



Asia-Pacific Rim

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." Psalm 2:8

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Our God has no needs. He is totally, 100%, undeniably **self-sufficient**. In Him is life, and He is able to provide for and satisfy all our needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us through Jesus. We can depend on His mighty power at work in us to accomplish more than we have ever asked, thought, dreamed, or imagined. He empowers us with inner strength through the Spirit, providing all we need to live a godly life. We can depend on our God! Because of this, we can and should march forward in confidence. Our God is with us, He is for us. We needn't worry about tomorrow; we needn't hold too tightly to our plans, dreams, money, ministry, or possessions. God wants us to depend on His self-sufficiency, not ours. He desires to show the world what He can do through us. Will we let go and allow Him to have His way in 2024?

1 JANUARY FESTIVAL:

In January in the Philippines, many celebrate the Santo Niño idol. People sacrifice financially and schools cancel classes to join the festivities. Pray God opens eyes to see that this is idol worship. People are confused and think their sacrifices and worship are for the Christ-child while truly they are to a false god.
DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

2 EASTERN XIANGXI MIAO:

As early as the 10th century, the Eastern Xiangxi Miao of China fiercely fought marauding forces. Despite hundreds of years of oppression, they maintained cultural independence. Today, they worship Pan Hu, a dragon-dog god, believing he gave them life. Pray they come to know God as their true defender and deliverer.

3 KONJO PESISIR:

The Konjo Pesisir people live in South Sulawesi, Indonesia. Maintaining traditional dress, tools, and occult beliefs, they live in farming communities of about 10 families. They support each other, enjoy being together, and are united against outside threats. Pray they will lay down their religious traditions and follow Jesus.

4 PRAYER AT DAWN:

Pray for a group of 27 Chinese believers devoted to prayer and evangelism. They rise daily at dawn for an hour of prayer, and weekly they reach out to the Chinese in their cities. Pray for God's continuous guidance and inspiration in their dedicated efforts to know Him and make Him known.

5 ULTRASOUND MACHINE:

The Eternal Peace Clinic received an ultrasound machine and gave 7 free screenings during staff training. "I am thankful to get an ultrasound. I was supposed to have a checkup, but I didn't have enough money," shared one woman. Pray as the clinic boldly shares how Jesus can save lives, physically and spiritually.

6 BALANCE:

Leah, a Global Missionary Partner, moved to a country of rugged terrain where 98% of the people are Muslim. Pray local believers will reach out to others around them, including their own families. Pray for Leah as she balances a growing business venture with opportunities to meet people in this country.

7 NAOMI:

A new Hakka believer in Taipei named Naomi met missionaries who spoke with her husband. As often happens with new believers, her husband forbade her to follow Jesus or go to church. Pray for new Christians developing a relationship with the Lord. Pray also for Naomi's courage and dedication to follow Jesus as she lets go of temple and ancestor worship.

8 THE WHOLE NT:

A believer visited a cafe owned by Xuan and learned of her difficult life, including failed marriages and abortion. Xuan follows the Cao Dai religion combining many faiths. After giving Xuan a New Testament, the believer was surprised a few weeks later to learn she read the whole thing! Pray Xuan studies the Bible, and the Truth is evident.

9 VALUING LIFE: Suicides, from middle schoolers to adults, occur regularly in Hong Kong, but life marches on. A city of skyscrapers, efficiency, and high standards pays little attention to such stories. But God sees each of the 7.5 million people there and cares about their lives. Pray for the hopeless. Ask the Lord to cause them to turn their eyes upon Jesus.

10 CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Joshua and Sarah diligently share the gospel and want to start a church in Sisaket Province. Having a heart for children and youth, they teach English and build relationships with the students and their families. Pray the young people understand God's love and that Joshua and Sarah have many opportunities to share.

11 INHO: Please pray for Inho, who recently became a believer. Pray he will follow the Lord in obedience to baptism and that he will boldly share the gospel with his wife and children. Please pray for this husband and father, that he will grow spiritually strong and lead his family to love and follow God.

12 BAMBOO SHOOT VILLAGE: Praise God for a group of believers committed to Bible storying for one year in Bamboo Shoot Village. The children are delightful and soak up God's Word. Pray seeds will grow to saving faith in the hearts of these young ones. Intercede for God to raise up leaders from within this group to start a new church.

13 SHE CAN'T READ: Beth was shy to attend a study because she cannot read, but a believer explained that she didn't need to; Beth could still listen to and understand stories from the Bible. Beth caught on quickly and was amazed by what she heard. She is close to fully understanding. Pray Beth believes and has a desire to follow the good news she is hearing.



