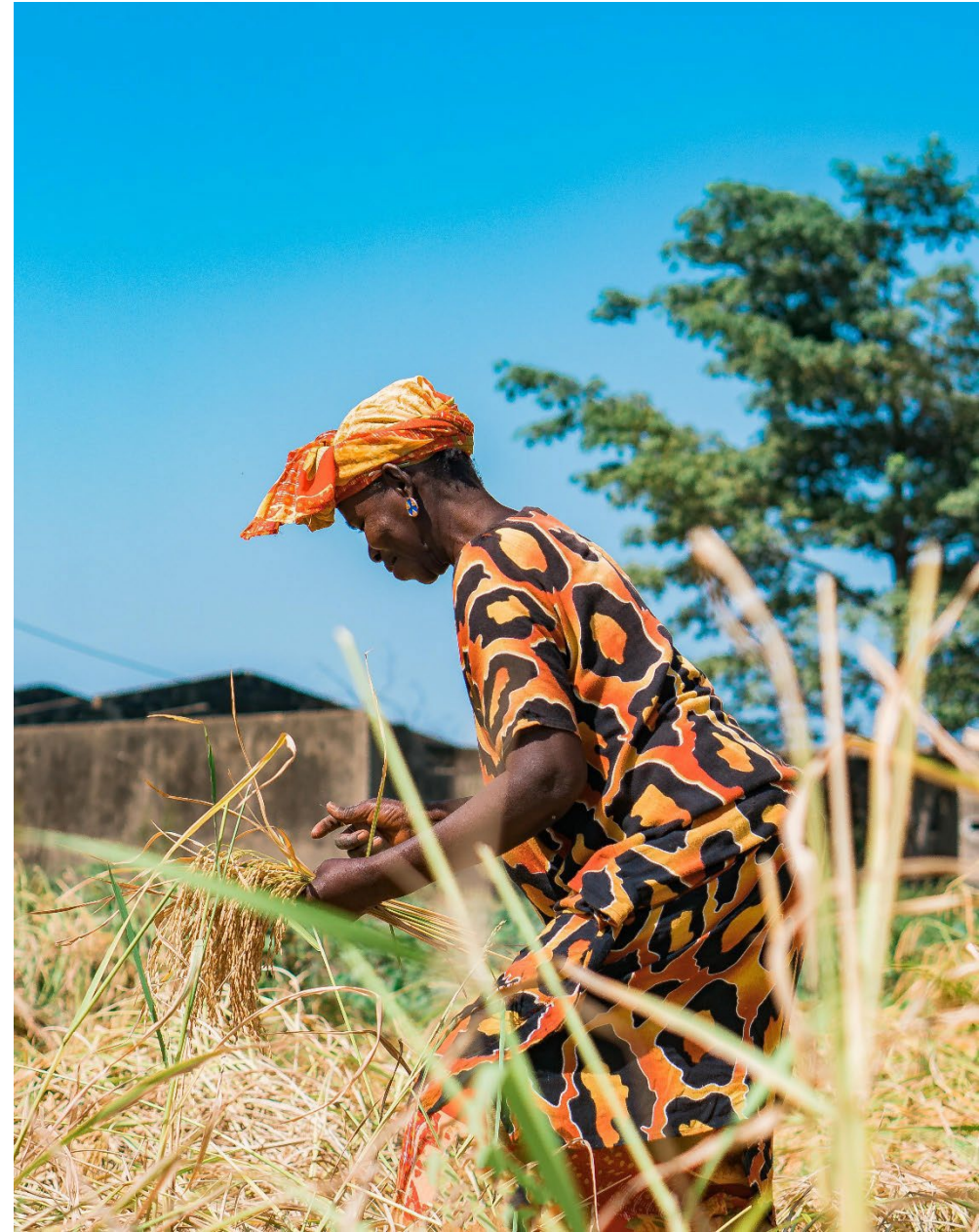
*Only 0.2% of the 3.9 million Fulani are believers, and there are only a couple of local fellowships among them. There are around 5000 Fulani that reside in Canada.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the love you have lavished on us! Please bless the Fulani people with your banner of love.*

*We long for the Fulani to come into your family, and we call forth their destiny as children of God. Pour out your love on entire families. Bless Fulani marriages to be made whole.*

*We call forth the new things you are doing. Make a way in the wilderness and let the rivers flow in the desert. We bless Fulani believers who are being persecuted and rejected with great endurance. May they be faithful in sharing your Word despite hardships. Bless the Fulani with a new name, Lord; may they be your beloved, your children! “To the one who overcomes... I will also give him a white stone inscribed with a new name, known only to the one who receives it” (Revelation 2:17). Amen.*





## Gulf Arabs

*Approximately 54 million Gulf Arabs from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Almost all are followers of Islam except for around 300 known believers. The Joshua Project states that 98.1% of the 78,000 Gulf Arabs living in Canada are Muslim. Many are international students who have travelled to Canada to receive higher education. University is a unique season for many Arab students because they can explore and discover opportunities otherwise unavailable to them back home. Would you consider reaching out to international students and inviting them into your home?*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we bless Gulf Arabs with a disciple-making movement! Bless the few Arab believers with continued favour and opportunities to make your name famous among the nations.*

