

Pray for the Nations at the Fountains

“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the [a]nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession” (Ps 2:8)!

Please see the *22 Prayer Guidelines* before starting these prayers!

Most prayer requests are from *Operation World*, a reference book and prayer guide, begun by Patrick Johnstone and continued by Jason Mandryk, both from WEC International!

Afghanistan

1. **Praise God that at least several hundred Afghans now follow Christ, when 20 years ago perhaps a few dozen were believers.**
2. **Pray that the Afghan government may serve and govern with humility and wisdom!**
3. **Pray that the people of Afghanistan may experience genuine freedom and an improved quality of life.**
4. **Pray for both courage in the face of adversity and wisdom to know how best to demonstrate Christ’s love to the Afghan people.**
5. One of the least reached countries in the world – there are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. **Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land!**
Pashtuns, Tajiks, Hazaras, Uzbeks, Turkmen, the six Aimaq tribes, the nine Nuristani tribal groups, the five Ismaili Muslim Pamir people groups, the Kyrgyz, the numerous Dardic people groups, the nomadic Gujar and Jugi/Kuchi/Ghorbat people groups
6. **Pray for Afghan believers** (no exact number known – probably several thousand indigenous Christians). **Pray for Afghans being reached by the gospel. Pray for safety and perseverance for believers!**
7. The status of women – banned from public life by the Taliban. They have a life expectancy of only 44 years, with one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world. Female literacy is under 20%, over one-half of Afghan brides are under age 16, only 5% attend secondary school and one-third are subjected to violence. **Pray for the disenfranchised women of Afghanistan, that they might receive justice, opportunity and freedom from fear and oppression, and especially that they might find Christ amid their suffering.**
8. **Pray for the entry and distribution of God’s Word into this closed land;** the government, the Taliban, and even NATO forces and NGO groups oppose it.
9. **Pray for His salvation for Afghan families at the Fountains!**
10. **Pray for Arami Church (Farsi speaking church in Ft. Worth) that they could reach out to the Afghans in DFW areas!**

Bhutan

1. **Praise God that some of our Bhutanese people responded to the gospel. Praise God that He has sent an Indian minister who knows their language and serves with us for our Bhutanese families.**
2. Bhutan is one of the world's least evangelized nations. **Pray for true spiritual liberation for this land. Pray for King Wangchuk and his salvation.**
3. **Pray for the emergence of a vital witnessing fellowship in every ethnic group of Bhutan.**
4. **Pray for the growth of the church in this land!**
5. **Pray for believers who are denied religious freedom and are persecuted in various ways—** church buildings are forbidden in all but a very few cases; most fellowships must meet in homes. Bhutanese who become Christians face the loss of their citizenship, of other benefits such as free education, health care, employment, and of access to electricity and water.
6. The Nepali population has suffered what amounts to ethnic cleansing since 1990. The Buddhist Bhutanese majority has suppressed Nepali culture and language and even allowed violence against people and property in the course of expelling up to 150,000 Nepali Bhutanese. The vast majority of these huddles in meager UN refugee camps in southeast Nepal, though some emigrate to Western nations. In these camps, several dozen informal Christian fellowships have formed among those who have found faith, and the number of believers is growing. **Pray that the compassion of Jesus might be demonstrated to these displaced people.**
 - a. More than 100,000 ethnic Nepali Bhutanese from southern Bhutan have been living in camps in eastern Nepal since they were expelled from their homes in Bhutan over 16 years ago.
 - b. The refugees have been unable to return to their homes in Bhutan or to settle permanently in Nepal.
 - c. Approximately 107,000 refugees live in the seven refugee camps.
 - d. Of the population, 60% are Hindu, 27% are Buddhists, and about 10% are Kirat, an indigenous religion similar to animism. The percentage of Christians in each camp varies from 1% to 7%.
 - e. Many older members of the refugee group (and most of the older orthodox Hindus of higher caste populations) will not eat food that has meats, eggs, or any cooked food.
 - f. Polygamy, while not common, is practiced. Of the more than 15,000 households in the camps, there are more than 500 with a polygamous marriage or relationship within the household. Often the two wives are blood relatives, and sometimes one of the wives is disabled or in some need of extra help.
 - g. Wives divorced by polygamous husbands obligated to divorce all but one wife in order to gain admission to the U.S may require extra attention.
 - h. The complex Hindu caste system of the Bhutanese refugees (based upon and similar to the Indian caste system, but not exactly the same) is a means for ensuring social and economic cohesion and hierarchy in a population that is ethnically diverse.
 - i. Grouping members of different castes in the same house or apartment (such as housing singles together) is likely to present substantial difficulties.
7. **Pray for His salvation for Nepali Bhutanese at the Fountains!**