14 OLD AND NEW: Betty and Sam are a Mebo couple who have been exposed to Christianity for many years. Betty works for many different believers and Sam is interested in reading the Bible. They have both attended a couple's Bible study and expressed interest but have not decided to follow Jesus yet. Pray their minds and hearts will be open to the gospel.

15 NEW CHURCHES: Three leaders are preparing to pioneer a new church through prayer and collaboration with fellow believers. Pray God helps abundantly in this endeavor. May these churches not only be a conduit for the greater understanding of God's love, but also effectively convey the truth of the gospel to the local community.

16 NEW WORK: New ministry is happening among an unreached people group! Pray for workers' successful transitions into the community, language, culture, and ministry to the people. This new work among a UPG will require developing good relationships with the community and partners. Pray God guides and blesses so the gospel can be effectively spread.

17 3RD FRIDAYS: Every 3rd Friday of the month volunteers from the ELM Pregnancy Center in Thailand spend specific time in prayer for their clients, community, and God's future plans for the ministry. Join the team in prayer as they equip and empower women to choose life, sharing with the new moms the hope of eternal life for them and their families.



18 GOD'S GLORY: Alice, a strong Buddhist, was open to the gospel and asked questions about creation, suffering, and peace. She shared her heart with her Christian friends as she struggled to choose: Jesus or Buddha. Recently, Alice said she could not visit with them and that her home was a Buddhist home. Pray Alice and her family will be saved for God's glory.

19 HEALTHY FOUNDATION: A new church plant in Osaka is holding membership classes, hoping to draw members who agree with the church's doctrine. They pray these classes will give opportunities to get to know new members so leadership can shepherd well. Pray for a good foundation that will help the church continue to grow in a healthy way.

20 TRAINEES: A couple who recently attended the 12-week Reproducing Missional Church Planting training will relocate with their employer. They are eager to start churches in this new country. Pray for them to effectively apply what they learned and for God to equip and empower them to share the gospel, serving others for God's kingdom.

21 TWO REQUESTS: Pray for a local sister struggling with infertility yet tirelessly working to bless the poor and needy in her city. Pray God will bless her. Pray also for the relationship with a language tutor and for conversations to be God-glorifying. Ask that her heart will be soft to the truth of the gospel message.

22 NEW LEADER: Pray for a believer who has a heart for a new area and wants to lead in kingdom work there. Pray that the Father will grant wisdom as this brother develops a strategy for gaining access to the people of Brunei.

23 2 WAYS TO LIVE: Pray for believers who will provide 1-day trainings in "2 Ways to Live" in churches in central and north-central Taiwan. An effective evangelism tool, especially in Asian cultures, this training addresses questions and challenges to following Christ. It can also be used as a discipleship and follow-up tool for new believers.

24 DON'T FORGET: Mr. Rick has heard the good news of Jesus. He has believed and been discipled by local believers with Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments. But he's started to forget some of the stories, and they don't seem to be alive to him. Pray for Mr. Rick and his understanding of God's word.

25 THE RING PEOPLE: This month, please pray for the Ring People. The Ring People are an unreached people group in River City in the Asia-Pacific Rim. Please pray that believers will connect with many people from this group and will have the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus this month!



26 TAI LUE: The Tai Lue came to Laos from China and adopted Theravada Buddhism in the 14th century. Wooden temples are situated in prominent locations in the village, often decorated with mirrors and paintings. Pray they will find no life in the repetition of Buddhist practices and that they will experience God's truth through visions and dreams.

27 TRANSITION TIME: A believer who was baptized last summer had to close his small, struggling business because he was sick. This refugee is concerned about his health, so he is praying for complete recovery and to find meaningful work to do. Please pray for this brother, his spiritual maturity, physical healing, and God's guidance for a career.



28 WELCOMING SMILE:

Jack's big smile always welcomes believers to his home. Jack is eager to study and learn about Jesus. He says temples do not teach about Buddhism, because it is only rituals and chants in a language people do not understand (Pali Sanskrit). Jack is glad to learn about Jesus' teachings. Pray he accepts the salvation Jesus offers him.

29 GIANT EEL: If you visited the Larike and Wakasiu people in the Maluku islands of Indonesia, you would be invited to partake in the local "claim to fame" activity: heading to the river to catch a giant Morea eel that can grow more than 3 feet long! When you see an eel, pray for the Larike and Wakasiu people to be open to learning about Jesus.

30 CHILDLIKE FAITH: Naing and Thida eagerly committed their lives to Jesus with childlike faith. The women attend a house church and are being discipled. However, they fear negative consequences if they follow Jesus publicly. Their house is owned by an influential person opposed to Christianity. Pray they grow in faith, strength, and encouragement.



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