

WORLD'S

MOST **UNREACHED**

MOST **PERSECUTED**



2026

Prayer Guide

Introduction

As a church family, we are setting aside this year to intentionally and consistently pray for the most unreached and persecuted countries in the world. Each month, we will focus our corporate and personal prayers on one specific nation—learning about its people, understanding the spiritual realities on the ground, and bringing intentional, informed requests before the Lord together.

Our desire is not simply to be aware of global need, but to be united in faithful prayer. When we focus on the same country each month, we are able to pray with greater depth, consistency, and expectation, trusting that God works powerfully through the persistent prayers of His people. This booklet is designed to guide us in that shared effort.

How This Booklet Works

Each month highlights one country. On each page you will find:

- A brief overview of the country
- Key challenges facing believers and unreached people groups
- Specific, practical prayer points

You can use this booklet in personal devotions, together as a family, or in small groups. We encourage you to revisit the prayer points throughout the month, asking the Lord to work powerfully in that nation.

Our Sources

The information in this booklet has been compiled from trusted mission research and prayer resources, including:

- Operation World
- Joshua Project
- Prayercast
- Open Doors

If you would like to explore more detailed information, watch prayer videos, or learn more about specific people groups, we encourage you to make use of their resources directly.

April 2026

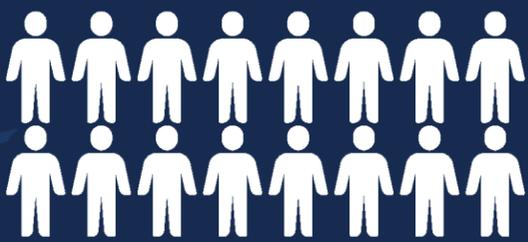
NORTH KOREA

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

- Mark 16:15 (ESV)



North Korea is one of the most restricted places in the world for Christians. Over **99%** of its people are unreached, and Christians must worship in secret under constant threat of imprisonment or death.



POPULATION

26.4 MILLION

UNREACHED

26.3 MILLION



99.3%

Where in the World



PRAY FOR...

- God to deliver North Korea from oppression and spiritual darkness.
- The underground Church to persevere, grow, and remain faithful amid severe persecution.
- North Koreans to encounter the truth of Jesus, even where His name is forbidden.
- God to bring freedom, transformation, and lasting change to this nation.

May 2026

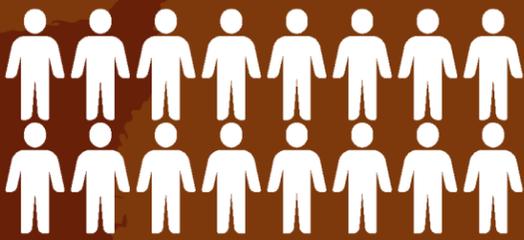
INDIA

“As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.”

- John 20:21 (ESV)

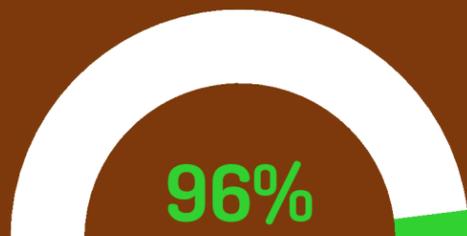


India is home to over 1.4 billion people and thousands of distinct groups, yet **more than 95% remain unreached**, having little or no access to the gospel. While Christianity is growing, believers in many regions face opposition, discrimination, and pressure for their faith.



POPULATION
1.45 BILLION

UNREACHED
1.39 BILLION



96%

Where in the World



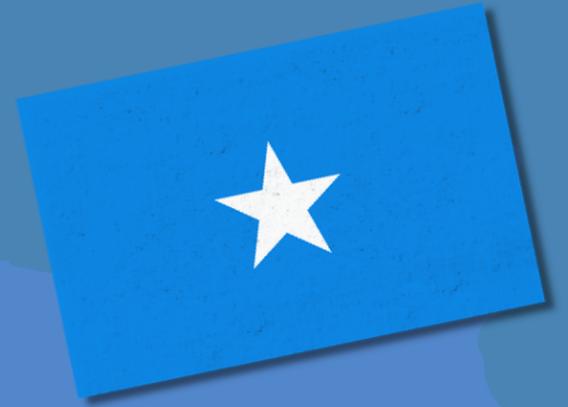
PRAY FOR...