Bosnia

1. **Pray for the Spirit to move powerfully among all churches and for Christians to recognize that their citizenship lies first in Heaven!**
2. **Pray that many hearts might open to the gospel!**
3. **Pray for the unreached!**
 - a. *Bosniak Muslims - possibly the least evangelized people in Europe*
 - b. *The Orthodox Serbs - having endured under Islamic rule for 500 years –**Pray that bitterness and disillusionment might be healed; pray also that the faith for which they suffered so long might come alive and transform this people.***
 - c. *The largely Muslim Romani (Gypsy) and the wholly Muslim Turks – Among the Turks, there is almost no ministry or response. The Romani are one of the poorest and most despised groups, but also one of the most responsive to the gospel.*
4. **Pray for His salvation among Bosnian families at the Fountains!**

Congo

1. **Cry out for God to deliver this land, binding the spirits that exercise such wicked control over the suffering people**— civil wars, killing, tribalism, greed and corruption, systematic rape, unspeakable mutilation and brutality, cannibalism, witchcraft and occult practices
2. **Pray for Christian leaders of spiritual maturity and moral integrity to be raised up for ministry both in the church and in society.**
3. **Pray for nominal Christians to find new life in Christ; Pray that the Bible would be read, used and applied in churches in Congo.**
4. **Pray for syncretism, witchcraft and false teachings to be rooted out of the church.**
5. Missionary involvement is reduced to a mere fraction of what it once was, due to war, instability and the breakdown of communications and government. **Pray for a new surge of workers, wise deployment, harmonious and effective partnering, safety, and development of the right strategies.**
6. **Pray for His salvation for Congolese families at the Fountains!**

Cuba

1. **Praise God for a dynamic and expanding church in Cuba!**
2. **Pray for the salvation of Cubans and for wise leadership that governs in the best interests of its people.**
3. **Pray that forgiveness might abound among all Cubans, and that relations might improve between Cuba and the wider world.**
4. Protestants alone more than doubled between 1995 and 2010. Many new believers are young people. **Pray that the community of evangelical churches would be a light to the nation and have a powerful transforming effect on Cuba.**
5. Persecution of Christians, more severe in the past, continues in the form of harassment and discrimination including occasional imprisonment of leaders. **Pray for continued courage and perseverance for suffering believers.**
6. Leadership for the churches remains an urgent need. Many fled or were expelled following the revolution. **Praise God for those who stood firm and were trained in the school of suffering. Pray for a multiplication of visionary leadership for the churches that enables them to cope with the growth and change.**
7. Foreign missions are largely restricted. **Pray that wise input from abroad will serve Cuba in an effective way.**
8. There are over one million Cuban refugees living in the USA. **Pray that the Cuban diaspora might find Christ and have a redemptive influence on their nation of origin.**
9. **Pray that the wide range of Spanish resources would make their way into Cuba.**
10. **Pray for His mercy for Cuban families at the Fountains, especially for those who are Jehovah's Witnesses.**

Myanmar (Burma)

