

# Pray for Unreached People Groups:

This is a simple help to guide you as you begin to pray.

Whether you're part of a church-wide PRAYERthreads journey, a church group, campus ministry or individually praying for an unreached people group, you may struggle with how and what to pray concerning the people group that you or your group has chosen. The following is a list of ideas to help you pray for your people group.

## 1. Get to know the GROUP.

The more you know about your group, the better you will be able to pray for them. Go to your local library and/or search the Internet to find background information on your people group. The International Mission Board has prayer requests for and information about some of the unreached people groups on the Internet at

<http://imb.org/pray>. Also, you can scan newspapers for current events that affect your people group.

## 2. Find TIME to pray.

It is often hard to steal a moment of time away from daily activities to pray. If you already have a specific time you spend in prayer, just add your people group to your list of prayer requests. If you don't have a time set aside for prayer every day, then pray when you can. For example, to help you remember, you can put a small dot sticker on your watch. Every time you check the time and see the sticker, you can say a brief prayer for your people group. Say a prayer for your people group at every meal. Arrive at church early. While you're sitting in the sanctuary waiting for the service to begin, spend time praying for your people group. If you're part of a church, Sunday School class, missions group, or other church group that is praying for a people group, meet with all or a few of those people before church and pray together.

## 3. Pray BEYOND the official prayer requests you receive.

Because of security precautions, and lack of personnel, information updates can sometimes be sporadic at best. When this happens and you don't have any up to date prayer requests, don't stop praying! Here is a list of general prayer points that can be used with any unengaged unreached people group.

## 4. Pray that those who share will do so in CLEAR and UNDERSTANDABLE ways and reach out to the people in their heart language.

Many are lonely and isolated from their neighbors. Pray that believers in apartments would seek ways to share their faith and begin churches. When people do respond, praise God for indigenous believers who are being leaders in their communities. Pray for more of the local people to see God's love through these believers. If there are believers in the community, pray for Christian businessmen in the marketplace, to be honest, moral and full of God's wisdom.

- 5. Pray for opportunities for CHILDREN to hear about Jesus. Ask the Father to protect them from harm and unhealthy environments.**
- 6. Pray for those who are DEAF and HEARING IMPAIRED. Pray for the believers to partner with people who can “sign His love”.**
- 7. Pray for FAMILIES in areas where divorce rates are growing and alternative families are emerging the weakening the nuclear family.**
- 8. Pray for GOVERNMENT LEADERS to have wisdom and discernment, honesty and integrity.**
- 9. People of all ages are now HOMELESS, living in all kinds of places. Pray for ministries reaching out to these.**
- 10. Pray for HOUSE CHURCHES to be established and for unity, vision and willingness to “be” church for one another.**
- 11. Pray for IMMIGRANT groups coming to live and develop communities. As God to send workers who will be accepted into these groups, so they can share His love with them.**
- 12. Pray for leadership TRAINING of new believers.**
- 13. Pray that the NATIONAL LEADERS can become models for future leaders.**
- 14. Pray for CHILDREN to have the opportunity to learn about Jesus at an early age.**
- 15. Pray that INDIGENOUS Christian music can be light and salt in their world.**
- 16. Pray for NATIONALS to evangelize, baptize, dispel and gather new believers into simple churches that multiply themselves rapidly.**
- 17. Breaking down barriers in HEARTS is God’s work. Pray that He will speak to hard hearts, hurting hearts and disillusioned hearts.**
- 18. Pray that people will feel the burden to PRAY daily for your people. Ask the Lord to put these people and their needs on the hearts of believers.**
- 19. Ask for teams to come to specifically PRAYERWALK in strategic areas.**
- 20. Pray for STRONG PRAYER persons to come to soften the soil.**
- 21. Pray for OPPORTUNITIES to share the assurance of new life and forgiveness with senior adults.**

22. Ask the Great Physician to **HEAL** the society of emotional illnesses, suicide and depression. Pray for a spirit of hope.
23. Ask God for summer **VOLUNTEERS** who will pray for possibly be willing to reach out to your people group.
24. Pray that the people will become disillusioned with traditional religions and begin searching for **TRUTH**.
25. Pray for **STUDENTS** in all levels of education to have the opportunity to hear the Truth. Today's youth need Jesus as their moral compass.
26. Pray for **OPEN DOORS** to reach those with material things but still feel empty.
27. Pray for **YOUNG ADULTS** in this society. Some may be busy with careers and some have turn to others for companionship and love. Pray that they come to know the One who first loved them.
- 28 Ask the Holy Spirit to give Christian believers **BOLDNESS** and the **WORDS** to speak about the difference Jesus makes in life.
29. Pray for the **AVAILABILITY** of food, medical supplies and doctors, electricity, clean water, good roads, employment, education, freedom from persecution, economy, etc.
30. Pray for Scriptures to be **TRANSLATED** in the language of the people group.

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### **30 Day Prayer Guide For Unreached People Groups**

Day 1 ô Luke 1:11-20

An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and overcome with fear. But the angel said to him: Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. There will be joy and delight for you, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb. He will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to make ready for the Lord a prepared people. "How can I know this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "For I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and tell you this good news. Now listen! You will become silent and unable to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time." Just

like Zechariah, after many disappointments it is easy to begin to believe the blessing will never come. Pray we will believe it is the Lord's desire to save all nations.

Day 2 ô Luke 1:21-25

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them. Then they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept making signs to them and remained speechless. When the days of his ministry were completed, he went back home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept herself in seclusion for five months. She said, "The Lord has done this for me. He has looked with favor in these days to take away my disgrace among the people."

