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North Korea

Pray for the believers in North Korea, that they may persevere in what is likely the most dangerous place on earth for Christians.

Fact

Internet access is very limited. Most North Koreans do not have access to the internet. Those who have it are only allowed to visit a number of government-controlled websites.

Spiritual Spotlight

The Korean revival of 1907 began in the Church in North Korea, with Pyongyang even being called the "Jerusalem of the East." However, during the Korean War, most Christians fled to the South or were martyred. Today, simply uttering the name "Jesus" can result in death. While little is known about the underground Church, we know that it has survived and continues to grow. The government imprisons up to 100,000 Christians in labor camps.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, give North Koreans peace to withstand the physical and spiritual challenges they face. Remind them that You see their needs and that they have not been forgotten. Remind them of Your many promises and that Your Word says Your kingdom belongs to persecuted people for Your name's sake. Amen.

Mongolia

Pray for a widespread spiritual awakening across the nation, and that Mongolia would be a shining light for God's Kingdom.

Fact

Mongolia is the 19th largest country in the world. It is also one of the countries with the lowest population density.

Spiritual Spotlight

Christianity in Mongolia has grown dramatically, a true testament to prayer. In 1989, there were just 4 believers; by 2010, over 40,000 worshipped in hundreds of churches across the country. Today, the Church continues to grow in both numbers and maturity, developing a unique Mongolian expression of faith. Despite being less than a generation old, the Mongolian Church now sends missionaries, runs national ministries, and has created its own Mongolian-style worship music.

Prayer

Lord, I ask for Your continued guidance and wisdom for the leaders of the Church. I pray for the young believers and the next generation, that their faith would be rooted in You and that they would rise up to lead the Church forward, spreading the Gospel across Mongolia and beyond.

Kiribati

Pray that the light of truth would penetrate every corner of this nation, drawing people to the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

Fact

Kiribati straddles the equator and the International Date Line, making it the only country on Earth to span both the north-south latitude and east-west longitude. As a result, Kiribati is the first country to welcome each new day.

Spiritual Spotlight

The once-strong Congregational Church (Kiribati Protestant) is experiencing slow decline, with many members leaving for other groups. The theological college in Tarawa does not adhere to evangelical principles. Pray for a return to biblical truth. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritist practices are widespread, compromising the purity of the Gospel.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for the theological college in Tarawa, asking that You raise up instructors who are faithful to Scripture and committed to training godly, biblically grounded leaders. May Your Word be the foundation of all teaching and ministry in Kiribati.

Nepal

Pray for wisdom and courage for all those who seek to witness for Christ in Nepal.

Fact

The world's highest peak, Mount Everest (8,848m), is located in Nepal.

Spiritual Spotlight

In 2008, the Hindu monarchy's rule came to an end, leading to a tumultuous decade that eventually resulted in the establishment of a federal republic and a secular state. Despite being a secular country, an anti-conversion law was passed in 2017, aimed at limiting Christian evangelism and protecting Nepal’s Hindu traditions. However, this law has not stopped the spread of the gospel, and Nepal's Christians continue to share the good news.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for wisdom and courage for those who seek to witness for Christ in Nepal, especially in light of the anti-conversion law. Strengthen their faith and resolve to speak the truth in love, knowing that You are with them. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit, empowered to continue spreading the good news despite opposition.

French Polynesia

Pray for the church in French Polynesia, that it would be a light in the midst of spiritual darkness, and that Your truth would penetrate deeply into the hearts of the people.

Fact

French Polynesia spans over 5.18 million square kilometres in the South Pacific Ocean, with five archipelagos and 118 islands!

Spiritual Spotlight

Those with a vital personal faith are now rare in number. As a result, there is a reversion to pagan occultism and a multiplication of syncretistic and foreign sects, especially two forms of Mormonism. Pray for a spiritual revolution to take place among the many nominal Catholic and Protestant Christians.

Prayer

God, I ask for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit across these islands, awakening many to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, we pray for believers to grow in faith and boldness, that they would be steadfast in their commitment to Your Word, and that their lives would reflect Your love and power.

Sri Lanka

Pray for protection from violence and terror, that the people of Sri Lanka may live in safety and peace. Pray that God's hand would be upon the nation, bringing healing, restoration, and a spirit of unity.

Fact Sri Lanka is the largest exporter of tea in the world.