*We pray that you would grant your people influence, as you did with Joseph and Daniel. May your people seize divine opportunities to show hospitality to international students. May your love be poured out through your people, into every sphere where they have influence. Bless your disciples with boldness, courage, and the ability to disciple others. "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). Amen.*



## Huichol

*Around 44,000 Huichol live in Mexico, and about 6,000 reside in the United States. Only 0.4% of the Huichol population is Christian. Most Huichol follow an ethnic religion that believes in many gods. Converts to Christianity are often persecuted by and expelled from their community.*

*Praise God that there are new opportunities through community development to build relationships and access other Huichol groups.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, please bless the Huichol with the revelation of who you are, the one true God.*

*Bless them with pictures of your loveliness: a merciful God who saves, a God who rejoices over his loved ones with gladness, and a God who sings over his people. Comfort them with your love (Zephaniah 3:17). May their hearts and minds be receptive to you, Jesus.*

*We ask for your mercy on those persecuting their people who believe in you. Bless the persecutors with a revelation of who you are and with Damascus Road experiences. Please enable them to see you.*

*We bless Huichol believers to grow daily in their relationship with you. We pray that through them, you would draw others to Yourself—even to the ends of the earth. Amen.*



## Japanese

*Dominated by atheism, Buddhism, and Shintoism, evangelical Christianity represents only 0.5% of the Japanese population. Despite 500 years of Christian presence in Japan, Christianity is regarded as a foreign religion. Over 1,000 cities and half of all the villages have no church. With 126 million, Japan is the largest unevangelized country entirely open to missionaries.*

*Japan faces many crises. Young people lack hope or confidence in the future; because of this, Japan has a suicide epidemic (over 30,000 per year). High suicide and divorce rates in all age groups confirm the crisis. Economic decline, social isolation, and the constant threats of earthquakes leave many people open to spiritual matters.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, would you bless the Japanese with hearts that are open to Jesus. Soften their hearts and let the seeds of the Gospel begin to germinate. We speak life over the people and come against the spirit of death that robs them of hope and eternity with Jesus.*

*May they hear your voice to them today, to “Come alive!” Penetrate every barrier raised against the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Increase your Kingdom among Japanese and help them hear the ‘old message’ with new ears and renewed hope.*

*“For the idols speak delusion; the diviners envision lies and tell false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; they are in trouble because there is no shepherd” (Zechariah 10:2). Awaken the Japanese from idolatry and bless them with shepherds after your own heart. Amen.*



## Kazakh

*Most of the 12.2 million Kazakh live in Kazakhstan; however, many live in Mongolia, Ukraine, and Russia. About 3,300 Kazakhs call Canada home, according to The Joshua Project. Although many Kazakhs are culturally Muslim, their religion isn't intensely practiced. Only 0.1% of Kazakhs are Christians.*

*Kazakhs living in urban areas seem to be more open to hearing the gospel message than those in villages with stronger family bonds. Kazakhs are known for their warmth, friendliness, and hospitality.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, bless Kazakhs with a new song! May they sing a new song of praise to you that cannot be silenced! "You are worthy of taking the scroll and of opening its seals because you were slain, and with your blood, you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9).*

*Pour out your favour and blessing upon the few Kazakh believers to enable them to "each day proclaim the good news that he saves." May they sing of your "glorious deeds among the nations" and "tell everyone about the amazing things" you do (Psalm 96:2-3).*

*Bless the Kazakhs in these days of turmoil and unrest, with a peace that only comes from knowing the Prince of Peace. May their hearts be hungry for the truth of who you are, Jesus.*

*Unveil their eyes to the truth of the Gospel, and may their ears begin to hear the whisper of heaven's song saying, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain" Revelation 5:12. Amen.*



## Kazakh Uyghur

*The Kazakh Uyghurs live in the world's largest landlocked country. They border on Russia, 'the Stans,' and the western edge of China.*

*300,000 Uyghurs live in Kazakhstan—most can trace their roots to an immigration wave before the 1960s. They mainly speak Russian and practice Islam. Some may speak the Uyghur language to older family members. Only 0.01% are Christians. One factor that prevents the spread of Christianity is the perception that it is a religion for only the West. Praise God that there are six known Uyghur fellowships in Kazakhstan, ranging from 5 to 30 members.*

*An estimated 2,000 Kazakh Uyghurs live in Canada.*

### PRAY WITH US:

*Lord, will you come with your light and illuminate the pathway to God. Lift the Kazakh Uyghurs from the thick darkness, covering the people. "And he will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations" (Isaiah 25:7). Bless the Kazakh Uyghurs with open heavens and clarity that they might behold their God, Yahweh, the Creator of humanity. Amen.*



## Kurds

*The traditional homeland of Kurds spreads across Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran. With a worldwide population estimated between 30 – 45 million people, the Kurds are the largest people group in the world without a state. They have a popular saying that “the Kurds have no friends but the mountains.”*