1. **Praise God for the continued growth of the church, the flowering of prayer movements and unity among believers, and the refining of the church!**
2. A policy of systematic violence against certain minorities yields a harvest of destroyed villages, rape, torture, uprooted populations and international condemnation. Great suffering is inflicted upon such peoples as the Karen, Chin, Shan, Mon, and Wa with the Karen and Chin particularly sought out due to their Christian faith and separatist militias. Myanmar is a deeply fractured nation on a political, ecclesiological and especially ethnic level. **Pray for seemingly impossible ethnic harmony, effective federalism and peace.**
3. The military regime seeks to destroy Christianity (which it calls “the C-virus”), yet faith keeps spreading. Over 3,000 Christian villages have been burned out in the last 10 years. **Pray for those who are persecuted and those who persecute.**
4. **Pray for reconciliation and unity among Christians.**
5. **Pray for theological education**– training and mission mobilizing, the right balance of biblical truth, and the retention of leaders.
6. Buddhism is strongly entrenched among the Burmese majority as well as the Shan, the Rakhine and the Mon. **Pray for the 700,000 Buddhist monks.**
7. **Pray for the least evangelized peoples.**
 - a. The Bama (Burmese) peoples – staunchly Buddhist (only 0.1% Christian)
 - b. The Shan – related to the Thai (only 0.9% Christian)
 - c. Arkanese/Rakhine, the Palaung, Mon, Lu, and Yangbye– Buddhist minorities
 - d. The Chinese – over one million (about 2.5% Christian)
 - e. The Rohingya of Arakan, Muslim descendants of Arabs, Moors, Moghuls and Bengalis who settled in Arakan 1,000 years ago – one of the most neglected and unwanted peoples on earth (as they are denied citizenship and face numerous restrictions in their basic rights)
 - f. The nine Hindu peoples – around 1% Christian
8. **Pray for the vast numbers of refugees who are displaced in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Western nations.**
9. The missionary vision of the Myanmar church continues to grow and mature. **Pray for a willingness to serve in the rural villages and not just the cities, for genuine love across deep ethnic divides, and for good training so that the indigenous church is well equipped to evangelize the nation.**
10. Children at risk are a populous group (more than 750,000), given the civil conflicts and the destruction by cyclone Nargis. **Pray for the children to meet Jesus in these difficult circumstances.**
11. There are teams working on 16 NT or whole Bible translations, but dozens more are needed. **Pray for evangelical translators to be raised up to continue existing programmes and to finish these strategic and long-term projects.**
12. **Pray for Burmese, Karen, and Chin churches in the DFW area!**
13. **Pray for refugees at the Fountains**– Burmese, Chin, Kachin, Karen, Mon, Rohingya, Shan peoples!

Iran

1. **Praise God that massive numbers have recently been coming to Jesus!**—from only 500 Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) in 1979, conservative estimates now suggest over 100,000 MBBs in Iran (some, more optimistic, place this number as high as a million). In a country able to apply the death sentence for apostasy, this underground church multiplication is a remarkable move of the Holy Spirit. Signs and wonders, dreams and visions seem to abound.
2. **Pray that the body of Christ might continue to multiply and mature despite persecution!**
3. **Pray for evangelical churches!**
 - a. **Pray for protection and deliverance for all MBBs.**
 - b. **Pray for courage and fortitude such that their persecutors are won for Christ.**
 - c. **Pray for adequate income for Christians who face poverty both from general economic decline and from religious discrimination in the workplace. Pray that believers may break through this economic pressure and resist the temptation to leave.**
 - d. **Pray for churches outside of Tehran that often face more intimidation as fundamentalist forces exercise more control in less-urban areas.**
4. The Iranian diaspora is around four million. Most have found refuge in the US, Canada, Western Europe, Turkey, Gulf States and other lands – where they can be evangelized. **Pray for diaspora churches and for ministries reaching out to the diaspora!**
5. Missionaries are not free to minister in the land, but some tent-making opportunities arise and tourism is actively encouraged. **Pray for the doors of Iran to open in God’s perfect timing. Pray also for agencies around the world to pray, plan and network together with Iranian believers in preparation for that day.**
6. TV ministry is an area of huge growth for reaching Iranians. **Pray also for the development of Christian video programming and materials for youth and children who constitute such a large swathe of Iran’s population.**
7. The Internet is another powerful tool for the evangelization of Iran – around 23 million Iranians have access to the Internet. Iran is the world’s third largest blogging community. Over 40 million have mobile phones. **Pray for the vast potential of the Internet to be realized for reaching Iran with the good news and for building up the body of Christ.**
8. **Pray for His mercy for the Iranian family at the Fountains who follows and teaches Baha’i beliefs to their children. Pray for their protection from false teachings about God.**

