



■ 29 Abai Sungai

The Abai Sungai primarily reside in Sabah, Malaysia, and are concentrated mainly in one village. There are no Christian materials in the Abai Sungai language. This means that they must hear the gospel message in someone else's language, which could make the gospel appear foreign to them.

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 dreams and visions among the Abai Sungai people that will lead them to seek and find Christ.
- Ask God to grant spiritual openness among these Muslims so that many might come together to learn of and obey the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for an eagerness to hear and heed God's word among this people group.

■ 30 Mamuju

The Mamuju home is simple, consisting of woven bamboo walls and a coconut leaf roof. The Mamuju live in peace with their neighbors, demonstrating mutual respect, much like they do within their own families. Mamuju young people make their own choices as to whom they will marry. Women typically marry around the ages of 16–17, while men usually marry between 18 and 20 years old.

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 the Mamuju people in Indonesia to experience God's glory and cling to him.
- Pray for loving workers to go to them.
- Pray for Mamuju elders to have dreams and visions of the risen Christ.
- Pray for this people group to understand God's word when they hear it.

■ 31 Giddikki

The Giddikki were traditionally fortune-tellers and alms-collectors, but now the selling of aluminum utensils and plastic boxes forms their primary occupation. A few own farm land. They mainly worship Durga, Lakshmi, Eswara, and Siddeswar. Their concept of a creator God is someone who stands outside his creation, not knowable as a loving heavenly father. They need a radical worldview change.

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 they will become interested in gospel media via radio, television, and the internet.
- Pray for loving workers in India to go to them until many are discipled and sent out to others.
- Pray that hearing the word will lead to deep repentance.

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■ 1 Yemeni Arab

There is a division between Yemenis from the northern tribes and the southern ones. The North and the South were separate nations in the 70s and 80s. They merged for a couple of years, but now they are fighting once again. Iran backs one side using Shia Islam as their banner, while the other supports a Sunni Muslim head of state. The growing of the narcotic khat has become the mainstay. The drug trade uses up valuable water that they need to grow food. Much of their food is imported.

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 the Lord to make a way for the gospel to go forth into every Yemeni village.

■ 2 Muslim Arain

The Arain are Muslims who claim Arab origin and are thought to have migrated to the Indian subcontinent. When the British sought to develop land in the Punjab after its annexation, Arains were brought in to cultivate the land around the cities. The Arain were favored for their hard work, frugality, and sense of discipline. They have a legacy of contributions to politics and in the practice of law. They are well educated.

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

- Ask God to send loving, committed workers to the Arain soon.
- Ask the Lord to start a movement of Arain families experiencing God's blessing and sharing it with other families.
- Pray that when this people group hears the word that they will respond with heart-felt obedience.

■ 3 Judeo-Berber Jewish

Can an entire population move from one country to another? They can, in the case of the Judeo-Berbers of Morocco. All of them are now in Israel. Some Jewish people settled in what is now Morocco as early as 600 BC. More came during the Roman Empire. They migrated to Israel when it became a nation in 1948.

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

- Pray for the Lord to give the Judeo-Berber Jewish people hearts that desire to please God.
- May they look to the Lord for guidance, truth, and not be satisfied with cultural traditions.
- Ask Him for this people group to become part of His family.



■ 4 Bonan

The Bonan are considered a priority for outreach due to a probable lack of exposure to Christianity. The Bonan are originally Mongol troops sent to their present location on the edge of Chinese territory to act as watch guards against the fierce Tibetans. After decades of intermarriage with other peoples, a distinct people group formed who came to call themselves Bonan, which means "I protect you."

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

- Pray for bold workers, driven by the love of the Holy Spirit, to go to them.
- Pray for the authority of Christ to bind hindering spiritual forces, leading them from darkness to light.
- Help this people group to know from the heart and the head that the Lord is great!

■ 5 Harzani

Although the Harzani predominantly proclaim allegiance to Islam, some remnants of their pre-Islamic religion remain. For example, they have a great reverence for trees and groves; trees are among their most sacred sites. As Muslims, they consider Jesus to be a prophet, a teacher, and a good man, but not God's only way to eternal salvation. Those who turn their hearts to Jesus Christ are considered unpatriotic and traitors to Iran.

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

- Pray for the Lord to send dreams so Harzani family leaders become more receptive to the gospel.
- Ask God to raise up workers to translate Christian materials into Harzani.
- Pray for many from today's people group to tell of God's marvelous deeds to their families.