Spiritual Spotlight

Sri Lanka has faced significant upheaval in recent years. Ethnic tensions, particularly between the Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority, and corruption remain widespread. In 2019, Islamist bombings killed hundreds, and in 2021, a severe economic crisis worsened by COVID-19 sparked protests. By 2022, protests led to the seizure of the Presidential palace, resulting in the President fleeing and the Prime Minister resigning. Pray that this new era may bring good governance, economic recovery, justice for all ethnic and religious groups, and freedom for the Gospel.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for peace and healing to cover this nation. Heal the wounds of war, loss, and division that still linger in the hearts of many. May Your Gospel spread freely throughout the land, bringing true freedom, hope, and transformation to all who hear it.

Pakistan

Pray that the Lord would free Pakistan from spirits of lawlessness and violence that harm the nation.

Fact

Pakistan has the fourth largest irrigation system in the world (Indus Basin). World's second largest salt mines (Khewra Mines) are located in Pakistan. The world's famous pink Himalayan salt is also mined in Pakistan.

Spiritual Spotlight

Approximately 84% of the people of Pakistan are Muslim. Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws are often used to target minority groups, but Christians are disproportionately affected. Roughly a quarter of all blasphemy accusations target Christians.

Prayer

Lord, I ask that Your Gospel would reach every corner of Pakistan, transforming lives with the hope of Jesus Christ. May the Church in Pakistan remain strong and courageous, standing firm in their faith despite persecution. Grant them the grace to love their neighbors, to serve their communities, and to be a beacon of light in the midst of darkness.

China

Pray God's hand would be upon all believers both in registered and unregistered churches that they may be granted favour, protection, and the freedom to worship God without fear.

Fact

Put together, all of China's railway lines could loop around earth twice!

Spiritual Spotlight

The atheist government in China has tightly controlled religious groups, banning all religious activities during the Cultural Revolution. In response, Christians formed underground house-church networks to endure persecution. Through radio ministries and committed outreach, the Church not only survived but flourished. In 1978, the government re-allowed registered churches to regain control, but unregistered churches continued to thrive. Remarkably, the number of evangelical Christians grew from 2.7 million in 1975 to over 75 million in just 35 years.

Prayer

God, I pray for those in China who have not yet heard the Gospel, asking that You would continue to open doors for evangelism, that many more would come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour. May the Church grow in both numbers and spiritual maturity, and may believers be equipped to boldly proclaim the truth in love.

Tokelau

Pray for unity within the Church and for the healing of any divisions. May Tokelau be a shining example of Your love and grace, a beacon of faith in the Pacific.

Fact

Tokelau is the smallest country in Oceania and the fourth smallest in the world by area.

Spiritual Spotlight

Christianity in Tokelau is deeply intertwined with the islands' cultural identity. However, much of the faith practiced today remains heavily influenced by traditional Polynesian customs and beliefs. The blending of traditional beliefs with Christianity is a form of syncretism that has shaped Tokelau's religious landscape, with some still holding to old ways alongside their Christian faith.

Prayer

Lord, I pray especially for the younger generation in Tokelau. May they grow in their knowledge of You and develop a strong, personal faith that will carry them through the challenges of life. Raise up a new generation of passionate believers who will carry the torch of the Gospel forward.

Tuvalu

Pray for the younger generation of Tuvalu, that they would grow in wisdom and faith, carrying the legacy of their people, while embracing the hope and life found in Christ.

Fact

As a former British colony, many Tuvaluans — Polynesian by descent speak English. Therefore, both English and Tuvaluan are the official languages of Tuvalu.

Spiritual Spotlight

Tuvalu faces an uncertain future, with limited resources, the threat of rising sea levels, and the impact of modern global influences putting its traditional culture at risk—both environmentally and socially. Pray for wisdom in preserving Tuvalu as a nation and culture, and that the long-standing presence of the Church would play a significant role in guiding and sustaining this community through these challenges.

Prayer

Lord, I lift up Tuvalu to You, recognising the challenges it faces — limited resources, rising sea levels, and modern pressures. Grant wisdom and guidance to Tuvalu's leaders as they navigate these difficulties, and help them preserve both the land and the unique culture for future generations.

Myanmar

Pray that Myanmar believers will engage neighbours well through appropriate funerals and other cultural events that honour Jesus and portray him accurately to the community.

Fact

Myanmar was previously known as Burma, but the military junta changed the name to Myanmar in 1989.

Spiritual Spotlight

Buddhism holds a strong influence over the Burmese majority. Most children are educated in Buddhist monasteries, where a mix of Buddhist teachings, occult beliefs, superstition, and fear of spirits is prevalent. For the Church to see a breakthrough among the majority, it must first understand the Buddhist mindset and minister with spiritual power. Remarkably, thousands of Buddhist monks have quietly become believers, and many are now studying the Gospel and listening to Christian radio.