*The Baha’i, whose religion has spread worldwide since the 19th Century, are persecuted severely in Iran. They are regarded by Muslims as a heretical sect for their belief that their founder, Baha’u’llah, is a prophet after Mohammed. Very little Christian love and witness has been shared with the 300,000 Baha’i in Iran or among the five million worldwide. **Pray that in their desperation they may find refuge in the Lord Jesus.***

9. **Pray for Arami (meaning of peace or rest) Church – Farsi speaking church in Ft. Worth! Pray for unity, protection, and empowerment!**

Iraq

1. **Praise God for the emergence of Iraqi Arab evangelicals in recent years as an answer to prayer.** During Hussein's rule, there were a few hundred; now there are an estimated 53,000 in the country. Many of them come from Muslim backgrounds but have encountered Christ through evangelical witness, gospel radio and especially through dreams and visions of Jesus. They are obvious targets for persecution.
2. **Pray for those who received Christ at the Fountains, so they can grow in Christ and walk in Him (Col 2:6-7)!**
3. **Pray for the establishment of a national government that fairly balances the conflicting expectations of the various religious and ethnic communities, and provides an environment that promotes accountability to the people, economic growth and religious freedom.**
4. Nearly every person bears some scars of traumatic experiences – from Hussein's cruelty, from the US-led invasions or from the sectarian violence that has followed. **Only the gospel can provide a full solution; pray that this may be freely proclaimed!**
5. Many deep divisions – Kurds against Arabs, Shia's against Sunnis, Muslims against religious minorities, and secular Baathists against Islamist groups. **Only the power of the gospel is potent enough. Pray that somehow, against all odds, the good news might break through, and Iraq might be transformed by God's love and justice.**
6. **Pray that Christians might persevere in difficult situations! Pray for their protection and preservation!**
7. The Christian community has lived an unbroken existence in Iraq since the 1st Century, but this legacy is at risk of disappearing. **Pray for the preservation of Iraq's biblical heritage, and for the restoration and rejuvenation of this most historic of Churches.**
8. **Pray for unity among believers, with a Christ-centered front that responds to hatred and persecution with boldness, forgiveness and love.**
9. **Pray for believers' witness to non-Christians and for their faith to endure despite many difficulties.**
10. All peoples are unevangelized except Assyrian and Armenian minority groups. **Pray for the Shi'a Arabs of Basra and the south, Sunni Arabs, the Madan or Marsh Arabs, the Bedouin, Turkmen, the Yazidi, and the smaller Domari (Gypsy) and Mandeian peoples.**
11. **Praise God that the number of Kurdish believers continues to grow. Pray for positive interface between Western Christian NGOs and the Kurdish people, both Christians and non-Christians.**
12. **Pray for His mercy and salvation among Iraqi families at the Fountains!**
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Pakistan

1. Praise God that prayer movements within Pakistan (and for Pakistan from abroad) have quickly multiplied and grown.
2. Pray that the true nature of such an expression of Islam might be exposed for all to see, and thereby rendered powerless.
3. Pray for safety for those most at risk under the rule of shari'a– the religious law of Islam.
4. Pray for the raising of leaders of integrity and a government that will be effective in moving the nation forward and uplifting those who most need their protection and assistance.
5. Pray that religious freedom might be maintained both in law and in practice.
6. Pray that those seeking to abuse Pakistan's laws to foment terror and hate might themselves be subject to justice.
7. Pray that Christians might always be prepared to share about Jesus, and to repay prejudice with forgiveness and violence with love.
8. Praise God that the church continues to grow despite many obstacles. Pray for revival, spiritual leadership in churches, unity, finances, relationship to the state, and education.
9. Leadership training is a hugely critical need for the church. Pray for educational and training institutions, for an increase in students, for wise and godly leadership, for sufficient qualified faculty and adequate financial resources.
10. Pray for Christians to be impassioned and equipped to share their faith and to answer the claims and questions of Muslims.
11. Pray for such networks to spread and fellowships to form for these believers so that Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) do not easily fall away. Ask the Lord to raise up leaders for these believers, and for their protection. Pray that any such movement will develop solid disciples with hearts to reach other Muslims.
12. Pray for the calling of more intercessors, advocates and missionaries for these people in such hard places.
The Punjabi majority, the Pashtuns, the Seraiki-speaking peoples, the Sindhi peoples, the Baloch and the Brahui, the Mohajirs, the peoples of the far north, Karachi, the Ahmadiyya, and Afghan refugees (between 1-1.8 million immigrants remain in Pakistan's north—Pray for dedicated Christians, both foreign workers and nationals to reach Afghans in Pakistan's cities).
13. Pakistanis have emigrated all over the world in recent years – especially to the Middle East, North America, Britain, and Australia. The Pakistani diaspora is around seven million strong. Praise God for accelerating efforts to reach the one million living in Britain and the more than two million Pakistanis living as laborers in the Arab Gulf region. Pray for more workers!
14. Pray for Pakistani families at the Fountains, who follow the teachings of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (1835-1908), who claimed to have fulfilled the prophecies of the world's reformer during the end times, and claimed that he was the Mujaddid (divine reformer) of the 14th Islamic century, the promised Messiah and Mahdi awaited by Muslims. The adherents of the Ahmadiyya movement are referred to as Ahmadis or Ahmadi Muslims. Pray that the Holy Spirit may open their eyes, ears, and hearts, so they could come to know Christ!

