



## Pray for unengaged unreached people

This document is a simple help to guide you and your people as you begin to pray. Whether you're part of a church-wide PRAYER*plus* journey, a church group, campus ministry or individually praying for an unengaged 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 under PRAY ([www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)). 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 in a PRAYERplus Partnership, 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.

- 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.
- Pray for opportunities for children to hear about Jesus. Ask the Father to protect them from harm and unhealthy environments.
- Pray for those who are Deaf and Hearing Impaired. Pray for the believers to partner with people who can "sign His love".
- Pray for families in areas where divorce rates are growing and alternative families are emerging the weakening the nuclear family.
- Pray for government leaders to have wisdom and discernment, honesty and integrity.
- People of all ages are now homeless, living in all kinds of places. Pray for ministries reaching out to these.
- Pray for house churches to be established and for unity, vision and willingness to "be" church for one another.

- 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.
- Pray for leadership training of new believers. Pray that the national leaders can become models for future leaders.
- Pray for children to have the opportunity to learn about Jesus at an early age.
- Pray that indigenous Christian music can be light and salt in their world.
- Pray for nationals to evangelize, baptize, dispel and gather new believers into simple churches that multiply themselves rapidly.
- Breaking down barriers in hearts is God's work. Pray that He will speak to hard hearts, hurting hearts and disillusioned hearts.
- 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.
- Ask for teams to come to specifically prayerwalk in strategic areas. Pray for strong prayer persons to come to soften the soil.
- Pray for opportunities to share the assurance of new life and forgiveness with senior adults.
- Ask the Great Physician to heal the society of emotional illnesses, suicide and depression. Pray for a spirit of hope.
- Ask God for summer volunteers who will pray for possibly be willing to reach out to your people group.
- Pray that the people will become disillusioned with traditional religions and begin searching for Truth.
- 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. Pray for open doors to reach those with material things but still feel empty.
- 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.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give Christian believers boldness and the words to speak about the difference Jesus makes in life.

- Pray for the availability of food, medical supplies and doctors, electricity, clean water, good roads, employment, education, freedom from persecution, economy, etc.
- Pray for Scriptures to be translated in the language of the people group.

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