■ 6 East Makian

As Muslims, the Makian practice Islamic rites. Traditional beliefs about the supernatural realm have a powerful influence on their daily lives. East Makians suffer from low levels of education. Teachers and educational resources could improve their standard of living, thus, helping them flourish.

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

- Pray for the Lord to intervene in their families, calling people to his side and blessing them.
- Pray for loving and dedicated workers. Pray for their hearts to be drawn to the Lord of lords. Pray that the Makian people will see that they can enjoy an abundant life if they put their trust in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that this people group will understand that they have many good things, all of which came only from God the creator.

■ 7 Muslim Sansi

Dispossessed of their homeland, the Sansi first migrated to Punjab and then to other regions, including Pakistan, at the time of partition. They are essentially a nomadic tribe seldom settling for long in any one place. That makes it difficult for gospel workers to stay with them long enough for the gospel to take hold. Additionally, Christian witness is very difficult and dangerous.

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 for Jesus to be revealed to the Sansi religious leaders, opening the way for the gospel. Pray for spiritual discernment among the common people.
- Pray for signs and wonders to confirm Christ's goodness and power in the Sansi communities.
- Pray that many from today's people group will find joy in the Lord, and the pleasures of being with Him for eternity.

■ 8 Hindu Arora

There have been many times when the Arora people have been violently persecuted. Today, many of them are prominent in business, education, medicine, finance, technology, engineering, manufacturing, entertainment, and the armed forces. Why did they rise to the top? Most likely, it's because of their rigorous work ethic. It could also be because of their insistence on ensuring that their children receive a higher education.

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

- Ask God to make a way for the prominent Aroras to find Jesus to be the only way to eternal life.
- Ask God to raise up Arora believers as his ambassadors to those without Christ.
- 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!

■ 9 Awan

The Muslim Awan are known for being valiant warriors. They were recruited as soldiers by the British during South Asia's colonial period and in both world wars. Though they are also part of a landowning class, many still serve in the military.

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

- Ask God to send loving workers to help raise up a body of believers among the Awan.
- Ask God to bless new believers in every way.
- Pray for peace in the area where the Awan live so the gospel can go forth.
- Pray that this people group will find the word of the Lord to be trustworthy and look to it for wisdom and spiritual guidance.





■ 10 Bhampta

Bhamptas, formerly known as thieves in India, now cultivate hemp, a material used for ropes, mats, and bags. Although this community is small, its members speak a variety of languages. Each language subgroup may require its own evangelistic effort.

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

- Pray for a massive turning to Christ.
- Pray for non-Christians to be amazed by what God does for this community, so that these yet-to-believe Bhamptas will join the family of God.
- Pray that soon, Bhampta disciples will make more disciples, transforming their community.
- Pray that many from this “nation” will boast only in the name of the Lord.

■ 11 Phunoi

Phunoi houses are built above the ground, allowing the family livestock—poultry, pigs, and goats—to run freely under them. Phunoi live in a part of Laos known for opium trafficking. This makes travel difficult and can hinder missionary work.

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

- Pray for Phunoi decision makers to open their communities to Christ’s ambassadors.
- Pray that the hearts of the Phunoi people will be stirred to hunger after the bread of life and thirst for the living water.
- Pray that a family-based movement to Christ will transform traditional Phunoi society, blessing them spiritually and economically.
- Pray that leaders from this people group will look to the Lord, and only Him for strength and guidance.

■ 12 Ghisadi

The Ghisadi have lived in India for centuries, primarily in the western states of Maharashtra and Karnataka. Traditionally toolmakers, they now endure difficult lives as farmers in dry regions with limited agricultural opportunities, often traveling in search of work. They typically marry within their clans. The Ghisadi are devout Hindus, engaging in rituals and temple worship as they seek spiritual liberation.

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

- Pray that grace and truth would permeate Ghisadi society through the love and witness of Christian believers.
- Intercede for churches and Christians to be a blessing to the Ghisadi people, transforming them through God’s love as yeast leavens dough.
- Pray that this people group will rejoice in the Lord with singing and celebration when they see His mighty acts of mercy and salvation.

■ 13 Shughni

Shughni are found on both sides of the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border, mostly in the Panir Mountains. Their religion is Ismaili Islam, and they shun other Islamic sects. There may be no Christian followers among the Shughni in Afghanistan, nor among their neighboring peoples, so they have little or no Christian influence. Although there is no mosque in the villages, one place is always set aside for worship, business, celebration, etc.

