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PRAYER GUIDE

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“Ask me and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance.” – Psalm 2:8

God makes an incredible promise in Psalm 2: just ask, and he will give you the nations! For a missions-hearted Christian like you, that is wonderful. But maybe it raises some questions: “How do I ask?” “What nations?” “What do I need to know to pray intelligently?”

This guide will lead you step-by-step through a global prayer journey, answering your questions and showing you how to pray in response to God’s promise in Psalm 2. Many Christians have already begun praying with the help of this resource, and we invite you to join this exciting, global prayer campaign that will impact nations for Christ.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY “UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP”?

By people group we mean an ethnic group with a common culture, language, and identity. An unreached people group is one that does not have enough Christians in it to effectively influence the entire group with the gospel. There may be individual Christians present, but they are too few to impact their society effectively. According to the Joshua Project, there are a little more than 17,000 people groups (or “nations”) in the world. Of these, 7,100 are still unreached groups.

WHY PRAY FOR UNREACHED PEOPLES?

The Great Commission is Christ’s mandate to His church (Matthew 28:18–20). The Scriptures are clear that the Lord has called His church to act as ambassadors in a ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18–20). Without the evangelistic ministry of the church, souls are lost for eternity (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). So it is imperative to obey the Lord’s commission.

Yet we can only fulfill this mandate with God’s help. Prayer must be a necessary part of any effort to complete the church’s mission on earth (Luke 10:2). In addition, the Lord’s Second Coming is closely tied to all peoples of the earth hearing and receiving the gospel message (Matthew 24:14; 2 Peter 3:12; Revelation 7:9). It is clear, then, that prayer for the unreached peoples of the earth is expected of all faithful followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**If you would like more information about unreached people groups go to –*

The Joshua Project at <https://joshuaproject.net>

International Day for the Unreached at <https://alliancefortheunreached.org>

USING THIS GUIDE

Here are some suggestions for making the most out of this prayer guide:

- Use this prayer guide for a personal nine-day endeavor to pray for the unreached.
- Conduct a prayer service, with nine prayer stations based on this guide.
- Ask God to help you to have a Great Commission focus in your own prayers.
- Commit to pray for the unreached on a regular basis.
- As the Holy Spirit touches your heart for the unreached, use this guide to pray around the world.
- Keep this guide handy, and pray for the unreached when they come to mind.
- Gather with others to pray for the unreached. You may want to organize a prayer group focused on the unreached. Or you could plan a nine-day prayer campaign using this guide.

Be creative in your approach. You might consider prayer walks, networking between churches, making a prayer banner, prayer stations with people praying as they move from station to station, a prayer chain, a social media campaign, or conference calls. There is no right way or wrong way to use this prayer guide, just as there really is no particular order to pray for the regions of the world. We hope you will see this guide as a tool that you use can to pray for the unreached in your own way.

This guide divides the world into nine regions. Each day you can pray for one of these regions. For each region there is general information about the region and the status of the church. Information about the unreached peoples in each region is provided, with a few groups featured for prayer. There are also specific prayer points you can pray for that particular region.

REGION ONE: LATIN AMERICA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

Latin America stretches from Mexico to the southern tip of South America. In the past, Latin America has been overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. However, the religious environment is changing. Protestant churches are growing rapidly — especially evangelical churches. There is much to rejoice about. Yet there are also serious challenges. For example, many people practice a religious syncretism, mixing Catholicism, animism, and the occult. In contrast, in some countries there is a rising trend toward secularism and consumerism. Negative social factors also make an impact. In addition, political unrest has escalated in recent years. Poverty is rife in many countries. Incredibly high rates of inflation have ruined some economies. These matters affect the ability of the indigenous church to minister.

One of the fastest-growing religions in the region is Islam. Muslims are well funded and are building

“education centers” in academic communities — portraying themselves as a religion of peace and advancement. Islamic activists also stress the Moorish influence in Spanish culture, hoping this will encourage Latinos to react favorably to Islam.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

There are more than 1,400 people groups in this region. Of these, at least 96 groups remain unreached. Surprisingly, the largest two groups are Spanish-speaking Jews, and people of Japanese descent. There are also dozens of indigenous groups who are unreached. Although we often think of unreached people groups in places like Africa or Asia, hidden in the jungles of Latin America are tribes that no one has ever even seen, much less reached with the gospel.

