



PRAYER RESOURCES

YOU MAY FIND A MAP OF THE WORLD USEFUL THIS WEEK

Monday 7th September

I. Praying for the least reached to hear the Gospel (OM)

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

Over 2 billion people in the world today have not heard the good news of Jesus presented in a way they could understand. That's 28% of the world's population where no Jesus followers are living and proclaiming the gospel, or there is no church present, or the geographic, cultural or language barriers prevent people from hearing and receiving the message of hope. Despite there being so many opportunities online to hear the gospel and so many Christian resources available (in English primarily), too many people will never walk into a church building, encounter a Jesus follower or have the opportunity to learn about Jesus in a relatable way.

OM classifies these kinds of communities as "least reached" because their access to the gospel is limited. OM has identified five Spotlight Regions where a significant number of least reached people face seemingly insurmountable challenges in taking steps towards Jesus. We will look at one of those regions for the first five days of this week. We believe that Jesus invites every one of his followers to pray intentionally and it is through these faithful prayers that our heavenly Father works.



Pray for the Greater Caucasus

"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

Leviticus 19:34 (NIV)

Over 23.4 million people live in the countries of Azerbaijan, Georgia (including Abkhazia), Armenia, Republics in the North Caucasus Federal District of Russia: Dagestan, Chechnya, Ingushetia, Kabardino-Balkaria and Karachay-Cherkessia.

Jesus followers number less than 1% in the Greater Caucasus region but among several people groups this number is less than 0.02%.

Many people from the Greater Caucasus live and work abroad or have been displaced due to conflict.

Pray that they will meet Jesus followers who will share the love of Jesus with them.



2. Praying for freedom of religion or belief around the world (CSW)

When you ask Jesus a question, you have to be prepared to get an answer you didn't expect. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to answer someone who asked, "Who is my neighbour?" The man was told that his neighbour is anyone who needs his help - and that really wasn't what he was expecting to hear, especially since the person in the story who reached out to help was someone he would have considered his enemy.

So, what does this mean for us? Jesus taught us to look after others before we look after ourselves, to love in ways that will be difficult for us. And to love others regardless of whether or not we believe the same things as them. When we see the repression suffered by Christians around the world, we are moved to speak out. But we are also moved to speak out for all those suffering because of their religion or belief - the Rohingya in Myanmar, the Uyghurs in China, Atheists in Egypt, Muslims in India or the Alawites in Syria. Each of these groups suffer injustice because of their beliefs, as do many others.

The story of the "Good" Samaritan was never limited to good behaviour. Rather, everything in it demands a radical new understanding about what it means to be a neighbour. Two thousand years later, it still challenges us to connect with the pains of those we may consider "other" in our world. This expansive sense of who our neighbour is opens up a way of thinking, a gateway to a new neighbourhood which treasures freedom of religion or belief for all. These resources, created by CSW for 24-7 Prayer, are designed to help you pray for people in our new neighbourhood, using real life stories and the truth of the Bible to guide you in your prayers.



Pray for Peace

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Psalm 46:9

Reham Hammouda was a schoolteacher and mother of two who lived in the Al-Walid neighbourhood of Homs, Syria. She also belonged to the Alawite community, an ethnoreligious group that has faced severe sectarian hostility since the removal from power of Bashar al Assad, who was also an Alawite.

In October 2025, Reham was killed when an unidentified attacker on a motorbike threw a hand grenade at her family home. One of her relatives was also severely injured.

Religiously motivated violence can take many forms. In some countries, such as Nigeria, it is primarily perpetrated by terrorist groups who use religion as a rallying point or raison d'être. In others, like Egypt and India, it is often the work of mobs emboldened by a lack of consequences for their actions, or even inflammatory remarks by government officials. In others still, like Pakistan, both are present.

Pray in faith for peace where there is conflict and sectarian violence around the world, no matter how daunting the scale or political dynamics may be. Ask God to raise up and strengthen the work of peacemakers, and to inspire the church to model radical forgiveness, love for enemies and peaceful co-existence.

