

## Pray For the Nations

### Nepal

Most of the persecution of Christians in Nepal comes from Hindu radical groups whose goal is to return Nepal to a Hindu state. Seen as betraying their ancestors' faith, Christian converts from Hinduism continue to live under intense pressure, including Nepal's anti-conversion laws. Before the adoption of a new constitution in 2015 that limits freedom of religion, the government didn't drive persecution. On August 8, 2017, the Nepalese parliament also passed anti-conversion legislation—another sign of a deteriorating situation for Christians. (Open Doors)

*Pray for Nepali's Christian to withstand persecution.*

*Pray that bold witness will win people to Jesus.*

*Pray for the spread of the gospel.*

Young people comprise two-thirds of Nepal's population. Not finding hope, purpose and meaning, they are vulnerable to exploitation, trafficking, drug abuse and radicalization. (Operation World)

*Pray for Nepali's young people to find the hope of Jesus.*

*Pray that God will intervene against cultural immorality.*

### Mongolia

Christianity in Mongolia is a reality for the first time in modern history! The Church is less than one generation old, but it already sends missionaries to unreached areas. There have been some challenges in governmental leadership. There has been a resurgence of traditional religions. (Operation World)

*Pray that Mongolian leaders will rule with fairness and wisdom.*

*Pray that Mongolians will find complete liberation and find transformation through Jesus Christ.*

*Pray for the development of Mongolian Church leaders.*

*Pray that Mongolia remains open to Christianity.*

### South Sudan

South Sudan is the world's newest country. It is also one of the world's poorest nations. Only 27% of the people can read and write. Less than 2% of the people have access to clean water and 33% suffer from chronic hunger. The civil war which led to the creation of South Sudan lasted for 21 years and people still suffers from the horrors of war. Christianity grew rapidly over the past 20 years amid violence, warfare and persecution. Most new believers need shepherding and discipleship. (Operation World)

*Pray for good Bible teaching and leadership training.*

*Pray that young Christians will be disciplined to maturity.*

*Pray that the gospel will lift this nation out of poverty and injustice.*

### Albania

Thank God for His work in Albania. For a long time, this nation was closed to the gospel but there are now several thousand believers. Even so, Albania has a long road to recover from the devastation of atheistic communism. Economically, morally, and especially spiritually, there is much to be done.

*Pray for leadership training which is greatly needed as the Church grows.*

*Pray for receptivity of Bible instruction to alleviate Biblical illiteracy.*

*Pray for evangelism and Church planting.*

*Pray for holistic ministries designed to help the poor and suffering.*

***A common prayer in all of these nations is a strengthening of the local Church with a depth of discipleship. Pray that the local Church would mature and grow. Pray that people with no hope would find hope in Jesus.***

# From Every Nation

*“... before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne” Rev 7:9*

## Global

- Every day approx 40,000 people across the globe come to faith in Christ.
- An average of 3,500 new churches open every week around the world.
- Evangelicals numbered 89 million (2.9%) in 1960, but by 2010 they were 546 million (7.9%)!

## Turkey

One-third of the converts to Christianity in Turkey say they came to Christ because He appeared to them in a dream. God is at work even where there are no missionaries!

## Israel / Jews

More Jews have embraced Jesus / Yeshua as Messiah since 1967 when the Jews took control of Jerusalem than in all the years between 100 AD and 1967. Check out Luke 21:24!

## Iran

More Iranians came to Christ between 1980 and 2010 than the previous 1,000 years combined.

## China

In 1950, when China closed to missionaries, there were about one million Chinese believers. Today some estimate over 75 million believers and over 10,000 new Christians in China every day! There are more followers of Christ in China than in North America.

## Korea

Once deemed "impossible to penetrate" by missionaries, Korea has experienced dramatic church growth in the last century. Today Korea is 30% Christian with over 3,000 churches in Seoul alone. Several of these churches have over one million members each.

## Nepal

In the early 1980s there were only 75 known Nepali believers. Today there are an estimated 850,000 believers. From almost no churches 20 years ago to nearly 10,000 churches and house fellowships today.

## India

In east India many of Nagaland's three million people confess Jesus as Lord. The Nagaland church recently vowed to send out 10,000 new missionaries to India and beyond. Those once unreached are now becoming senders.

## Afghanistan

Until very recently becoming a Christian was close to a death sentence. Now missionaries in Kabul report unprecedented openness and many new believers in the last several years.

## Southern Sudan

In 1960 only about 5% of southern Sudan was Christian. Today, after decades of terrible warfare and persecution, the primary religion in South Sudan is Christianity.

## Brazil

From 2 million in 1960 to 51.2 million in 2010, now one of the largest evangelical populations in the world. Over 100 mission agencies have emerged, sending over 2,000 Brazilian missionaries to 85 countries.

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## Southern Africa

20,000 new African believers every day. 3% Christian in 1900, today Africa is more than 50% Christian in some countries. The church in Africa is growing 4x faster than the general population. Sub-Saharan Africa is becoming a sending base for missionaries to Islamic North Africa.

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