- Christians to boldly live out God’s love across caste, religious, and regional barriers.
- Open doors for gospel resources to reach India’s one billion unreached people.
- Protection, courage, and perseverance for believers facing rising persecution.

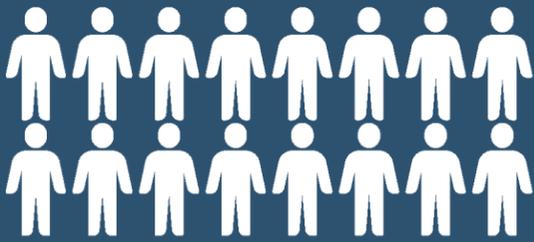
June 2026

SOMALIA

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the end of the earth.”
- Acts 1:8 (ESV)



Somalia is a fragile nation in East Africa, with most of its population unreached and under Islamic influence. Believers must worship in secret, and many live with daily threats to their safety. Yet God’s work continues in hidden and powerful ways.



POPULATION
19.4 MILLION

UNREACHED
19.4 MILLION



PRAY FOR...

- Displaced Somalis to encounter the hope, love, and truth of Christ.
- Open doors for the gospel to reach the 20 unreached people groups in Somalia.
- Protection amid persecution.
- Hearts to turn to Jesus.

July 2026

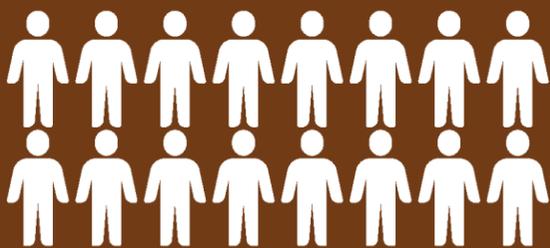
CHINA

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

- John 1:5 (ESV)



China has over **1.39 billion people**, many of whom have little or no access to the gospel. Following Jesus can bring scrutiny, harassment, or even imprisonment. Yet God is at work in secret, building His Church in faith and courage.



POPULATION
1.39 BILLION

UNREACHED
139.7 MILLION



PRAY FOR...

- Protection, courage, and perseverance for Christians living under pressure.
- The gospel to reach the 180+ million unreached Chinese people and hundreds of minority groups.
- Safe ways for Scripture and discipleship resources to reach those seeking truth.

August 2026

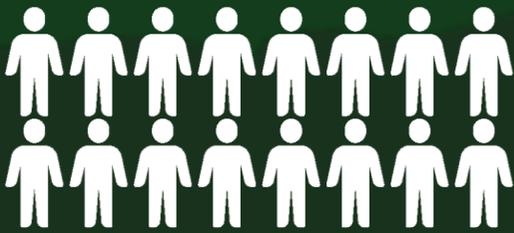
PAKISTAN



“How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

- Romans 10:14–15 (ESV)

Pakistan is home to over 250 million people, where Christians are a small minority. Following Jesus can bring social pressure, legal challenges, or even danger. Yet God is at work through faithful believers who serve, worship, and love despite risk.



POPULATION
253.3 MILLION

UNREACHED
250.9 MILLION



99%



Where in the World

PRAY FOR...

- **Believers:** for courage, protection, and perseverance for Christians living under pressure.
- **Church Leaders:** for wisdom, boldness, and faithful leadership in the local church.
- **The Unreached:** that hearts would be softened and that the gospel would reach those who have never heard it.

September 2026

YEMEN

“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

- Psalm 96:3 (ESV)

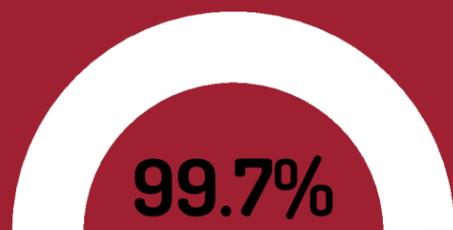


Yemen, located on the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula, is one of the least reached nations in the world. After years of conflict, millions have been left displaced and in need. Christians must follow Jesus in secrecy, and most people have never heard the gospel. Pray for a lasting spiritual renewal.