*Kurds are somewhat receptive to the Gospel, yet only about 1% are Christian; most are Muslim. They are known as being tremendously hospitable and friendly. They have vibrant traditions of telling stories through songs. Kurds are also known to be fiercely independent and patriotic. Their society is strongly communal and is arranged according to tribes.*

*Many Kurds seek a better life in western Europe, North America, and Australia. About 7,400 live in Canada.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, we pray that Kurds would receive the friendship of God and know Jesus. Bless them by giving them faithful Christian friends and continue to grant them revelations of Jesus in miraculous ways. We pray Hosea 2:23 over them that you would call them your people and be their God.*

*Bless them to discern what is true and be dissatisfied with anything false.*

*May Kurds come to be your people and spread your fame. Bless them by meeting them in their needs, as they call upon you for help.  
Amen.*





## Kuy

*The Kuy inhabit both sides of the Thai-Cambodia border, with about 35,000 living on the Cambodian side. They are predominately animist in their belief, with Buddhism mixed in. The Kuy are deeply steeped in their religion, but they are not entirely resistant to Christianity. Only 0.53% of the Kuy are considered Evangelical Christians, but there are several small Kuy churches in Cambodia.*

*The Bible has recently been translated into Kuy, and we trust that they will soon have a greater interest in reading it. May those who follow Christ boldly proclaim their faith!*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Lord, would you magnify the uniqueness of Jesus—the One who does not share his glory with another, the One who provides a sure and certain way to salvation, the One who has overcome all antagonistic spiritual forces and, as One with God, rules over the cosmos. May the Kuy see you for who you are!*

*Bless Kuys with a revelation of the uniqueness of Jesus and discernment to wade through their belief system, testing it against the purity of your Word. Bless them with a hunger for truth. Would you favour them with a solid and growing confidence in Jesus? Come, and love these people into your fellowship, Jesus. Amen.*

## Laotian

*There are over 7 million Laos, and 60% identify as Buddhists. Animism, religion, and folklore are deeply rooted in the Lao culture. According to The Joshua Project, 2.52% of the population are Evangelical believers.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, would you help the Lao know the blessing of their God-created culture. Bless them to see where they have entangled and robbed of their freedom in Christ.*

*Holy Spirit of God, hover over this nation. Give them a deluge of truth that will unseat tradition and bring release. Bless them with living water to refresh them and lead many to salvation.*

*Thank you that you will present the Lao before Yourself as a pure and spotless bride. We lift these prayers of blessing to the Eternal, whose love for the Lao is never failing. Amen*





## **Minnan**

*Worldwide there are 58.2 million Minnan. 13.4 million Minnan call Taiwan home. The majority religion of Minnan is a mix of Taoism, Buddhism, folk religion, and ancestor worship. Evangelical Christians make up 3.7%. Many Minnan believe that all religions are the same. They are reluctant to follow Jesus if it means forsaking ancestor worship because filial piety is central to Taiwanese culture.*

*The Taiwanese work very long hours. They prioritize education for their children, and most elementary school students go to cram schools after school.*

*Approximately 14,000 Minnan Chinese live in Canada. Pray God would work in the hearts of the Minnan living both here and abroad!*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Our Lord, you are the one who opened blind eyes. Would you bless Minnan people with the awareness that what they long for in the depths of their being are you and your salvation? Grant them sight to see you. Open their spiritual eyes to envision God's plan for their lives and see themselves as worshipers of the One true God.*

*Show them the risen Jesus in all his glory. Light of the world, break through the darkness, causing every lie to fall, and bless them with visions and dreams of the Saviour of the world. May all praise, honour, and glory be to you! Amen.*



## North African Arabs

*Over 252 million North African Arabs live in seven different countries. Some North African countries have no fellowships, while others have local fellowships with a higher percentage of Christians. The evangelical population in this region ranges from 0% to 0.39%. Depending on the location, receptivity to the Gospel varies from low to hostile.*

*Warm and hospitable, with a strong emphasis on family and relationships, many North African Arabs have also found themselves in Canada.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we bless the communities of faith among North African Arabs with an anointing of your Spirit. As they go out, fill them with boldness and courage. May they share your love and truth. Father, thank you for how North African Arabs mirror the hospitality you have shown. We bless North African Arabs with hungry hearts, ready to receive the truth of Jesus Christ.*

*Come and speak to them through dreams, visions, media, and local believers. You stand at the door and knock. May they hear your voice and open the door so that you can come in. May they eat the Living Bread, drink the Living Water, and be satisfied. We bless those currently searching for you to find more than they ever imagined. Amen.*



## North Africans in Spain

*Many North Africans have moved to Spain. The province of Barcelona has a large Muslim population of 135,000. In one international worker's town, 10% of the population is from North Africa—of whom 1% are believers with no local fellowship.*

