

■ 29 Pingdi in China

The mountainous area where the Pingdi are located is rarely visited by outsiders. As a result, they have minimal interaction with other people groups who might share the gospel. Pingdi believers are often viewed as strange by their families, friends and neighbors.

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. Nehemiah 8:1

- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.
- Pray Pingdi believers would overcome social obstacles by being supernaturally transformed into loving disciples.
- Pray that believers from other parts of China would bring them the good news of Jesus. The JESUS Film and some audio resources are available in Xiang, the language of the Pingdi.
- Pray for a "book of Acts" type of movement to Christ among the Pingdi people.

■ 30 Pushkarna Brahmin in India

Pushkarna Brahmins have a strong work ethic and are often leaders, whether politically, intellectually, spiritually or socially. It is vital for those who go to Brahmins to build genuine relationships; they must pray for Brahmin friends, and eventually pray with Brahmin friends. We must focus on Christ himself as a living person, and on the almighty God who was revealed by Christ as a loving father.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. Nehemiah 8:8

- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.
- Pray that the few Brahmin-background believers would exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit with those they meet.
- Pray for the eyes of Pushkarna Brahmin hearts to be open to Jesus Christ.

■ 31 Parihar Rajput in India

Parihar Rajputs have a strong sense of pride in their historical exploits. Even today they enjoy high status, which reinforces that pride. Pride is anathema to our Lord, and Rajputs will need to overcome this spiritual obstacle and accept the Kingdom of God like small children.

And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. Nehemiah 9:3

- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.
- Pray that the small group of believers would be united in love around the truth of Scripture.
- Pray the Lord would give them a spiritual hunger, then satisfy that hunger.
- Pray that these Rajputs would understand the value of becoming part of God's royal family.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Parihar Rajput community.

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■ 1 Barma in Chad

In the 1700s, the Barma's ancestors ruled the Bagirmi Empire, a large area across Chad and into Sudan. At the end of the 1700s, the empire was attacked by Islamic Wadai armies and was never able to regain its political independence. The Barma have been devout followers of the Islamic faith since the sixteenth century.

You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. Nehemiah 9:6

- May the hearing of God's word lead to this people group understanding who God is and the fact that He gave them life.
- Pray for Christian radio to blanket the country of Chad, and that broadcasts in the Bagirmi (Barma) language would be included.
- Pray that as they become Christ followers, the Barma would live holy lives that draw others to Christ.
- Pray for adequate rainfall as a testimony of God's power and goodness.

■ 2 Kolowar in India

Normally a son takes over as the family head after the father dies, but the Kolowar are starting to change this by allowing the mother to take over as leader. Unlike most Hindu communities they bury their dead.

And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. Nehemiah 9:29

- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.
- Pray for the Kolowar to know that though lowly in their society, they can be children of the King of kings.
- Pray that the community council leaders would come to Jesus Christ and lead their people into a movement to Christ.
- Pray that gospel recordings and the JESUS Film would be used by the Lord to begin home-based fellowships.
- Pray for Kolowar disciples to make more disciples.

■ 3 Muslim Jat Kharral in Pakistan

Kharral is a Jat gotra (clan or lineage) that can be Hindu or Muslim. Most of the Jats live in rural areas and are usually landowners. A small percentage are traders and laborers. Today, the Jats are well informed and educated. Some occupy high positions in academic and technical arenas.

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

- Ask now! Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out additional laborers to work among the Kharral Jats.
- Pray that Christian doctors, nurses and humanitarian aid workers would have opportunities to share the love of Jesus with the Kharral Jats.
- Ask God to save key Jat leaders who will boldly proclaim the gospel to their own people.



■ 4 Dagestani Avar in Russia

Russia's Avar people live within the Caucasus Mountain region; they are very devoted to traditional family values. Between the 5th and 12th centuries, Georgian Orthodox Christianity was introduced to the Avar. However, the influence of Islam was more lasting. Today the Avar are almost completely Muslim. Tradition seems to keep them from being receptive to the gospel.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Psalm 8:1

- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!
- Pray that Christianity would be seen as a relationship with Christ rather than as a political or cultural identity.
- Pray for Avar disciples to make Christ-centered disciples of others, transforming families and communities.

■ 5 Kenyan Gujarati in Kenya

Gujarati who have emigrated to Kenya are usually from the higher, wealthier castes and have maintained many aspects of their own culture. They are often involved in trade or operate small businesses. People in the business community have very little free time. It would be difficult for Gujaratis in Kenya to attend Bible studies and church services.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.
- Ask the Lord to raise up loving missionaries who are willing to share Christ with the Gujaratis.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Gujaratis towards Jesus Christ and his claims.
- Pray that Gujarati businessmen would be evangelized and take the gospel to their own people.