Prayer

Lord, I ask You to bring revival to the communities of Myanmar. As believers engage with their neighbours, awaken the hearts of non-believers to see the love of Christ in them. God, accomplish what You have sent Your word to do in these regions.

Solomon Islands

Pray for the youth of the Solomon Islands, that they would grow in faith and stand firm in their relationship with You, not swayed by the pressures of the world but rooted in God's Word.

Fact

The Solomon Islands' coastline totals an impressive 5,313 kilometres in length.

Spiritual Spotlight

Ethnic diversity and a fragmented geography, with six major island groups, contribute to a divided society in this nation. While tribes and political groups coexist, they struggle to form a unified country. Although outside intervention in 2003 brought peace and disarmed militias, deep divisions persist. Language and cultural barriers also pose challenges to Christian ministry, with each small ethnic group requiring unique approaches and language resources. Denominations often align along tribal lines

Prayer

Lord, I pray for unity and healing within the Solomon Islands, that the divisions in society whether political, ethnic, or denominational would be overcome by the power of Your love. May Your Church be a beacon of peace, reconciliation, and hope, reaching every corner of this nation with the Gospel.

Malaysia

Pray for protection for believers sharing the Gospel and for Muslims pursuing Christ.

Fact

Malaysia has about 66,000 toll roads combined across the country. Interestingly, the circumference of the earth is 40,000 km. Apart from that, there is also the largest roundabout in the world with a diameter of 3.5 km in the Putrajaya area.

Spiritual Spotlight

The majority of Malaysians adhere to Islam. Based on Tempo data, the percentage of the Muslim population in Malaysia is around 61.3% of the total population. Like Muslims all over the world, they also practice worship and celebrate religious days.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for the nation's young people, that they may be filled with hope and purpose, guided by Your truth, and given opportunities to hear the Gospel. Protect them from the temptations of materialism, false ideologies, and harmful influences.

New Caledonia

Pray for a powerful revelation of the love and transformative power of Jesus to the people of Micronesia.

Fact

The land area of New Caledonia is larger than Hawaii.

Spiritual Spotlight

Most Kanaks (the indigenous people of New Caledonia) identify as Christian, and nearly every village has a church, but the Gospel is often intertwined with Western culture. Animist practices often lie beneath a Christian surface. Pray for pastors to have discernment between tradition and the true Gospel, and that a biblically grounded, culturally authentic Kanak church may continue to grow, demonstrating the power of Jesus over the forces of evil.

Prayer

God, I pray for the people of New Caledonia, that they would experience the transformative love of Jesus Christ. Break down the strongholds of animism, materialism, and confusion, and bring freedom through the Gospel. May Your Spirit move mightily in this land, bringing healing, restoration, and spiritual awakening.

Maldives

Pray for progress in Bible translation, opportunities to share the Gospel and for more freedom of religion to make this possible.

Fact Lowest and flattest nation in the world.

Spiritual Spotlight

Only a few Maldivians know Jesus as their Saviour. For more than 20 years Christians have tried to translate the Bible, but only a few parts are available so far, because it is really difficult to find Maldivians who will help with the translation. They are afraid to get involved.

Prayer

God thank you for creating places like the Maldives, which you delight in. Lord, please don't allow this country to not know You. I pray for Your word to be translated into their language so that they will come to know the truth and the truth will set them free. Father, we ask this boldly approaching Your throne of grace through Christ. Amen.

Laos

Pray that new believers will grow strong in faith, and not fall away.

Fact Laos is known as the 'Land of a Million Elephants and a Million Caves.'

Spiritual Spotlight

Praise God for the rapid growth of the Church in Laos, despite government restrictions and persecution! Indigenous Laotians are leading nearly all churches and evangelism efforts. Growth is taking place through "underground" house churches. Pray for leaders in both the recognised churches and the house church networks. While the Church faces persecution, it also recognises that these challenges deepen their reliance on God and drive them to prayer.

Prayer

God, I pray for house church leaders who are singled out as targets of persecution, that they may persevere with grace and courage. I pray for Lao seekers to overcome the social pressure to follow Buddhism and place their hope in the one true God. Pray for believers to boldly and unashamedly share the Gospel with their neighbours, even in the face of intense government monitoring.

Marshall Islands

Pray for wise, courageous leaders, the breaking of economic dependency, and the restoration of Marshallese cultural values.