*Our international workers in Spain regularly share gospel stories with them. Some have begun to join weekly prayer and worship meetings. In that town, the people are mainly Berbers and Arabs, who enjoy Chinese tea with mint and lots of sugar. They are incredibly hospitable people, and a visit can stretch over two or three meals.*

*More than 325,000 North Africans live in Canada.*

### PRAY WITH US:

*Father, we bless North Africans with hope and a future! We pray that many will know your goodness. We declare your sovereignty over the nations, and we bless them with the everlasting hope that changes everything.*

*Thank you for marking out their appointed times in history so that they would find you. Father, as North Africans travel and meet people, would you set people who know you in their path. We pray that your people would offer hope to North Africans. We ask that we feel your tender heart and compassion for them. Amen.*



## Pashtuns

*Pashtuns have a reputation as independent and fearless people. They are also known for their love for children, close-knit families, and rich literary history of poetry and proverbs woven skillfully into daily discourse. They are lavish in their hospitality and generosity to guests. Their clothing and textiles are expressive and filled with brilliant, striking colours and patterns.*

*There are approximately 40-45 million Pashtuns, mainly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Joshua Project suggests about 47,000 Pashtuns call Canada home. Less than 0.1% of this people group are Christian. Typically, the Gospel is met with resistance and hostility by Pashtuns.*

### PRAY WITH US:

*Lord Jesus, thank you for how warm and hospitable Pashtuns are. You welcome us with your arms open wide, and we pray that you will bless many Pashtuns with that warm embrace.*

*We know that you are watching each of them and that you long for them to come home to you. Bless whole households and tribes with dreams and visions. Lead them to gospel witnesses who will introduce them to your warm embrace.*

*Bless the few Pashtun believers to grow in faith and resilience despite persecution and suffering. Bless them with miraculous Kingdom breakthroughs among all the Pashtun tribes. Amen.*





## **Punjabi Arain**

*There are 0.0% Christians reported among the global population of 9.9 million Arain. The Punjabi-speaking Arain mainly live in the northern Indian state of Punjab. They are almost all Muslim.*

*Over 500,000 Punjabi people are living in Canada.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we rejoice in the day when the Punjabi-speaking Arain will discover the face of their Creator. What a glorious day it will be when the hearts of the Arain are reunited with their Maker!*

*Stir the hearts of your people with a desire to reach the Arain. We ask that Arains would have a deep yearning to know you and be known by you. Pour out your Spirit upon entire families. Holy Spirit, we ask that you continue to soften their hearts, prepare them to recognize you, and be reunited with the One who loves and cares for them.*

*As the seeds are planted, would you bless the soil of our friends' hearts to receive their King? We bless the roots to grow deep and for the seeds to receive the nourishment and care they need so that a fruitful harvest may come. Amen.*

## Rohingya

*There are at least 2 to 2.5 million people in the Rohingya—of which less than 20% still live inside Myanmar.*

*The rest have left the country and gone abroad. Over 700,000 Rohingya have settled in large refugee camps in Bangladesh.*

*Even though most Rohingya are Muslims, there is growing receptivity to the Gospel. Rohingya Christians are still less than 1% of the population. Yet, it is encouraging to know that there is a small number of secret fellowships in the camps.*

*Approximately 2,000-3,000 Rohingya live in Canada, many in the Kitchener-Waterloo, ON area.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we pray that you would bless the Rohingya with a new name—their God-given identity.*

*They are no longer forsaken, forgotten, or rejected. They are made in your image, and we declare that they are the beloved, seen by you, and chosen to know the Saviour.*

*We ask you to bless them with vigilant, vibrant, and caring Christian communities around them in Waterloo and everywhere they have had to relocate to.*

*As you have added to the number of believers, would you add to them the deepening love and understanding of your ways? Amen.*





## Sasak

*Islam is the main religion of the 3.3 million Sasak who predominately live in Indonesia. Only 0.01% of Sasak follow Jesus.*

*Sasak typically work as farmers, fishers, and artisans. In Sasak culture, family life is fragile because of high divorce rates. When getting married, many Sasak follow the custom of eloping. The woman voluntarily allows herself to be “kidnapped” and “hides” while the “kidnapper” negotiates the wedding terms with her family. After the terms are set, the wedding ceremony follows.*

*Many Sasak are traumatized by frequent earthquakes, floods, poverty, high maternal mortality rates, and child mortality.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we thank you for your amazing love for the Sasak. Soften their hearts so that they would understand their need for you. Bless them to know you as their Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.*

*Beckon them to Yourself, Jesus, and draw them into the intimacy of relationship with you. We ask that they receive an invitation to the wedding supper of the Lamb. Bless them with eternal salvation, we pray. Amen.*

## South Asian Diaspora

*Highly collectivistic and communal, over 5 million South Asians work as labourers in the Arabian Gulf: Indians, Pakistanis, Nepalis, Bangladeshis, and Sri Lankans. The majority work and live in extremely demanding conditions while remitting up to 80% of their poverty-level earnings to their loved ones back home. Yet, they are hospitable and generous with guests, exemplifying a spirit of resilience. There are many Christian fellowships among Indians, with over 10% believers. However, less than 1% of the other countries represented are believers, with very few Christian fellowships. The Muslim host culture is not receptive to the Gospel to the point of rejection and hostility.*