■ 6 Malay in Malaysia

In Malaysia, people are classified as Malay by the federal constitution if they speak their national language, Bahasa Malaysia, practice Malay customs, and are Muslim. The Malay people are seen in all levels of Malaysian society. Currently, there are harsh laws against telling Malay Muslims about Christ. There are Christians in Malaysia, but the Malay Muslim community regards evangelism as a serious threat.

I say to the LORD, You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you. Psalm 16:2

- Pray that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.
- Pray that Christians living in Malaysia would share the gospel with Malays, no matter the cost.
- Pray that each Malay person would have the opportunity to hear the good news in a culturally understandable way.
- Pray for Malay disciples to make Christ centered disciples.

■ 7 Ahar in India

Ahar is a sub-caste of the Shudra caste in India. Ahar are usually the people who own most of the land in the areas where they live. Ahar don't do menial work as a vocation and are thus ranked above the other working castes in the ritual caste hierarchy.

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

- Pray that many from today's people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.
- Pray the Lord would give Ahar families understanding and responsive hearts as they hear about the love of Christ.
- Pray the Ahar caste would not be satisfied with their own righteousness.
- Pray they would realize their need for forgiveness of sin and for power to live this life.
- Pray for hungry hearts to know Christ.



■ 8 Mamasani in Iran

The Mamasani people are a subgroup of the Luri people of Iran. Most are nomads who migrate to find enough water and food for their livestock. Others work as rug weavers.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

- Pray that many from today's people group will look to the sky, see God's artwork, and commit themselves to following this awesome savior!
- Pray for Farsi speaking Christ followers to take the eternal gospel to the Mamasani.
- Pray for the development of gospel-related stories and skits in their language.
- Pray for disciples to focus on the Mamasani and for prayer warriors to intercede on their behalf.
- Pray for Mamasani elders to have dreams of the risen Christ.

■ 9 Southwest Pashayi in Afghanistan

The Southwest Pashayi live mostly in the valleys of the Hindu Kush in northeastern Afghanistan. Personal disputes are left to be resolved by the individual who was hurt in some way which often leads to feuds. The Pashayi value masculinity and honor more than anything else. To them the ideal man is one who is a proud warrior, loyal to his family, dangerous to his enemies, and always prepared to deal with a feud.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; Psalm 19:7

- Pray that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.
- Ask the Lord to save key Pashayi leaders who will boldly declare the gospel to their own people.
- Pray that evangelistic literature would soon be made available to the Pashayi.



■ 10 Western Baloch in Afghanistan

The Baloch occupy an area of land stretching through Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. There are a couple of Baloch dialects, one of which is Western Baloch. Men are grain farmers and herders. Free time is also spent wrestling and horseracing or playing games such as cards, checkers and tag with the younger men - activities that once prepared them as warriors.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7

- Pray that many from this "nation" will boast only in the name of the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to provide for their physical and spiritual needs as a testimony of his power and love.
- Pray for the spiritual blindness to be removed so they can understand and respond to Christ.
- Pray the Baloch people would have a spiritual hunger that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.

■ 11 Pundari in India

Most of the Pundaris live by farming small tracts of land. Some own their own land. The landless among them work in other occupations such as fishing, carpentry and bamboo work. Women weave mats to help their families earn a living. Education has become important to them, and they work hard so their children can attend school.

O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! Psalm 21:1

- Pray that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.
- Pray that God would give them dreams and visions leading them to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment.
- Pray Pundari disciples to make more disciples.
- Pray for loving workers.

■ 12 Mozabite Berber in Algeria

The Mozabites are Berbers who come from the Mزاب valley in Algeria. They are Ibadi Muslims and strongly committed to their faith. The combination of the functional purism of the Ibadi faith and the oasis way of life has led to a strict organization of land and space. Each citadel has a fortress-like mosque whose minaret served as a watchtower.

Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power. Psalm 21:13

- Pray that this people group will rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.
- Pray the Lord would move mightily among the Mozabite Berbers as he has among some North African tribes.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move throughout North Africa, drawing all Berber peoples to put their faith in Jesus Christ and disciple others to do the same.

■ 13 Dawei in Myanmar

Most Dawei people inhabit a long coastal stretch of the Tanintharyi Division in southern Myanmar. Missionaries working in their region for decades have found the Buddhist Dawei slow to respond to the gospel. The youth among the Dawei can find good quality Christian resources (videos, music, websites, etc.) as they search the media.