GROUP FOCUS: THE ARHUACO OF COLOMBIA

The Arhuaco tribes traditionally are very closed to the gospel. There are only 2.8% evangelical Christians among them. A few missionaries have been working diligently for almost a decade to gain entrance into this tribe with the gospel. At some point, a small church building was built in the village, but later the doors were locked and the missionaries sent home.

Now missionaries are finding a way to reach the community through coffee! The Arhuacos have grown coffee for decades but are geographically isolated so they have not been able to sell it outside of their region. Missionaries are transporting the beans from the isolated mountains, then processing, packaging, and selling the coffee. Revenue from coffee sales helps the village and also helps fund missionary endeavors. Since the missionaries are helping the Arhuacos with their coffee business, the doors are gradually opening for the gospel. Just recently the doors of a church were literally reopened for use as a school.

Prayer Points for Latin America

1. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of people in this region to hear the true gospel instead of religious tradition and folk beliefs.
2. Pray for people to be set free from spiritual bondage, whether it is traditional religion, the occult, or secularism.
3. Christian workers are often under-funded and struggle to live and work. Pray for provisions for pastors, church planters, and missionaries.
4. Pray for protection for Christian workers, many of whom live in very dangerous situations — facing drug traffickers, oppressive governments, hostile tribal peoples, and religious persecution.
5. Pray about the non-Christian religions that are targeting Latin America — for example, Islam, Mormonism, and other cults.

REGION 2: NORTHERN AMERICA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

This region consists primarily of the United States, Canada, and Greenland. Protestant Christianity predominates, but with significant populations of Catholics, Jews, and Muslims. In general, the church is strongly influenced by the culture. For decades, the negative spiritual influences have been secularism, humanism, and materialism. Now there is a growing interest in Eastern religions, occultism, and paganism. Many espouse a generic “spirituality,” but reject traditional Christianity. The belief that all religions are basically the same is prevalent and popular. Outright persecution is not common, but seems to be increasing.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

There are 132 unreached people groups in this region, comprising a population of about 6.7 million people. Among the largest groups are over 650,000 Jews, mostly in urban areas; over 1 million Diaspora Arabs, most of them Sunni Muslims; and about 885,000 people of Japanese descent who practice Buddhism or Shinto.

GROUP FOCUS: THE JEWS OF NORTHERN AMERICA

There are more Jews in this region than any other place in the world, except for Israel. Thousands of Jews, many from Eastern Europe, came to America in the late 19th and 20th centuries to escape oppression. While there are large numbers of devout Jews, many only see their Jewishness as an ethnic and cultural identity. Even though they live in countries where the gospel is openly proclaimed, most Jews know little about Christianity. Their corporate experience causes them to believe that Christians generally hate Jews and consider them “Christ-killers.” Barriers to the gospel message include cultural and religious traditions, perceived anti-Jewish bias, and the history of anti-Semitism both within the church and within western society in general. Pray that the spiritual veil will be removed from their eyes (2 Corinthians 3:14–16), and that they will come to know Jesus as their true Messiah. Also pray that the church will understand its role reaching the lost people of Israel (Romans 11:13–31).

Prayer Points for Northern America

1. Pray for revival in the church. If the church will awaken and arise, it could reach a ripe harvest field right in its own “backyard.”
2. Pray for God to raise up evangelists, church planters, and committed believers to reach the unreached of this region.
3. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of the millions of unreached people in this region to be open to the gospel.
4. Pray that God will supernaturally work in this region, revealing Himself through visions and dreams, miracles, and demonstrations of His power.
5. Pray for God to expose false beliefs (secularism, humanism, non-Christian religions, and cults) and for the true gospel to be proclaimed.

REGION 3: EUROPE AND RUSSIA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

Many think of Europe as Christian. Yet evangelicals are only a small minority. In Western Europe most people are secularized, while in Eastern Europe people often identify themselves with a religious label simply because of their ethnicity. Religious traditions, secular humanistic thinking, and ethnic divisions are some of the hindrances to the progress of the gospel in this region. Still, in some countries, such as France, Ireland, and Russia, the number of evangelical Christians is increasing significantly.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

There are 445 unreached people groups in this region. The largest are the Tatars of Russia, with a population of 5.3 million. Many of the largest ethnic groups in Europe are unreached. For example, only 0.2% of Slovenes are evangelicals. In Italy, which many assume has a Christian majority, only 1.6% are evangelical. These statistics illustrate a common reality in this region.