*Around 2 million South Asians live in Canada.*

### PRAY WITH US:

*Father, we bless South Asians in the Arabian Gulf. We ask that they are treated justly and fairly in their workplaces. Satisfy them with your rest. Give them a deep understanding of your great love for them. We ask you to bless them with dreams and visions to show that you are a good Father.*

*We bless them with open hearts to the flood of your mighty love. We pray Muslims would have open eyes to see Jesus as the ultimate expression of your great love for them.*

*May they come to understand that you deeply care for and desire them. Come Lord Jesus and soothe their wounded souls. Let love's grip dissolve their reserve, woo them, and draw them into your goodness. Amen.*





## Southern Thai

*Although the main religion of Thailand is Buddhism, Islam is the predominant religion in Southern Thailand. Most Southern Thai practice a folk Islam mixed with animism.*

*Many people in Southern Thailand are Malay by descent, who ended up in Thailand when Britain and France established the country's borders in the early 1900s. Of the 10 million people who live in the south, less than 0.5% are believers, mainly from Buddhist backgrounds.*

*Locals believe a particular city in this region has intense spirit activity. Many people travel there from other countries to make merit and appease the spirits.*

*About 20,000 Thai call Canada home and the vast majority are Buddhist.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, bless Thailand with a tremendous outpouring of your Holy Spirit! Thank you for the workers you have already called there! Bless them with protection, courage, and wisdom as they follow you into the ripe harvest fields. Would you send even more labourers to Thailand? We pray for connections with people of peace who both receive and share the Gospel with their friends and neighbours.*

*Bless many Thai with hearts that respond to your Good News. May the nation of Thailand yield a harvest of righteousness for the glory of your name! Amen.*



## Spaniards

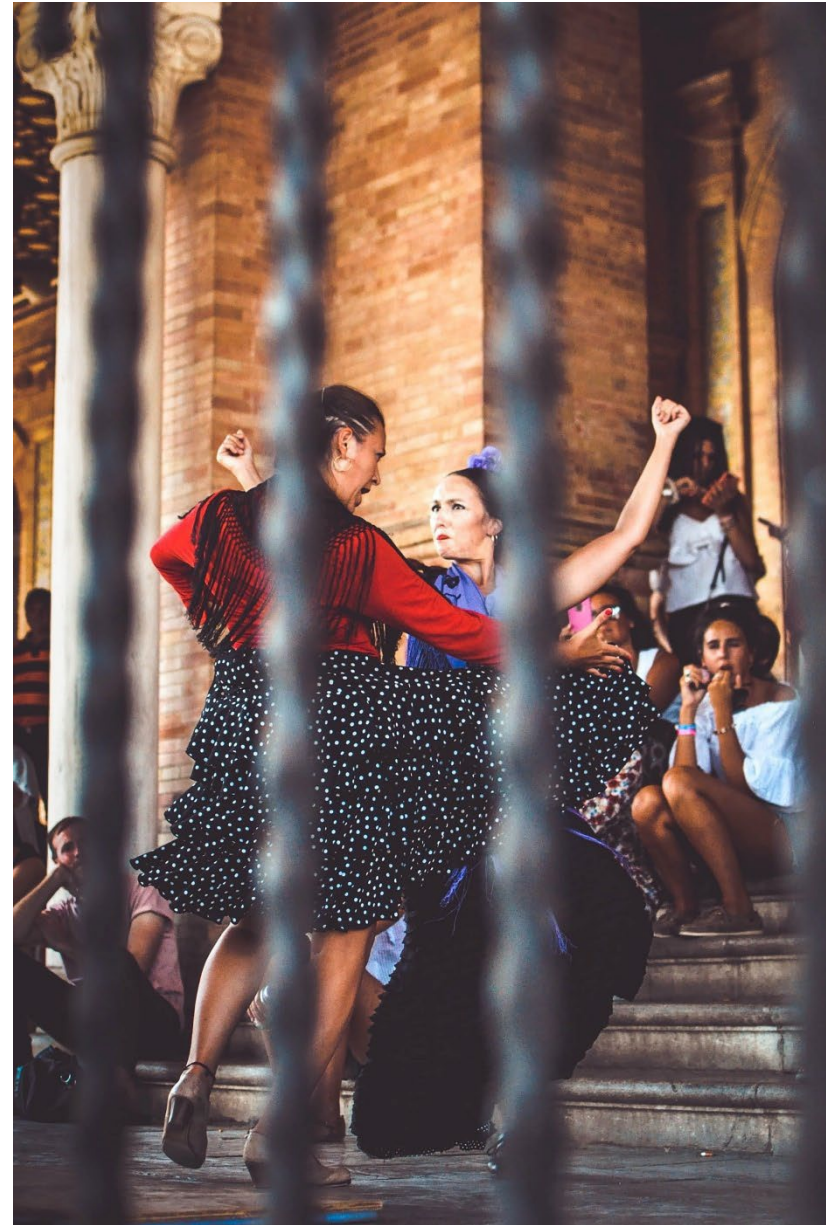
*Roman Catholicism is the main religion of the over 47 million Spaniards, but there are rapidly rising levels of secularization. Atheism and Islam are the fastest-growing belief systems. Receptivity to the Gospel has been very low, and less than 1% of Spaniards are evangelical Christians. Ten million Spaniards live in towns without any evangelical presence.*