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

- Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.
- Pray for peaceful relations between the Dawei people and Burmese authorities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among these Buddhists.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Dawei people would be joyful always, praying continually, giving thanks in all circumstances, and willing to give a reason for their faith.

■ 14 Panan in India

The Panan are an ancient Tamil people and are mentioned in Old Tamil literature. Their age-old occupation is singing of hymns to Hindu deities. They were the main orators in the king's palace and acted as his ambassadors. They were also dancers. Presently, some of them are tailors. Most of them are struggling economically, socially, and most importantly, spiritually.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3

- Pray that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.
- Pray for outreach teams to visit them and make sure they have the JESUS Film.
- Pray they would know the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray there would be an increase in awareness of the teachings of the Bible.

■ 15 Xiaoliangshan Nosu in China

Prior to 1949, the Xiaoliangshan Nosu practiced a system of slavery. Xiaoliangshan Nosu society is a complex system of castes, tribes and clans. In 1957, 80% of the Nosu were slave owners. Today there are still class tensions and resentments from that bygone era. There are only a few Xiaoliangshan Nosu believers scattered over a widespread area.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

- Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.
- Pray that Han Chinese believers would be motivated to build relationships with the Nosu, to befriend them, and to carry the gospel to them.
- Pray for them to increasingly be made aware of who the creator God truly is.

■ 16 Audich Brahmin in India

The Audich encourage their sons and daughters to obtain graduate degrees and achieve leadership in business, in education, in science and in religious service. Many Audich continue their traditional roles as Hindu priests and scholars.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6

- Pray for leaders of today's people group to put all their hope in the Lord just like King David did when he wrote this Psalm.
- Pray for Christ to reveal himself to Brahmin Audich leaders.
- Pray for Holy Spirit directed Christ followers to go to Brahmin Audich communities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to emerge in every Brahmin Audich community.
- Pray for many to be prompted to faithfully pray for the Brahmin Audich.
- Pray for them to be used by the Lord to reach many other Hindu groups.

■ 17 Muslim Chauhan Rajput in India

Chauhan Rajputs are going through an identity crisis. They can no longer depend on land ownership or military careers. Believers with the right skills can help them during this time of transition. Like many other Indian communities of good standing, the Rajputs have a negative view of Christianity. The only Indians they see embracing Christ come from low status groups, and they do not want to associate with such people.

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, Psalm 24:1

- Pray that many from today's people group will recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!
- Pray that these Rajputs would understand the value of becoming part of God's royal family.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit-led humility for all Rajput communities to fall at the feet of the King of kings.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among every Rajput community.



■ 18 Mallah Mewat Bhoi in India

The Mallah Mewat Bhoi consider their occupation as boatmen along the holy Ganges River carrying Hindu devotees as a high calling or holy occupation. All Mallah groups, including the Mewat Bhoi subgroup, identify with the Hindu religious system. They have a lot to lose by looking outside of Hinduism for spiritual answers.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Psalm 25:1-2

- Pray for many from today's people group to give their entire lives to God.
- Pray for Christ followers to offer them copies of the JESUS Film in Hindi.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among Mallah families and community leaders to seek his face and enjoy his blessings.
- Pray that soon Mallah people would have a contagious joy and faith that gives their neighbors a desire to follow Christ.

■ 19 Gimma in Sudan

We know very little about the Gimma (or Jam'a) people. They are entirely Muslim, so it will not be easy for them to accept the centrality of Christ given that their teachers tell them that the Bible cannot be trusted.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:5

- Pray that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.
- Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Gimma who would proclaim the gospel to their own people.
- Ask God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through worship and intercession.
- Pray that strong local churches would be raised up among the Gimma.

■ 20 Lak in Russia

Starting in the 1990s, some of the urban Lak started coming to Jesus, and now there are a handful of Lak believers. The New Testament books of Mark and Luke were translated. After that, Bible work stalled because of a lack of team leadership.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. Psalm 25:8-9

- Pray for many from today's people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.
- Pray for the Lord to give the few Lak Christian believers strength and courage to share the gospel with their Muslim neighbors.
- Pray for them to shine as bright lights in the midst of their families and clans.
- Pray for encouragement and success for a Lak Bible translation team.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a growing church movement among the Lak of Dagestan.

■ 21 Belitung in Indonesia

The Belitung people are named after their home island, Belitung. This island is located in the South China Sea, to the east of Sumatra. Many farm corn, cassava, sweet potatoes and bananas. Their religious leader is a shaman who leads religious ceremonies. The Belitung largely adhere to Islam, but they also follow beliefs outside of Islam.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. Psalm 25:10

- Thank the Lord that He leads with love and faithfulness! Pray that many from today's people group will discover that and act upon it.
- Pray for the material and physical needs of the Belitung to be met as a testimony of his goodness and power.
- Pray that soon there would be Belitung Christ followers discipling others to make even more disciples.