Fact

The islands are made up of 870 reef systems and 160 coral species.

Spiritual Spotlight

While many churches exist in the Marshall Islands, issues like nominalism, materialism, and syncretism—where traditional beliefs are blended with Christianity. Efforts have been made to strengthen the Church's impact, with local and international ministries focusing on spiritual renewal and addressing social challenges. Churches are increasingly reaching out to younger generations, offering youth programs and resources that engage with contemporary issues like substance abuse and family struggles.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for the Church in the Marshall Islands, that it would grow in depth and sincerity. Strengthen believers to live out their faith with conviction and courage, not just in name but in action, reflecting the true love and power of Christ. Raise up leaders who will guide Your people with wisdom, integrity, and faithfulness.

Brunei

Pray for spiritual openness and for religious freedom.

Fact

Brunei's history traces the kingdom's transformation from a formidable maritime empire in the 15th century to a stable and prosperous modern nation.

Spiritual Spotlight

Islam is the dominant force in Brunei, with a conservative but not radical interpretation of the faith shaping daily life. There is slow but steady conversion to Islam, particularly among the tribal and Chinese minorities, often under pressure. While the constitution guarantees religious freedom, proselytising is illegal, and Muslims are prohibited from converting to other religions. Government agents frequently monitor religious groups by infiltrating their gatherings.

Prayer

God, I pray for spiritual growth and strong Biblical training for those in the underground Church who are leading with courage and faith. I pray for creative and bold ways for them to share the Gospel with the Muslim majority. I also pray for the salvation of the royal family, that they would come to know Christ and lead the nation toward righteousness.

Timor Leste

Pray for more Christian resources to be available in the languages of the people.

Fact

Timor-Leste is the first new country of the 21st century.

Spiritual Spotlight

This small, young nation continues to wrestle with the challenges of overcoming poverty, division, and the scars of its tumultuous past. Nearly half of the population lives at or below the poverty line. Timor has one of the youngest populations in the world, with a high proportion of youth. Despite its relatively small size, the country is home to 23 people groups, 19 languages, and up to 30 dialects. National unity and development are ongoing struggles, especially given the country's heavy reliance on oil as a primary resource.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for wise, long-term policies that will improve education, healthcare, and living standards for the Timorese people, and for the development of a unified national identity, all under the lordship of Christ.

Palau

Pray for local believers to be raised up as evangelists to the smaller unreached island communities.

Fact

Palau's marine environment exhibits a rich fauna balanced by an abundant terrestrial flora.

Spiritual Spotlight

Christianity is widely professed in Palau, but nominalism is common, with the most devout being the Filipino Catholics. Many older people follow the Modekngei movement, a unique blend of Christianity and traditional magic. For the younger generation, materialism and pluralism pose greater threats to their faith. Pray for the revival of the Koror Evangelical Church, which is the fruit of the Liebenzell Mission's work. The Assemblies of God also have a small but growing ministry in the region.

Prayer

God, I pray that followers of the local Modekngei religion would encounter the all-powerful and compassionate Creator. I pray for hope and freedom for the many adults trapped in addiction to alcohol and drugs, that they would find healing and restoration.

Micronesia

Pray for a powerful revelation of the love and transformative power of Jesus to the people of Micronesia.

Fact

Micronesia is one of the world's smallest nations. It spans more than 2,900 kilometres and crosses five time zones.

Spiritual Spotlight

Biblical Christianity in Micronesia faces challenges on three fronts. First, there are traditional cultural practices, including the use of magic and sakau, a herbal drink often used as a communal narcotic. Second, the influence of Western consumerism, fueled by U.S. aid, and the temptation to migrate to the United States, pose significant distractions. Third, Mormon missionaries are highly active in the region, presenting an alternative belief system. All three challenges call for a response of wisdom and faith.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for those who worship at the altar of materialism to be humbled by the awareness of their spiritual poverty. Pray that the truth of Christ would set free those in bondage to worldly things. I pray for an increase in Christian resources to be made available to those who are illiterate, so they too can hear and embrace the Gospel.

Cambodia

Pray that God will thrust out labourers from existing churches in Cambodia, who will boldly proclaim peace in Jesus' name to the 14 million Cambodians who identify as Buddhist.

Fact

Cambodia's flag is the only flag that features a building.

Spiritual Spotlight

Spiritual darkness persists in Cambodia, from the many spirit shrines, the powerful grip of Buddhism that opposes truth, and the widespread loss of morals.