*Praise God there are 28 Alliance churches and fellowships in Spain. Two of them have between 100 and 200 members; the rest vary between 20 and 100. Most local fellowships meet in warehouse spaces, storefronts, and homes. Unlike much of Europe, the Protestant Reformation did not penetrate Spain due to the Inquisition. The Moors (Muslim inhabitants of the Iberian Peninsula) ruled Spain for 800 years, leaving a lasting impact on language, architecture, education, crops, and cuisine.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, bless Spain by increasing the number of faithful workers. As your workers make disciples who disciple, would you add to the numbers of those being saved? We pray that the people of Spain would recognize and acknowledge the King of Glory.*

*Open the gates of the cities, the businesses, the homes, and the hearts of Spaniards. King of Glory, come, bless, and draw the people to you. We pray the people of Spain would recognize their King, The King of Glory, Jesus! Amen.*





## Sunda

*The majority of Sunda live in Indonesia, and their culture is rich with celebrations of life cycle ceremonies. They are the largest least- reached people group in Indonesia. Of the 38 million Sunda, only 0.05% are evangelical Christian. Most Sunda are devoted followers of Islam, with many added traditional customs. Historically, they have been unreceptive to the Gospel, though the Spirit is moving in new ways!*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Holy Spirit, we ask that you breathe your life into the hearts of our Sunda friends. We prophesy to the dry bones and call them to come alive!*

*Thank you for these ripe harvest fields! Please bless them by sending out more workers. May the Sunda hear the Good News with soft hearts to receive your message. Bless the believers among them with fellowship, and multiply your work among these people. Lord, pour out your Spirit! Amen.*

## Tajik

*The Tajik make up 84% of Tajikistan's population, 25% of Afghanistan's, and 5% of Uzbekistan's. There are 18-25 million Tajiks globally. 98% of Tajiks are Muslim, and less than 0.01% are believers. There are only a few local fellowships and house churches among them.*

*The international workers introduce Jesus to Tajiks by first sharing the stories that Islam and Christianity share: Creation, the Fall, Abraham, Noah, and Moses. Family roots are deep. Obedience and submission to the family keep people from following Jesus openly.*

*Tajiks are renowned for their generous and welcoming hospitality. They seat their guests in places of honour, furthest away from the door, feeding their guests first and their children last. About 1 million Tajiks work abroad, primarily in Russia, to send remittances to families. Approximately 2,400 Tajiks call Canada home.*



### PRAY WITH US:

*Jesus, we thank you that you are the way, the truth, and the life. We bless the Tajik to know the truth and for the truth to set them free. May they know freedom from all shame as they receive your forgiveness. As they come to know you, Jesus, bless them with honesty and purity in their innermost being. Would you call them to the identity of children of God in harmony with the Creator? Would you satisfy their inborn desires for a love relationship with you? Revive their longings for all that is good and satisfy them with rest. We ask that you bless Tajiks with the peace of a secure identity in you. Amen.*

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## Tibetan Refugee

*Most Tibetans live in Western China, India, Nepal, and Bhutan. In 1959, over 80,000 Tibetans fled their homeland for India and Nepal. Since then, over 150,000 Tibetans have moved abroad and created diaspora communities in North America, UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Australia. About 9,600 people of Tibetan descent live in Canada.*

*Most Tibetans practise Tibetan Buddhism (a mixture of Buddhism and the indigenous, shamanistic religion of Bon). Most Tibetans hold the belief that to be Tibetan is to be Buddhist. An estimated 0% of Tibetans are Evangelical Christians.*

*Although receptivity of the Gospel has been very slow, around eight small fellowships meet online. Those who become Christian seem to develop into strong leaders who greatly desire to share Jesus with their community.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we commit ourselves to be the hands and feet of Jesus to Tibetans as they come to Canada. Grow our love for you so we may follow your commands to love. Just as you have been generous to us, God gives us generous hearts towards Tibetans. Lord, you provide for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and when we join you in it, you bless the work of our hands.*

*Jesus, would you lead Tibetans to salvation and give them the joy of your presence. Let the refugee diaspora find their solace in the salvation of the God who, alone, is our refuge. Amen.*





## Tuareg

*Founded under Queen Tin Hinan, the Tuaregs are traditionally monogamous, semi-nomadic herders and warriors. Tuaregs are called the “blue people” of the desert due to their indigo-coloured clothing, which stains their skin. They are also known as the “veiled ones,” since men wear turbans. Tuaregs have their traditional script called Tifinagh, and different regions have their traditional crosses, used as a charm for protection against evil.*