POPULATION
41.3 MILLION

UNREACHED
41.2 MILLION



Where in the World



PRAY FOR...

- Peace, stability, and development that leads to lasting renewal.
- Seekers to encounter gospel truth through online and digital resources.
- Protection and perseverance for Yemen's small and growing Church.

October 2026

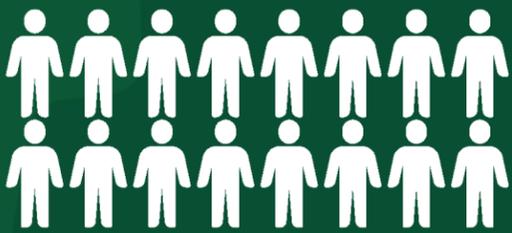
BANGLADESH

**“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.”**

- Matthew 9:37 (ESV)



Bangladesh is home to over **170 million people**, many of whom have never heard the gospel. Christians are a small minority and often face pressure or persecution for their faith. Yet God is building His Church through faithful believers who serve with humility and love.



POPULATION
174.5 MILLION

UNREACHED
172.5 MILLION



PRAY FOR...

- Spiritual breakthrough among the unreached Bengali people.
- The millions of Bibles distributed each year would produce devoted followers of Jesus.
- Christians to remain steadfast as persecution and pressure increase.
- Continued growth and maturity in the Bangladeshi Church.

November 2026

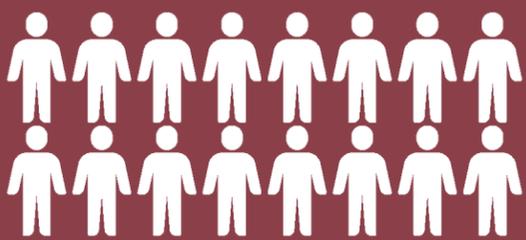
SUDAN

“I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

- Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)



Sudan is experiencing ongoing conflict that has displaced millions and left many in desperate need. Christians face pressure and insecurity, yet the Church continues to trust God and serve faithfully. Prayer is vital in this season.



POPULATION
51.2 MILLION

UNREACHED
48.6 MILLION



PRAY FOR...

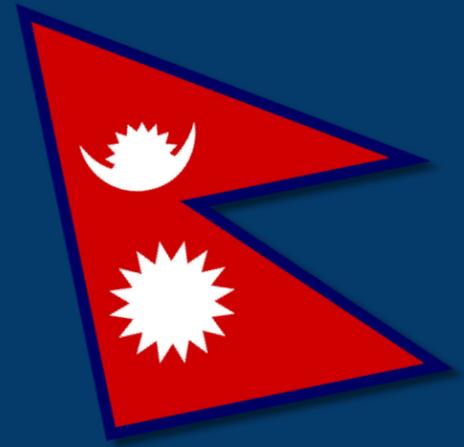
- Protection, courage, and perseverance for Christians living amid conflict.
- The love of Jesus to transform the hearts of those perpetuating violence and war.
- The Church to grow in faith, unity, and courage amid persecution.

December 2026

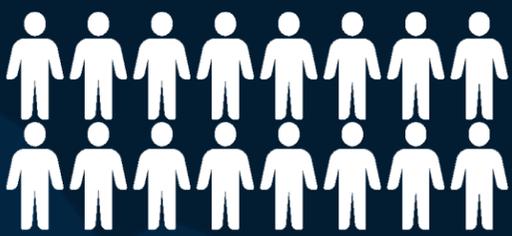
NEPAL

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

- Matthew 28:19 (ESV)



Nepal, the world's last Hindu kingdom, is home to over **29 million people**, many living in remote villages with little access to the gospel. Christians are a small minority and sometimes face social pressure, yet God is at work through faithful believers who quietly serve, share, and grow His Church.



POPULATION
29.2 MILLION

UNREACHED
26 MILLION



Where in the World



PRAY FOR...

- Protection, courage, and perseverance for Christians living in a challenging environment.
- Jesus to be made known among unreached peoples in hard-to-access locations.
- Biblical training and Christlike character for a rising generation of church leaders.