GROUP FOCUS: THE BOSNIAKS

Bosnian Muslims, often called “Bosniaks,” number about 1.6 million people. These people have suffered greatly as a result of the area’s repeated wars. Life in this part of Eastern Europe has been influenced by both western thinking and an oriental worldview. The Bosniaks are mainly adherents of Sunni Islam, although historically Sufism has been important in their culture. For many Bosniaks, their Islamic identity is more cultural than anything else. The Bosniaks are among the Europe’s least evangelized people. The evangelical movement among them is tiny, and many who do know Christ must leave the country to find a job. Many have left the region as refugees. Pray for provision for more indigenous workers in the Bosnian harvest.

Prayer Points for Europe

1. Pray for people to be set free from secularism, religious tradition, and false belief systems.
2. Pray for God to raise up more workers for this sparsely staffed harvest field.
3. There is a great need for provision for Christian workers in this region.
4. Church planting is an important effort, and many new church plants need places to meet.

REGION 4: AFRICA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

Global Christianity now tilts toward the southern hemisphere. That is clearly seen in the African region. The church is growing rapidly in many countries. At the same time, the church is also struggling spiritually. For example, the church faces religious syncretism and severe persecution from local governments and other religions. Also affecting the progress of the gospel is the influence of African traditional religion, the Prosperity Gospel, and the continued expansion of Islam. We see genuine growth here, but prayer is needed that the Bible will be available in local languages and that Christians young and old will be able to read. This is necessary for Christians to have an in-depth understanding of the Word of God and a biblical worldview.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Of the more than 3,500 people groups in Sub-Saharan Africa, 851 are unreached. This number includes the Isanzu of Tanzania, with a population of 89,000. They follow traditional African religion. Another unreached group is the Fulfulde of Niger, who have been the major purveyor of Islam in West and Central Africa. This semi-nomadic people have a population of over 710,000.

GROUP FOCUS: THE FULANI, NIGERIAN

The Fulani of Nigeria are a semi-nomadic people. It has been said that to plant a church among the Fulani people “you have to put it on a camel’s back.” Those in Nigeria are part of a larger nomadic Fulani ethnic group that is found across the Sahel region, from the Atlantic to the Red Sea. However, their greatest concentration is in West Africa, where over 15 million Nigerian Fulani live, with only 0.26% being evangelical Christian. Proud of their nomadic herding lifestyle, they reject anything contrary to their lifestyle of roaming with their cattle herds. Others who raise livestock near them perceive them as troublesome. Mostly illiterate, they reject any form of Western education. Pray that they will be delivered from their staunch allegiance to Islam.

Prayer Points for Africa

1. Pray that the gospel will break down the walls of tribalism that divide the church in Africa.
2. Pray that Christian believers will remain faithful in spite of severe persecution — especially for Nigerian, Sudanese, and Somali Christians in East and West Africa.
3. Pray for an ample supply of Bibles in local languages, and for access to education so the present and future generations can read them.
4. Pray for a well-grounded biblical worldview, instead of syncretism, animism, and tribal religions. Also pray that the church will reject the prevalent Prosperity Gospel, which diverts the African church from its mission.
5. Pray that African Christianity will become more missional in its church-planting methods, accepting the call of Christ to pioneer new areas with the gospel.

REGION 5: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

The Muslim faith originated in Arabia and from there spread throughout this region. At the same time, this region is also the historic homeland of Christianity. Indeed, there are still indigenous church bodies whose history traces back to the 1st century. For many adherents of these ancient churches, being “Christian” is largely an ethnic or cultural identity. Yet newer churches, especially those composed of believers from a Muslim background, are generally vibrant and spiritually active. Although Islam certainly dominates the region and often oppresses Christianity, many Muslims are now coming to faith in Christ.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Of the 572 people groups in this region, 385 (67% — numbering 256 million) are unreached. Almost all of these unreached groups are Muslim. The vast majority are Arab, though large populations of Jews, Berbers, Persians/Iranians, and Kurds also reside there.

GROUP FOCUS: THE BERBERS

Much of North Africa was once dominated by the Berbers, a non-Arab people who at one time were largely Christian. The Berbers successfully withstood numerous invasions before finally being overrun by Arabs in the Middle Ages. Mass immigrations of Arabs in the 11th century caused many Berbers to flee into the desert. Others remained and became “Arabized” in language and culture. Today, most of the Arabized Berbers still identify themselves as Berbers, but the Arabic influence is so strong that it is difficult to distinguish them. Virtually all Berbers today are Muslim. Berbers accept the five pillars of Islam, modified to fit their local traditions. For example, many are very casual about prayer, and the required giving of alms is often rejected because it is viewed as a tax. Ask God to turn the hearts of the Berber people to Christ, the historic faith of their ancestors.