*In Niger, their population is 2.6 million, though there are possibly only a dozen Tuaregs in Canada. Islam is the main religion, and there are only a handful of scattered local fellowships among the Tuaregs. New believers face being ostracized from all family members, including forced divorce if married. Audio and oral Bible teachings play a vital role among the largely illiterate Tuaregs.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we praise you for the vibrant culture you have given Tuaregs. As seeds are sown through audio and oral Bible teachings, we bless them with open hearts to receive your Gospel. Thank you for calling the Tuaregs to be free. We bless them with Holy Spirit’s presence. Bless them with complete freedom in Christ. We bless Tuareg believers with humble unity and a deeper life in Christ.*

*May Tuareg Christians be a witness to those around them that many would know of your love. Amen*

## Turks in Germany

*5-7 million Turks reside in Germany. Many immigrated to Germany as labourers in the 1960s. Most Turkish communities live in urban industrial centres of West Germany. Although most originate from Turkey, there are also significant ethnic Turkish communities from all over the Middle East.*

*Culturally Sunni Muslims, the majority have become secularized. However, it is difficult for individuals to turn to Christ because they are perceived as forsaking their family, heritage, and culture. Conversion brings great shame to their families, and they face tremendous pressure to stay true to their families. Although there are very few Turkish Christians, 40 small fellowships are scattered across Germany.*

*Around 64,000 people of Turkish origin live in Canada.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many Turks that you have brought to Germany for your purposes. We speak an evangelistic blessing over the German Church to make disciples of all nations. We pray that the German Christians and the ex-pats would, in unity, bring the love of Christ to their Turkish neighbours.*

*Jesus, bless the 40 Turkish fellowships with an outpouring of your Spirit. Strengthen them to be apostolic, prophetic, and evangelistic disciples who train new believers to live missionally. Please bless Turkish believers with the boldness to share the Gospel, and we ask that you accompany the message of Christ with signs, wonders, and healings. We ask for a move of your Spirit that would cause whole families and networks of families to turn to Christ. Amen.*





## Urak Lawoi

*Urak Lawoi (pronounced: oo-rak lah-woi) means “Sea People,” Their way of life is genuinely linked to the ocean. Since migrating to Thailand from Malaysia by boat many generations ago, the Urak Lawoi communities have sustained themselves fishing. The men weave nets, build traps, and dive for fish, while the women collect shellfish in low tide. They are a family-oriented people concerned with preserving their traditional way of life amidst the threat of decreased fish populations (loss of traditional jobs) and increased globalization. Because of this, they hold tightly to their religion, a mixture of animism, ancestor worship, and Buddhism. They are open to the Gospel, but few decide to submit to Christ based on the customs of family and culture.*

*There are no known Urak Lawoi outside Southern Thailand.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Our Loving Lord, would you bless these people with messengers of the Gospel who will live lovingly among them and share their lives, becoming part of their community. Immanuel, God with us, live through your ambassadors in meaningful and powerful ways as they come alongside the Urak Lawoi. Let the song of the Lord arise from an ever-increasing community of faith. Bless them with a new song on their lips, with praise to their God. Amen.*

## Uyghur

*Most Uyghurs, about 12 million, live in Northwest China. A small number live in the Central Asian republics with a combined 300,000. Of these populations, 0.01% are Christians. It is hard to know the extent of Christianity due to present persecution. Local fellowships are scattered and have gone underground. Most of the population is disinterested, resistant, and opposed to the Gospel as they struggle to hold on to their culture and religion.*

*The Uyghur are a Turkic people group who are hospitable and love music and dance. Their community celebrations are always lively! These joys have been limited by the increasing restrictions on their religious and cultural practices.*

*Canada is home to 2,000 Uyghurs.*



### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Almighty God, thank you for designing and creating the Uyghurs to express your glory. Would you bless them with courage and tenacity to sustain them through present trials? We pray that the advance of the Gospel will not be impeded. May they call out to Yahweh during the current persecution. In their terror, would you meet them as the eternal God of love? Bless them with justice, with opportunities to hear the Gospel, and scheduled encounters with Jesus during this time of suffering. May our Christian brothers and sisters remain firm in their faith and share your hope with these struggling people. Hear the cries of your creation and bless them with peace. Amen.*



## Vietnamese Diaspora in Cambodia

*Approximately 800,000 Vietnamese live in Cambodia—38.5% of whom are under 20. Most are undocumented migrants, materially poor, and many are illiterate or pre-literate.*

*As undocumented migrants, they face many struggles trying to find stable income and access to education. They experience hardship as an immigrant population embedded in an unwelcoming society.*

*Most practice a mix of Buddhism, animism, and ancestral worship. Only 0.17% of the Vietnamese in Cambodia are Evangelical Christians. There is a growing church presence in Phnom Penh and a few other areas, but there is little to no gospel access in most other regions of the country.*