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

- Pray for the Lord to do a mighty work among them in the coming years.
- Pray for them to hear, respond, and obey Jesus Christ.
- Pray that this people group will be satisfied with the Lord alone and turn to no other god.

■ 14 Bumthangpa

The Bumthangpa call themselves the People of Bumthang. Bumthang is believed to have been the first inhabited place in Bhutan. Many of the Bumthangpa immigrated to Bhutan from Tibet in the eighth century. Because of their history of isolation from other nations, they do not trust outsiders. They are conservative by nature and value their ancient traditions.

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

- Pray for gospel workers to catch a vision for reaching the Bumthangpa people for Jesus, and that in God's sovereign timing their hearts would be ready to follow him.
- Pray for Jesus movements to bless extended families so the gospel will spread rapidly.
- Pray that this people group will accept and follow the Lord's direction and thank Him for giving them strength.

■ 15 Hindu Badhai

Badhais are also known as the Vishwakarmas. Vishwakarma was the chief architect of Hindu temples. The building of temples, chariots, and war equipment was part of their wisdom and knowledge. The Badhais enjoyed high status. Today, the Badhai are usually employed in engineering, education, and industrial manufacturing. Some Badhai work in the areas of carpentry, stonework, and the timber trade.

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

- Ask God to deliver the Badhai people from any fear of Christianity and to embrace God's blessings through Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give the Badhai people a love for God's word and a desire to spread its influence.
- Fear is a liar! Pray that this people group will be fear-free when they decide to follow the Lord.



■ 16 Hindu Bairagi

The Bairagi are a group of gurus, or spiritual guides. A proper Bairagi is one whose principal deity is either Vishnu or any of his incarnations, like Rama and Krishna. Most are involved with Hindu religious instruction. They have disciples who are from the forward castes. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing the harmony within this Hindu community. Ideally, the gospel would first influence their leaders, who can open the door for others.

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

- Ask God to give the Bairagi true spiritual hunger that will lead them to the only Savior of all mankind.
- 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.

■ 17 Apapanthi

The Hindu Apapanthi's story is one of resilience and adaptation, as they maintain their customs while embracing necessary changes. The Apapanthis of India maintain a lively cultural life, marked by festivals, music, and traditional dances. They need better health care.

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

- Pray for the Lord to provide for their medical needs.
- Pray for their elders and family leaders to embrace Christ and share Him with their families.
- Pray for the Lord to send them loving ambassadors to disciple them in Christ's ways.
- Pray that many from today's people group will recognize that they belong to the Lord, and they can rejoice in that fact!

■ 18 Tomini

The Tomini marriage system follows Islamic guidelines. An intermediary communicates with the bride’s parents and plans the marriage based on the girl’s social status. Marriage is allowed between first cousins. The couple usually stays with one of their families until the first child is born. They only live in Indonesia.

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 the Lord to send them dreams and visions that will open their hearts to the King of kings.
- Pray for loving and dedicated workers.
- Pray for the Tomini people to experience and desire the Lord’s unmatched glory.
- Pray for many from today’s people group to give their entire lives to God.

■ 19 Bajania

War has far-reaching consequences. The Bajania people of Gujarat, India, know this very well. At one time, they all lived in Rajasthan and fought for Rajput kings. But when Islamic armies defeated them, some Bajania moved east. For a time, they suffered poverty. To obtain their basic daily food, they resorted to doing acrobatic tricks, dancing, and prostitution. The Bajania no longer practice prostitution. They still perform folk dances and acrobatic tricks for anyone willing to pay.

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 for a movement of Jesus to heal and strengthen Bajania communities.
- Pray that the Bajania tune in to Gujarati radio programs and learn about Christ.
- Pray that this very year many from this people group will seek the Lord for the right path to true righteousness and guidance.



■ 20 Dongola Nubian

Though Nubians converted to Christianity during the sixth century, the gradual process of Islamization took place from the 1300s to the 1600s. Today, the Nubians are almost all Muslims.

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

- Ask the Lord to remember the prayers of Christian Nubians who lived long ago, who prayed for their descendants.
- Ask the Lord to raise up laborers willing to invest in long-term service among the Dongola Nubians.
- Ask the Lord to save key leaders among the Dongola Nubians.
- Pray for many from today’s people group to have the humility to learn from the Lord and follow His ways.

■ 21 Tai Do

The Tai Do of Southeast Asia are animistic, and traditionally, they must appease spirits to gain blessings and avoid catastrophes. Young adults among the Tai Do typically choose their spouses with their parents’ consent. The groom’s family must pay the bride’s family a dowry, and he must leave his family’s household to become part of hers. He then helps to support his bride’s family with his earnings.