Prayer Points for the Middle East and North Africa

1. Exercise the authority we have in Christ to pray against the spiritual forces active in the Middle East, including the spiritually lifeless religious traditions found among both Muslims and nominal Christians.
2. Pray that Christians will be bold in their witness and courageously proclaim the gospel.
3. Pray that Muslim-background believers will be steadfast in their faith and will not be afraid to stand for Christ.
4. Pray for God to continue to send dreams and visions to people in this region, as has been happening for decades now.
5. There is a great deal of persecution here. Pray that believers will be encouraged and remain steadfast in their faith. Pray that the church will find favor in the eyes of the various governments of the region and that new believers from Muslim backgrounds will find safe places to live while they grow in their new faith.

REGION 6: CENTRAL ASIA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

This area is comprised mainly of the “-stan lands” (stan meaning “place of”), but also includes Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia. The region is predominantly Muslim, but there is still an Eastern Orthodox presence here, along with other ancient church bodies. Historically Christianity once flourished here. For example, Armenia was the first country to officially declare itself Christian. There are some indigenous evangelical churches, but they are generally seen as a foreign intrusion. They face opposition from the hierarchy of Eastern Orthodoxy and other ancient churches, from Islamist groups, and often from the government. Although only a small minority of the population of Central Asia are believers, their numbers are growing.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

There are 539 people groups in Central Asia. Most of these — 367 — are unreached. These include Turks, Persians, Uzbeks, and Azerbaijanis — representing tens of millions of people. All of them are overwhelmingly Muslim. Among the nearly 12 million Kazakhs, only seven in every 10,000 are evangelical Christian.

GROUP FOCUS: THE KAZAKHS

Historically, the Kazakhs were considered great warriors. The Russians controlled Kazakhstan for nearly 150 years, and absorbed it into the USSR in 1936; Kazakhstan gained its independence in 1991. The Kazakhs are a branch of the Turkic peoples, found throughout this region of the world. Traditionally nomadic shepherds, they live in felt-covered tents called yurts. Many displaced Kazakhs fled to the cities, or to other countries. The second largest Muslim group in Central Asia, they tend to blend their Islamic beliefs with traditional customs and practices, including animism, ancestor worship, and shamanism. The church is young and growing, and the gospel message attracts the attention of many youth. Yet challenges persist, not only from Islam, but also from the government, which has closed many churches.

Prayer Points for Central Asia

1. Pray that God will supernaturally work in this region, revealing himself through dreams, visions, and miracles.
2. Pray that indigenous churches will grow, and that God will raise up native pastors and church planters.
3. The church faces opposition, even persecution. Pray that believers will be encouraged and that they will remain steadfast and bold in their witness for Christ.
4. Ask God for adherents of the ancient, traditional churches to experience a vibrant, personal encounter with the Savior, and become strong witnesses for the gospel.

REGION 7: SOUTH ASIA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

South Asia is a very diverse region, with many languages, religious beliefs, food habits, political systems and cultural practices. While a small minority of evangelical Christians actively propagate the gospel, the majority of people in this region practice Hinduism, Buddhism, or Islam. South Asia contains about 45 percent of Asia's population and more than 25 percent of the world's population. This region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh, Pakistan, and the Maldives are Islamic states, generally hostile to the gospel. The church faces increasing restrictions in India, Nepal, and Bhutan.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

This is an incredibly open harvest field. Of the more than 3,800 people groups in this region, some 3,400 remain unreached, with dozens of them each numbering in the millions. India alone has a population of 1.3 billion people, with 2,300 unreached people groups. Ninety-five percent of the world's least evangelized people live in this area of the world.

GROUP FOCUS: THE SHAIKH

The Shaikh people of Bangladesh — 137 million — constitute the largest unreached people group in the world. They are almost 100% Muslim, mainly Sunni, and look upon the very few Christians among them as outsiders and a threat to their way of life. They speak Bengali, which provides opportunities for them to hear the gospel since the Bible, the Jesus Film, and Christian radio broadcasts are all available in Bengali. Though the potential harvest is abundant, very few laborers have stepped forward. Bangladesh's extreme poverty further hinders efforts to reach the Shaikh people. The country has also been repeatedly devastated by typhoons and massive flooding. Pray that the Lord will raise up men and women willing to face harsh conditions to share the love of Christ with a people bound in complete spiritual darkness.