*There are over 240,000 Vietnamese who call Canada home!*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, thank you for those you have called and sent to work among the Vietnamese. Bless them with wisdom from above and encourage them daily. We pray that you would raise leaders from the local body of believers to serve. Bless and anoint those you have sent to preach among the Vietnamese. Would you remove every obstacle that stands in the way and bring down any strongholds rooted in religious traditions? Bless the Vietnamese with the ability to hear and believe so that many will call upon the name of the Lord and be saved!  
Amen.*





## Western Fulani

*Most of Niger's Western Fulani are poor, illiterate, rural animal herders marginalized by neighbouring people groups. While most Fulani are no longer nomadic, they still take pride in their cultural history. In some villages, the young men travel hundreds of kilometres on foot every year, leading their cattle to pasture and water.*

*Fulani values include hospitality, patience, reserve (stoicism), and respect. They practice folk Islam, and their life is guided by an unwritten but extensive system of rules that dictate family, social, and religious interactions.*

*Of a population of 1.2 million Fulani in Western Niger and 2.5 million globally, the percentage of evangelical believers is only 0.01%. Some Western Fulani live in the city attend church. There are a few small fellowships that a national believer is leading. About 5,000 Fulani live in Canada, but they are primarily from other countries, not Niger.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, we bless the nomadic Fulani, those wandering in desert wastelands to be led by a straight way and be gathered in. We bless those living in bondage to fear and religion brought forth from darkness and the shadow of death.*

*Deliver them from the distress of their sinful ways and heal their afflictions. May they cry out to the Lord so that the thirsty ground of their hearts would be turned into pools of water. Bless them that they would be wise and attend to the Word of the Lord. Bless the Fulani to sing praises of your steadfast love forever! Amen.*

## Wolof

*The Wolof have strong ties to their culture, heritage, and language. Despite colonization, modernization, and globalization pressures, the Wolof still maintain many traditional practices.*

*There are around 6,000 Wolof who call Canada home, and they have predominately settled into communities in Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Winnipeg. Only 0.02% of the 6 million Wolof are Christian; the rest are followers of Islam. Most Wolof are not overtly antagonistic to the gospel message.*

*They are usually polite and will “discuss” Christian views but are still resistant to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.*

### PRAY WITH US:

*Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. You are peace to the heart amid fear. We thank you for Wolofs who have found you as their peace. For those who do not know you in this way, we pray that you will bless them with the peace that comes from a relationship with Jesus. Bless them with the assurance of eternal life. We ask that you uphold new Wolof believers and keep them faithful to Jesus and firm in their faith, despite persecution and rejection by their families. Enfold them in your garments and speak the hope of peace to their understanding. Amen.*



## Yemeni Refugee Diaspora

*Over the years, the Yemeni diaspora has settled in Saudi Arabia, the UK, the USA, Egypt, Djibouti, Somalia, UAE, and other Gulf countries. More Yemenis have found refuge in places like Egypt, Djibouti, and Somalia, with a larger influx of those leaving in recent years.*

*Away from the influence of their homeland, it is easier for the Yemeni diaspora to become followers of Christ, and there is a growing number of seekers.*

*However, there are very few intentional workers among them. Though less than 1% are believers, there are several informal house church groups. Some have also joined local churches in the countries where they are scattered.*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Father, you are the Shepherd of the Yemenis. As many have fled Yemen and settled in other nations, may they know the tender voice of the Shepherd who leads them beside green pastures and still waters. Where the enemy wants to steal, kill, and destroy, we bless them with the protection of their Shepherd God, who gives them abundant life. We bless Yemenis with knowing the voice of their Shepherd God, who leads them on the right paths.*

*Thank you for calling Yemeni believers to Yourself. We bless them as they grow in the knowledge of the Lord. May they also grow in perseverance as they follow you, Jesus. We bless them with the joy of the Lord as their strength. Father, would you enable them by your Spirit to bear witness for Jesus Christ. Amen.*



## Yazidi

*Although most of the 700,000 Yazidis live in the Middle East, Canada hosts a small population of about 1,500. The Yazidi practice Yazidism, a monotheistic ethnic religion that includes elements common to other faiths, like baptism, fasting, a holy pilgrimage site, and a spring holiday where they decorate eggs. Less than 0.25% of the Yazidi people would consider themselves Christian; however, there is some openness to the Gospel among younger people.*

*There is a three-level caste system in the Yazidi society, with many dialects across the locations and the castes. Marriages are usually arranged by their parents and kept within the same caste. However, a couple can secretly elope to get around this. Yazidis are incredibly hospitable. They have a unique style of music and dancing, and they love to dance!*

### **PRAY WITH US:**

*Living God, we were made for your courts. Father, we bless the Yazidi people with souls that long for your presence, with hearts and flesh that cry out for you, the only true God. We pray that their souls would long after you like the deer pants for water. Would your Spirit awaken their hearts to their need for you? We pray that the Yazidi people would discover that you are the only One who can fully satisfy their hunger and give them the fullness of life. Please grant them a deep desire to know you more. We bless them with the discovery that you are close to them and accessible. Amen.*





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