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

- Pray God would call the Tai Do believers to live strong, faithful, and fruitful lives among their lost relatives.
- Pray for the Tai Do people to have a hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- 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.



■ 22 Bania

The Bania community has gotras (clans), and many of their clan names are based on the place they are from. Their traditional occupations include business, trade, jewelry-making, and agriculture. Most live in India, but some live in Bangladesh and other South Asian countries. Wealth impedes spiritual hunger. People, like the Bania, with much wealth are often numb to their spiritual needs.

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

- Ask God to instill in the Bania a spiritual hunger that leads them to look to the gospels and find answers in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to send several Christian workers, among them, to help Bania understand their need for the only Savior.
- Pray for many from today's people group to understand that they are sinful and need God as their savior.

■ 23 Agarwal Bania

The Agarwal belong to a trading and business community that holds a middle position in India's hierarchy. Many continue in their traditional role as merchants, while others in rural areas own farmland and practice agriculture. There are few, if any, followers of Christ among the Agarwal, meaning outreach must begin from the ground up.

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

- Pray for God to stir a deep dissatisfaction with a faith that cannot offer life to the full.
- Ask the Lord to give Agarwals a hunger for truth that can only be satisfied in Jesus, who declared himself to be the way, the truth, and the life.
- 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.

■ 24 Qixingmin

The identity of the Qixingmin is integrally linked with Buddhism. The cost of going against their culture and the threat of probable expulsion from their community if they should become a Christian has proven too great an obstacle. Most Chinese churches in the area no longer attempt to evangelize them.

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 that they would be able to go against the traditions of their culture to respond to the gospel.
- Pray for a great awakening in the hearts of the Qixingmin.
- Pray for a work in the hearts of the Qixingmin so that when they hear the gospel, they will recognize its worth and embrace Jesus.
- Pray for eternal salvation of many from today's people group.

■ 25 Mavilan

Traditionally, the Mavilans were hunters/gatherers, but as India's population continued to grow, they were often pushed off their land by those with greater political power. They often live in remote forested areas.

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

- Pray for justice and mercy for the Mavilans.
- Pray for the spiritual lives of the Mavilan people to become fruitful as they follow Christ.
- Pray for translation and oral storytelling efforts.
- Pray for Jesus movements to bless extended Mavilan families so the gospel will spread rapidly among this people group.
- Pray that many from today's people group will crave fellowship with the One True God.



■ 26 Broq-Pa

Broq-Pas of South Asia don't bathe often because they believe they will wash off good luck. The Broq-Pa commemorate the former unity with a dance that they believe will one day reunite them with the gods. Christian teachers can share how our forgiving God has made a way to reunite with them. Both men and women are fond of flowers as they believe adorning themselves daily with them pleases the gods.

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 a redemptive analogy that shows how Christ unites the Broq-Pa to God.
- Pray for signs and wonders among them and for significant breakthroughs with a rapid multiplication of disciples and house churches.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ.
- Pray for many leaders from today's people group to put their confidence in the goodness of God and wait faithfully for His deliverance.

■ 27 Lolak

The Lolak homeland is fertile, with long black-sand beaches, flat grassy fields, coconut plantations, and rugged inland mountains. They live on Sulawesi Island in Indonesia. Opening new fields of employment is their greatest need. A Lolak person who graduates from a university often finds it challenging to gain employment in their field of study, so they frequently return to farming.

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 for increased economic development in the Lolak villages.
- Pray that the Lord would use Jesus followers near the Lolak to reach them.
- Pray for the Lolak to seek spiritual answers found only in Christ, regardless of community pressures.

■ 28 Dhiman Brahmin

Dhiman are unlike any other Brahmin community. They have always been focused on architecture and construction rather than priestly duties. There is a deep aversion to religious propaganda among Dhiman Brahmins, and Christians are often seen as propagandists. Christianity is seen as problematic for Brahmins. Christ's ambassadors should approach Brahmins with love and respect.

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

- Pray for vibrant Christians to befriend Dhiman Brahmins.
- Pray that the eyes of Brahmin hearts may be open to Jesus Christ as Lord and King.
- Pray for a movement to Christ to emerge among every Brahmin community.
- Pray for many to be prompted to pray for Brahmins faithfully.
- Pray that many will understand that God is the undisputed King of kings, and beside Him there is no other.