

CHURCH ON A MISSION

BEING HIS WITNESS
PART TWO OF TWO-PART
SERIES

24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 28 OCTOBER – 3 NOVEMBER 2024

Being His witness

For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. (Acts 22:15).

The marketplace is the largest mission field. Every day you can live out your faith by the way you treat people, the excellence you bring to your work, how you serve others, and the peace you portray in challenging times.

In this second of a two-part series, 'Church on a Mission', we pray for devoted Christians to be witnesses for the Lord in their spheres of influence and also ask God to open doors for the spreading of the Gospel in countries where Christianity is illegal or suppressed.

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024

DOCTORS

"And these signs will follow those who believe... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17a, 18c).

Let us pray

- Pray for medical personnel to seek the Lord daily for wisdom and counsel before consultations.
- Ask that doctors will seek the **Holy Spirit's guidance to heal and restore people's bodies.**
- Pray for divine appointments, signs and wonders, that will draw hearts to the Lord God Almighty as medical personnel go to other nations to reach people with the Gospel.

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: NORTH KOREA

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1).

Population: 26,244,582
Largest Religion: Non-religious
% Unevangelised: 70 %

The young 'Supreme Leader' (Kim Jong-un) of North Korea restricts the citizens from interacting with the outside world. Ask for the revelation of God the Father and Jesus Christ to bring him to repentance (Psalm 2:10-12, John 17:3).

Let us pray

- Christians in North Korea risk torture, imprisonment and execution for their faith. Pray Psalm 23 for them.
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TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024

TEACHERS

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (John 14:26).

Let us pray

- Pray for educators to receive **insight and grace to understand the needs of their students**, whether academically, mentally or emotionally and to minister to them under the instruction of the Holy Spirit.
- Most educators understand **their influence on students' lives**. Cover the educators in prayer to be wells of wisdom (James 3:17), counsellors (Isaiah 50:4) and protectors (Proverbs 31:8-9).

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN

...you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13).

Population: 43,372,950
Largest Religion: Muslim
%Unevangelised: 81 %

The defeat of the Afghan government by the Taliban in 2021 led to the suspension of humanitarian aid to its needy people. It also brought about harsher Islamic laws and intensified persecution of Christians.

Let us pray

- Pray Psalm 10 over the Afghan people, asking the Lord to defend the oppressed, the poor and the needy.
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WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

SOCIAL WORKERS

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8).

Let us pray

- Lift social workers before the Lord in prayer; praising Him for giving them **hearts of compassion** as they tirelessly work on behalf of the hurting and the lost.
- Pray for them to make wise and compassionate **decisions about families and children in distress**, locally and in war-stricken countries.

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: SOMALIA

The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name. (Exodus 15:3).

Population: 18,706,922
Largest Religion: Muslim
%Unevangelised: 62 %

In Somalia, the Christian community is small and under constant threat. The country does not recognise any religion other than Islam. Islamist militant groups actively target Christians to **remove the faith** from the country.

Let us pray

- Declare Exodus 15:1-20 over the small group of Christians. Also, pray for unbelievers to experience the Lord as *a man of war* who fights on behalf of those who are devoted to Him.
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THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

LAWYERS AND JUDGES

"Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes." (2 Chronicles 19:6-7).

Let us pray

- Pray for judges and lawyers to walk in reverence and awe before **the Lord, who is our Judge and Lawgiver**; being aware that we will give account before the judgment seat of Christ for all our works (Isaiah 33:22; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- Court cases are often complicated; ask the Lord for His counsel and understanding to be their portion **when cases are presented and judgments passed**.

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: INDIA

"You shall have no other gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3).

Population: 1,441,719,852
Largest Religion: Hindu
%Unevangelised: 43 %

While India constitutionally guarantees religious freedom, rising anti-Christian sentiment fuelled by Hindu nationalist groups often results in violence against Christians and attacks on churches.

Let us pray

- Pray according to John 14:1-14, for believers and unbelievers; for believers to know that **Jesus is the One who comforts their hearts** and enables them to do great works in His name and for **unbelievers to know Jesus as the way, the truth and the life**.
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FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

PUPILS AND STUDENTS

*As for these four young men, God gave them **knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom**; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.* (Daniel 1:17).

Let us pray

- In Luke 2:41-52, Jesus sat in the temple as a young lad listening to teaching and asking questions.
- Pray for pupils and students to have inquisitive minds, teachable spirits and to be **open to the instruction of the Lord**.
- Pray for learners to have a positive, uplifting and Spirit-led influence on their peers in school and universities.

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: NIGERIA

Nigeria presents a complex picture where the northern states, under Sharia law, often see violent clashes and extreme persecution of Christians. Meanwhile, the southern part of the country experiences more religious freedom, illustrating a stark north-south divide.

Population: 229,152,217
Largest Religion: Christian
%Unevangelised: 21 %

Let us pray

- Pray for the Christians in the southern regions to seek the Lord in prayer and fasting for His strategy on how to expand His kingdom into the northern regions. Read Isaiah 45:1-3 out loud and pray this portion of God's Word over Nigeria.

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024

CAR GUARDS

... *whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Let us pray

- Thank the Lord for the work of **hospitality, protection and servanthood** that car guards portray. Pray for them to be watchful and aware of the Lord's presence in their daily activities.
- Pray Psalm 1 over their lives, asking the Lord's blessing on their work as **faithful witnesses of His love.**

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: NEPAL

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. (Isaiah 40:29).

There are no hotspots for the persecution of Christians in Nepal, but pressure on converts is stronger in the countryside than in the urban areas. Although Nepal is a secular country, an anti-conversion law was passed in 2017, primarily intended to limit Christian evangelism and missions, and to defend Nepal's Hindu traditions.

Population: 31,240,315
Largest Religion: Hinduism
%Unevangelised: 55 %

Let us pray

- Declare the greatness of God by declaring Isaiah 40:9-31 over the nation. Pray over the slow but steadily growing church in Nepal to experience *the greatness of God's might and the strength of His power* (Isaiah 40:26).

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

PARENTS

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children..." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7a)

Let us pray

- Pray for parents to be diligent in teaching their children how not to conform to the world through loving discipline, mercy and compassion.
- Ask for parents to **show the light of Jesus in their households** as they pursue Jesus with heartfelt devotion and obedience.

PERSECUTED COUNTRY: ERITREA

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20).

The Christian Church faces terrible ongoing persecution, both outside the recognised churches and, to some degree, within. Evangelicals are growing despite severe persecution. These groups operate in underground networks based in homes. Around 20 or more networks are known, but numbers are impossible to determine.

Population: 3,817,651
Largest Religion: Muslim
%Unevangelised: 29 %

Let us pray

- Lift your voice in praise as you declare Psalm 145 over the nation of Eritrea. Ask for growth in numbers and spiritual maturity of the underground church in Eritrea. Ask for the persecutors to be persuaded to follow Jesus by the obedience of those whom they persecute.
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