Prayer Points for South Asia

1. Pray about the pervasive influence of Hinduism in Nepal, and Buddhism in Bhutan and Sri Lanka. Also, Islam continues to make great progress in this region.
2. Pray for workers, funding, and resources to help the church grow in South Asia.
3. Pray for the growing anti-Christian policies of the Indian and Nepalese governments. There is much opposition to the gospel, and open attacks on worship centers, churches, and individual families are becoming more frequent.
4. Pray for the countries of the Maldives and Bhutan. These two countries have extreme religious practices (Islam and Buddhism respectively) and are absolutely closed to the gospel. Pray for open doors and opportunities for the people of these countries to hear the gospel.
5. Pray for persecuted believers in this region: for their protection, freedom to profess their Christian faith, and liberty to worship.

REGION 8: SOUTHEAST ASIA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

For the past few decades, the church has been experiencing phenomenal growth in Southeast Asia. At the same time, several factors, including other religions, bring serious spiritual obstacles to the spread of the gospel. Buddhism is common to the countries in this region, while in several countries, notably Indonesia and Malaysia, Islam is predominant. In addition, many people groups practice ancestor worship and animism. Widespread poverty further complicates the task of reaching people with the Christian message.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

More than 1,800 people groups dwell in this region. Of these, 707 are still unreached with an effective gospel witness. Many of these groups have populations in the millions. Among these are the Burmese of Myanmar, the people of Vietnam, and the Thai people.

GROUP FOCUS: THE BURMESE PEOPLE

Historically the Burmese are descendants of people from the hill country of Tibet. Their language, Bama, is derived from Sino-Tibetan roots. While the Burmese dwell in many countries in Southeast Asia, they dominate Myanmar. They historically have persecuted and oppressed other ethnic groups within the country. A Burmese junta rules the country. The modern history of Myanmar has been one of violence, conflict, and civil unrest. Most Burmese follow the Buddhist religion, though it is often mixed with more primitive animistic practices. Burmese homes generally have altars honoring both the Buddha and the spirits. Of the more than 31 million Burmese people, just a very small percentage follows any type of Christianity, with only about .08% being evangelical Christian. Pray for these people who are bound by both cultural tradition and spiritual darkness.

Prayer Points for Southeast Asia

1. Ask God for continued unity within church planting movements. These movements have been the catalyst for most church growth in Southeast Asia.
2. Pray that Christian workers can overcome discouragement, often resulting from the poverty and persecution that exists in the region.
3. Pray that Christian workers in impoverished and isolated areas will find creative means to gain support, such as through agriculture or small businesses.
4. According to national workers, a primary means for evangelism among the unreached is through answered prayers. Pray that God will continue to work powerfully in this way.
5. Pray that indigenous Christians will find new ways to show care for people's needs in unreached communities, such as starting schools, digging wells for clean water, or distributing food to the poor.

REGION 9: EAST ASIA

THE CHURCH & THE GOSPEL

East Asia consists of China, Mongolia, Taiwan, Japan, and North and South Korea. Together they make up a total of 1.6 billion people. This is a region shrouded with mystery and ancient religions, including Buddhism, Shintoism, shamanism, ancestor worship, Sunni Islam, and atheism — all of which are widespread here. Despite this, Christianity has made a significant impact in some countries, such as China, Taiwan, and South Korea. Still, there is a high degree of persecution against Christians, especially in China and North Korea.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

A total of 504 unreached people groups live in East Asia, comprising more than 300 million people. Among the largest groups are the Japanese, with 121 million unreached people. The highest concentration of unreached people is found in China, with 445 groups.

GROUP FOCUS: THE UYGUR PEOPLE

The Uygur (pronounced wee-gur) are an unreached people group in China. The highest concentration of their more than 10 million people is found along the border between China and Kazakhstan, though Uygurs are found in almost all of China's provinces. The Uygurs are ethnically related to the Turkic peoples, including Uzbeks and Kazaks. They practice a form of Sunni folk Islam, mixed with superstitious traditions. Historically resistant to the gospel, until recently there were fewer than 50 Uygur believers. In the last few years, more than 400 Uygurs have come to Christ and have been baptized. Many of these now serve as evangelists among their people.