Prayer

Lord, Cambodia carries a dark history, with spirit worship, Buddhism, and moral decline shaping its culture. Many suffer from abuse, poverty, and exploitation. I pray that Your Gospel would transform both hearts and society. May Christians lead the way in justice, rehabilitation, orphan care, healthcare, and community development. I also ask for support in agriculture, fisheries, water management, and education to break the cycle of poverty and create a brighter future for Cambodia.

Wallis & Futuna

Pray for those in Wallis and Futuna who have yet to hear the Gospel. Open their hearts and minds to the truth of Jesus Christ, and draw them into Your kingdom.

Fact

The Wallis Islands are named after the British explorer Samuel Wallis.

Spiritual Spotlight

Evangelical numbers are growing through the missionary efforts of Pentecostals from New Caledonia. Action Missionnaire Calédonienne has sent several missionaries to Wallis and Futuna, leading to dozens of new believers. Pray for continued growth in this exciting movement — Pacific Islanders reaching out cross-culturally to other Pacific Islanders.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for continued spiritual growth and transformation in Wallis and Futuna. Raise up strong, faithful leaders who will disciple new believers and strengthen the church. May the light of Christ shine brightly in every village, breaking through darkness and bringing hope to every heart.

Samoa

Pray for healing hand upon the families and communities that are hurting, that peace and reconciliation would reign where there is discord.

Fact

Samoa was known as 'Western Samoa' until 1997, when the country's name was officially changed to 'Samoa.'

Spiritual Spotlight

Samoans have been known as Christian for over a century. However, the traditional class structure and pre-Christian cultural norms were not fully transformed by the Gospel. As a result, much of the Church struggles with nominalism, and rivalry among denominations has created a less-than-ideal spiritual climate. Pride and politics often have an undue influence on church life, and the financial burdens on a poorer population are significant.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for a spiritual renewal in Samoa, that the light of the Gospel would shine brightly in every village and home. Break the chains of nominalism and rivalry among denominations, and bring unity and revival to the body of Christ. Raise up strong leaders who will faithfully preach Your Word and guide the Church with humility and wisdom.

Singapore

Pray that churches might become more active in assisting those at risk.

Fact Trees cover almost half of Singapore.

Spiritual Spotlight

Singaporean society is built on a foundation of hard work, discipline, and self-reliance. These values have fostered stability, good governance, and a culture resistant to corruption, but they have also led to a strong emphasis on performance and wealth. As a result, materialism has become more pronounced. Much of Singapore's prosperity now relies on imported labor from poorer countries, with entire sectors of the economy at risk of collapse without it. Pray that the admirable strengths of Singapore may not become idols in themselves.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for wisdom, boldness, and the freedom for Christians in Singapore to speak openly about Jesus Christ. Pray that affluent believers would remain steadfast in their faith and not fall into the trap of materialism, but continue to live out their true purpose in Christ.

American Samoa

Pray for healing and restoration in any broken areas of society — whether it be in families, relationships, or individuals facing struggles. Pray for God's peace to reign in the hearts of all who call this place home.

Fact

Although English is also an official language, Samoan remains deeply tied to the island's culture and daily life, making it one of the most linguistically preserved regions in the Pacific.

Spiritual Spotlight

Praise God for the growing evangelical ministries and churches making a difference for the Lord. Evangelical groups, particularly the Assemblies of God, have seen rapid growth, and there is also a YWAM (Youth With A Mission) base on the islands.

Prayer

Lord, we praise You for the evangelical ministries that are making an impact for Your kingdom, and we ask for Your continued blessing on the Church in American Samoa. May the ospel continue to spread, and may many lives be transformed by the power of Your love.

Bhutan

Pray for a fellowship of believers to witness among every ethnic group of the Bhutanese.

Fact Over 70% of Bhutan is covered in forest.

Spiritual Spotlight

Bhutan has remained one of the world's least evangelised nations due to its Buddhist monarchy, government policies of isolation, and the strong hold of Vajrayana Buddhism. While Bon, an indigenous religion, was replaced by Buddhism, it continues to exert significant occultic and demonic influence. Among the five largest Tibetan/Himalayan peoples, only the Lepcha have a significant Christian population. Though a New Testament is available in Dzongkha, many other languages lack any Scriptures.

Prayer

Lord, I pray for the church in Bhutan and for the few believers who already stand firm in faith. Strengthen them, equip them, and empower them to reach their fellow countrymen with the hope of the Gospel. We pray for a move of God that will spread throughout the nation, bringing freedom, healing, and salvation.

Prayer Notes