■ 22 Tamajaq Tuareg in Mali

In the Southern Sahara Desert, many formerly nomadic Tamajaq Tuareg are now settled farmers living in villages. Christian workers are usually welcomed if they bring valuable help. The Tamajaq Tuaregs would love to have people bring needed medical care or help them get an adequate water supply.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Psalm 25:11

- Pray for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out medical workers.
- Pray that Tuareg Tamajaq people in Mali would come to know the living Lord through radio broadcasts, films, audio resources and personal contacts with believers.
- Ask the Lord to save key leaders who will boldly declare the gospel, influencing family leaders.

■ 23 Deaf in Morocco

We often talk about people groups who haven't had the opportunity to hear the gospel. In this case, it is the literal truth. The Deaf living in Morocco find themselves without many opportunities, spiritual or otherwise. Morocco doesn't have many resources for this community. As a result, the vast majority of Deaf children (about 85 percent) don't attend school.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD. Psalm 26:12

- Pray that many from today's people group will allow their spiritual lives to be transformed by the Lord, and that they will begin to publicly praise Him.
- Pray for compassionate believers to fill this void.
- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to have the chance to understand and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for gospel materials to be produced in Moroccan Sign Language.
- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to be blessed with the joy and peace offered by the Lord of lords.

■ 24 Arakh in India

Arakh are an ancient Kshatriya clan. Kshatriya are the second highest caste in Hinduism, the descendants of kings, nobles and warriors. It is far more difficult for someone with a high position to make changes that will jeopardize their position.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Psalm 27:4

- Pray for eternal salvation of many from today's people group.
- Pray for the Lord to move among the Arakh community, paving the way for the gospel to spread far and wide.
- Pray for laborers to sow God's word to persons and households of peace, which will in turn catalyze movements to Christ among the Arakh people.
- Ask the Lord to raise up and send out a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses from among the Arakh people.

■ 25 Bathudi in India

Most Bathudi homes are mud-walled huts with two rooms. The inner room is used for sleeping and cooking, while their goats and chickens roam freely nearby. The Bathudi usually paint the walls of their homes with the colors of red or white. They sleep on palm leaf mats and you rarely find their homes containing wooden furniture. The Bathudi people have contact with a few other people groups that have some Christian believers who can reach out to them.

You have said, Seek my face. My heart says to you, Your face, LORD, do I seek. Psalm 27:8

- Pray that many from today's people group will crave fellowship with the One True God.
- Pray for a movement of Christ that will enrich the Bathudi community.
- Pray for spiritual openness towards Jesus Christ.

■ 26 Hindu Rawal in India

A notable female member of the Rawal community is an airline pilot who helped bring Indian nationals home from Italy during the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic. Few others have reached jobs like that which carry high status. Most are farmers. Others work in industry, business and in trading.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Psalm 27:13-14

- Pray for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger that will lead them to put their faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray for intercessors and workers to be commissioned to go to the Rawal.
- Pray that Indian believers would disciple the Rawal believers in the ways of Christ.



■ 27 Meskhetian Turk in Azerbaijan

During the rule of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, the Meskhetian Turks were spread out throughout Central Asia. Most remain in these Central Asian nations, while some are in Turkey. They once had highly productive farms, but these were lost when they were moved during World War II. They are still feeling the effects from that time.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:7

May this be the attitude of many from today's people group.

- Pray that God would give new spiritual awareness to the Meskhetian Turks.
- Pray that new, positive relationships would begin between them and God's people.
- Pray that the Church would be intentional about reaching Meskhetian Turks.
- Pray for Meskhetian Turks in Azerbaijan to find the Lord, get disciplined, and disciple others.

■ 28 Changgar in Pakistan

The Muslim Changgar people group can be found in many areas of society, equally found among the poor and the rich, the educated and illiterate, as well as landlords and religious leaders. There is no way to summarize their lifestyles. But one can summarize their spiritual beliefs in one word: Islam.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. Psalm 29:10

- Pray that many will understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.
- Pray for great spiritual breakthroughs to take place, with a rapid multiplication of disciples and house churches to follow God's work.
- Ask God to send workers who will share the gospel with the Changgar.
- Pray that the Lord would soften the hearts of the leaders of the Changgar people and make them open to hearing the good news.