When the Spirit of God moves and things begin to happen, pray that we will remember where the blessing has come from and praise Him.

Day 3 ô Luke 1:38

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

Pray that we will submit to our Father with humility and awe that He would use even us to fulfill his plans for the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Fill in the blanks with the name of a specific unreached people group.)

Day 4 ô Luke 1:76-79

And child, you will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God's merciful compassion, the Dawn from on high will visit us to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Pray we will prepare the way for the Lord to enter the hearts of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Day 5 ô Luke 2:15

When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will come to see what the Lord has done.

Day 6 ô Luke 2:17

After seeing (them), they reported the message they were told about this child.

Pray that as the \_\_\_\_\_ hear about Jesus, they will spread the Word.

Day 7 ô Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard, just as they had been told.

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will return to their own people and neighborhoods, glorifying and praising God.

Day 8 ô Luke 3:6

õAnd everyone will see the salvation of God.ö

Pray that all mankind will see God's salvation.

Day 9 ô Luke 3:16

John answered them all, õI baptize you with water, but One is coming who is more powerful than I. I am not worthy to untie the strap of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.ö

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will see beyond us to Jesus, who is more powerful and can baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Day 10 ô Luke 4:14

Then Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread throughout the entire vicinity.

Pray the news about Jesus would spread throughout the whole countryside.

Day 11 ô Luke 4:38-39

After He left the synagogue, He entered Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him about her. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up immediately and began to serve them.

Pray that as the \_\_\_\_\_ are healed they will get up and begin to serve Jesus immediately.

Day 12 ô Luke 5:4-5

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied, "we've worked hard all night long and caught nothing! But at Your word, I'll let down the nets."

Pray that we will be obedient and "put out into deep water" whenever the Lord calls us to do so.

Day 13 • Luke 5:6-8

When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, because I'm a sinful man, Lord!"

Pray that when the harvest comes we will be overwhelmed with humility in the face of God's awesome blessing.

Day 14 • Luke 5:16

Yet He often withdrew to deserted places and prayed.

Pray that we will constantly withdraw from the crowds to listen to God's voice.

Day 15 • Luke 5:26 Then everyone was astounded, and they were giving glory to God. And they were filled with awe and said, "We have seen incredible things today!"

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will be amazed at God's works and praise Him alone.

Day 16 • Luke 5:27-28

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me!" So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow Him.

Pray that as the \_\_\_\_\_ are called, they will get up and follow Jesus, leaving behind everything that binds them.

Day 17 • Luke 5:34-35

Jesus said to them, "You can't make the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them, can you? But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them • then they will fast in those days."

Pray that God's people will fast and pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved.

Day 18 • Luke 6:9-11

Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you: is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" After looking around at them all, He told him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. They, however, were filled with rage and started discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Pray that both we and the \_\_\_\_\_ will be repentant instead of angry when our sinful attitudes are pointed out.

Day 19 ô Luke 6:35-36

But love your enemies, do (what is) good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Pray that we will love the \_\_\_\_\_ no matter how we are treated in return.

Day 20 ô Luke 7:18-23

Then John's disciples told him about all these things. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord, asking, "Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?" When the men reached Him, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to ask You, 'Are You the One who is to come, or should we look for someone else?'" At that time Jesus healed many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and He granted sight to many blind people. He replied to them, "Go and report to John the things you have seen and heard: The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with skin diseases are healed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news preached to them. And anyone who is not offended because of Me is blessed."

When the Lord comes in a way we are not expecting, pray we will not fall away in unbelief.

Day 21 ô Luke 7:30

But since the Pharisees and experts in the law had not been baptized by him, they rejected the plan of God for themselves.

Pray that the religious leaders among the \_\_\_\_\_ would not reject God's purposes for them.

Day 22 ô Luke 7:41-48

"A creditor had two debtors. One owed 500 denarii, and the other 50. Since they could not pay it back, he graciously forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one he forgave more." "You have judged correctly," He told him. Turning to the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for My feet, but she, with her tears, has washed My feet and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing My feet since I came in. You

didn't anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.ö Then He said to her, öYour sins are forgiven.ö

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will have a right heart before Jesus and ölove much.ö All the knowledge we can teach them about Jesus is worthless if it does not produce a right heart.

Day 23 ö Luke 8:15

But the seed in the good ground ö these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, bear fruit.

Pray that both we and the \_\_\_\_\_ would with good hearts hear, retain, persevere and produce a crop.

Day 24 ö Luke 9:24

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will save it.

Pray both we and the \_\_\_\_\_ will learn to give up our lives for Jesus so that we can find true life.

Day 25 ö Luke 9:62

But Jesus said to him, öNo one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.ö

Pray new Christians among the \_\_\_\_\_ will not turn back.

Day 26 ö Luke 10:2

He told them: öThe harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.ö

Pray that God will send workers from the \_\_\_\_\_ back into the harvest field.

Day 27 ö Luke 10:13

öWoe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes!ö

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will respond to the Lord's miracles in true repentance.

Day 28 ô Luke 10:27

He answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ will love the Lord with all their heart, soul, strength and mind.

Day 29 ô Luke 10:30-37

Jesus took up (the question) and said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw (the man), he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for what extra you spend." Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

Pray that we will go out of our way to show mercy to the

\_\_\_\_\_.

Day 30 ô Luke 10:39

She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to what He said.

Pray that we would turn from our busy-ness and sit at the feet of Jesus.

Jesus came into the world 2,000 years ago to reveal God's plan to bring all people into a right relationship with Himself. But the task is not complete until every nation and every people of every language have heard. Ask Jesus what part He desires you to play in completing the unfinished task of loving the lost.