Somalia

1. An infant Somali church is emerging amid great tribulation. **Praise God that Somali Christians are growing in faith and in vision even though they are despised and heavily persecuted, even martyred.**
2. **Pray that rulers might learn from the past, govern the nations for the good of the people, respect human rights and grant true religious freedom. Pray that all Somalis would support the government and that its authority would be established through the country.**
3. **Pray that Islamist plans will be thwarted and a new religious tyranny prevented.**
4. **Pray for order and stability, medical need, and wise administration of aid.**
5. **Pray that the peace of Somaliland would permeate southward, and that this peace would create openings for the gospel.**
6. **Pray for workers to the Somalis to be called, committed and ready for when these defiantly closed doors open.**
7. **Pray for Somali Christian families to be raised up – the great majority of Christians are men.**
8. The Somali diaspora numbers about six million. A large proportion of refugees are often marginalized in their host countries. A number of mission agencies seek to reach Somalis in various countries. **Pray that these ministries may have a powerful impact on Somalis and that viable Somali churches may be planted; responsiveness is greater outside of Somalia.**
9. **Pray for the wide dissemination of the Scriptures.**
10. **Pray for His salvation among Somali families at the Fountains.**

Sudan

1. **Praise God for the massive growth of Christianity**– Christian numbers, 1.6 million in 1980, now exceed 11 million.
2. **Pray for sweeping change at the highest levels and throughout the land – for repentance, restitution and rebuilding of communal life.**
3. **Pray that Christians may bear good witness to their persecutors in these sufferings and become spiritually strong as a result.**
4. **Pray that the sufferings of Christians might become widely known and that peace, justice and religious freedom may be firmly established.**
5. **Pray that Christians may demonstrate love and concern for others that transcends ethnic and racial divisions – these persist even among Christianized groups in the south.**
6. **Pray for the pressing needs of the church – unity, discipling, teaching, strengthening, and recovery.**
7. **Pray for Sudanese Christian leaders – theological training institutions, informal training programs, and income for pastors.**
8. The population in the north is largely Sunni Muslim, though among them are 200,000 or more Coptic Christians and up to four million southerners displaced by war. **Pray that the Holy Spirit might work in the hearts of those who struggle in this area.**
9. **Pray for children and young people**– nearly half of Sudan’s population are under age 18; almost all have grown up in a context of suffering and trauma. Pray for their education (almost no schooling). Pray for child soldiers (possibly as many as 9,000 still in Sudan). Pray for street children (over 70,000 just in the northern part alone). Pray for Christian ministry to these vulnerable children.
10. **Pray for the calling and preparation of indigenous and expatriate workers to evangelize the many peoples of the north who have never heard the gospel.**
11. **Pray for His salvation among Sudanese families at the Fountains.**