In 2015 the Chinese government cracked down on religion. This resulted in more than 1.5 million Uygurs being sent to “Redoctrination Camps” (prisons). In these camps, torture is often used in an attempt to force them to leave their Islamic faith. Since the Uygur also are an independent people, the government views them as unpatriotic and dangerous. Much prayer is needed for the millions of Uygurs who have no Christian witness.

Prayer Points for East Asia

1. Pray for a moving of God's Spirit among the people of East Asia to confront the spiritual darkness that has blinded their hearts for centuries.
2. Pray for the translation and distribution of the Scriptures in their own languages and dialects. Many Christians in this region do not have a single Bible.
3. In light of the ongoing persecution in China and North Korea, pray that God's people will remain faithful and that their example will serve as a powerful witness to their faith.
4. Ask God to cast down the materialism that keeps the Japanese from listening to and seeing the reality of God and His plan of redemption
5. Pray for native missionaries to engage the remaining unreached groups in their regions to bring the gospel to the unreached and the unengaged.

A PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

“Ask of me and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance” (Psalm 2:8)

HEAVENLY FATHER,

we come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving—both for who you are and what you have done. For the past two thousand years you have worked mightily on this earth, displaying your glory and power among the nations. Millions of people have come to Christ. Thousands of people groups have heard the saving message of the Savior. For all this we are grateful.

Yet, our hearts are heavy, burdened for the multitudes who still do not know you and the redeeming grace of your Son. With these people in mind, the nations of the earth, we pray to you today.

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,

you gave this promise to your Son, and through him to your church—

“Ask of me and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance.”

Sovereign Lord, in response to this promise, and with faith in your ability to answer, we ask for the nations. We ask that the unreached people groups of the earth will hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We ask for nations to be brought to the light of truth, to be saved by grace.

LORD OF THE HARVEST,

our Savior taught us to ask you to send out laborers into the harvest field, for it is abundant and plentiful. So, we ask. There is a great need for many more workers—pastors, church planters, evangelists, missionaries, educators, disciplers. Father, raise up and send out these much needed servants of God into all the world, to all nations.

LORD JESUS,

we thank you for loving us and giving your life for us, redeeming us by your grace and mercy. Hear our pleas today, O Savior. You commissioned us to go into all the world, to take the Good News to all creation. We cannot do this without your help. We implore you, help us. Stir the hearts of your church. Awaken us to the cries of the lost, to the voice of the nations who have not heard the Gospel. Give us a renewed vision to see the fields that are ripe, ready for harvest. May we rise up to answer your call to fulfill your Great Commission. May we not rest until the Gospel of the Kingdom has been proclaimed to the entire world, to the thousands of people groups who have not heard. Then, and only then, can we anticipate your Second Coming, your return in glory to be united with your Bride—the glorified church, universal and triumphant.

HOLY SPIRIT, PARACLETE AND COMFORTER OF THE CHURCH,

we need your grace, your strength, and your help. It is only through your power that we, the Body of Christ on this earth, can be effective witnesses in our own homes, neighborhoods, states and provinces, countries, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Equip, empower and help us.

Spirit of God, even as we ask you to work in us, we also ask that you work in the hearts of the peoples of the earth. Jesus told us that no one can come to the Father unless you, the Holy Spirit, draws them. Extend grace to the unreached peoples of the world, prepare their ears to hear the Gospel, their hearts to receive it. Spirit of grace, also equip and empower missionaries, ministers, pastors, and indigenous workers to engage and evangelize unreached people groups around the globe. Save the lost. Reach the unreached. Bring the nations of the earth to the cross, to the church, to the throne of God.

SOVEREIGN LORD GOD,

it is with faith in your saving name and in your immeasurable power that we ask for all of the unreached people groups of the earth to be saved. Reveal yourself to the world. Save the nations. May all peoples everywhere hear the message of our Savior and Redeemer!

With great confidence, we believe that you will hear and answer the cry of our hearts. And we look forward to that day when our prayers will be completely answered, and we will stand with that great multitude which no one can number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne of God and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in our hands. And we will all together cry to you:

Hallelujah! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

And to the Lamb of God we will cry: “You are worthy, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made us a kingdom and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth.” Hallelujah!

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, ONLY TRUE AND LIVING GOD,

We pray all this in the mighty and glorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the name of the most wonderful and holy Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit; to your eternal honor, glory and praise. Amen and amen.