USA

1. **Praise God for His blessings to this country!**
2. **Praise God for the growth and maturation of minority churches in the country!**
3. **Pray for local church pastors and evangelical leaders!**
4. **Pray for political leaders!**
5. **Pray that God might shape this nation to be a greater force for good and destroy the structures of sin that pollute much of the world.**
6. The spiritual heritage of the USA is being attacked by an unholy alliance of humanist, atheist, New Age and homosexual agendas. **Pray that Christians in America would be able to speak the truth in love and retain both their Christian legacy and the free speech enabled by it. While this will involve many battles, legal and ideological, pray that these would be conducted with Christ-like attitudes and conduct.**
7. **Pray for revival of the American church!**
8. This generation of young people is both the most privileged and the most damaged. Humanistic and New Age philosophies, spiritual confusion, moral relativism, broken families, sexual permissiveness, drug and alcohol abuse, mindless violence, widespread acceptance of the occult and callous self-absorption combine to reap a bitter harvest. Most young people, even Christian ones, do not understand the meaning of following Christ. Two-thirds believe that all religions ultimately pray to the same God. Without a decisive work of God's Spirit, this generation could be America's most broken. **Pray for the young generation!**
9. **Pray for the 38-million-strong African-American community**— young people at risk, African-American Muslims, black churches, and community impact.
10. Hispanics are now the US's largest minority. **Pray for the effective discipleship of the nearly 50 million Hispanics in the USA; many of them eventually return to their homelands as highly effective missionaries.**
11. **Pray for Native Americans**— the flourishing of Christianity among Native Americans, the full reconciliation of native and immigrant peoples, and the indigenous peoples of Alaska.
12. **Pray for ethnic minority churches**—7,000-plus Asian churches (4,000 Korean churches, over 1,000 Chinese churches, Filipino, Arabs, South Asians, Vietnamese and Iranians in America), the cultural balance of these churches, and cooperation between Anglo-American and ethnic-minority churches and agencies.
13. Immigrants are more numerous and diverse. **Pray that churches will wake up to and seize this opportunity.**
14. **Pray for conversions and for discipling ministries that will enable international students to be effective witnesses when they return home**— nearly 700,000 international students from nearly every country in the world.
15. **Pray for the 5.2 million Jews in America!**
16. Muslim numbers have steadily increased through immigration and conversion of African-Americans. Up to 20% of the US prison population are now Muslim, and 80% of men who "find faith" are converts to Islam. **Pray for Muslims!**
17. **Pray for 5.5 million South Asians in America.** Most of them are Muslim, Hindu, or Sikh.
18. **Pray for American families at the Fountains!**

Global Fountains' ministries

1. **Pray for God's wisdom as we build relationships with people and share the gospel!**
2. **Pray for His divine appointments!**
3. **Pray for His mercy and compassion for our peoples at the Fountains!**
4. **Pray for empowerment of the Holy Spirit!**
5. **Pray for His salvation among our peoples at the Fountains!**
6. **Pray for His glory through the ministries at the Fountains!**
7. **Pray for workers and their families at the Fountains – wisdom, power, and protection!**
8. **Pray for each ministry and its volunteers!**

Weekly Ministries

Art/Craft fountain: Monday 10:00-11:45am

After School fountain: Monday 5:00-6:00pm

ESL led by Southcliff Baptist Church: Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm

World Friends Café and Kids Club led by Southcliff Baptist Church: Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

Good News Club: Thursday 5:00-6:00pm

Sewing Class: Friday 9:00am-noon

Children's Crafts for Christ (C24C): Friday 5:00-6:30pm

9. **Pray for DIVERS at the Global Fountains!**

D.I.V.E. into ministry at the Global Fountains!

Donor: "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt 6:20)!

Intercessor: "Go into your inner room" (Matt 6:6), "Call to God" (Jer 33:3) "in His name" (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:24),
"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17), and "Give Him no rest" (Isa 62:6-7)!

Volunteer: "Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power" (Ps 110:3)!

Encourager: "Encourage one another" for partnership (1 Thess 5:11)!

10. **Pray for the staff at the leasing office!**
11. **Pray for local churches that they will love their neighbors and reach the nations!**
12. **Pray for whatever the Holy Spirit lays on your hearts!**