FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

30 DAYS TO EXPLORE THE WORLD AND THE WORD

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Until the whole world hears
There are five short Bible passages to read a day. Think about:

what God is like
what God has said
what God does

Then take time to pray. You will find peoples and places you know well and some you may never have heard of. Pray big prayers. We want the love of God to be known and enjoyed by all peoples everywhere.

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Every age group, religion, and social class is represented in the world’s megacities with people coming and going to all parts of the world. Pray for gospel workers in Los Angeles, which is home to more than 300 ethnic groups.

Almost 40% of the city’s population was born outside the United States. Pray for effective evangelism and discipleship among the city’s marginalised and for churches equipped to welcome them in.

Pray that America’s Christians would carry the Gospel seed to hard places as they travel for business, leisure or visiting family.

SUGGESTED READINGS

GENESIS 3:15
GENESIS 11:1-9
GENESIS 12:1-3
GENESIS 22:1-18
GENESIS 28:3-4, 13-15
Cuba has barely 200 public Wi-Fi hotspots for the 11 million population. Some private homes are now online and there are Internet cafes. Connection is slow, censored, and expensive, placing Cubans among the least connected in the western hemisphere. Pray for greater investment in technology so that the wealth of online Spanish Christian resources reaches the growing and hungry Cuban church.

Pray for the training of preachers for new congregations.

SUGGESTED READINGS

EXODUS 9:14,16
NUMBERS 14:21
DEUTERONOMY 4:5-8
JOSHUA 4:23-5:1
1 SAMUEL 17:45-47
Pray for the Lord to open the way for the gospel to reach such tribes in ways they can understand.

There are thought to be around 90 people groups in the Amazon that have never had contact with civilization. Most are in Brazil and Peru. Laws often prohibit outsiders making contact. The Good News must reach such peoples. Missionaries and developers are usually the very first to build any kind of relationship.

Pray for the Lord to open the way for the gospel to reach such tribes in ways they can understand.

SUGGESTED READINGS

2 SAMUEL 22:50
1 KINGS 4:29-34
1 KINGS 10:1-10
1 KINGS 10:23-25
2 KINGS 19:19
There are 500 Isan Thai Buddhists living in Iceland but no known believers among them. Pray for some of Iceland’s 10,000 evangelical Christians to welcome and witness effectively to the Isan.

Ask the Lord to enable the gospel to cross the huge cultural divide between the communities.

Pray that language barriers would be overcome. Pray for an Isan church to emerge in Iceland.

SUGGESTED READINGS

1 CHRONICLES 16:8-36
2 CHRONICLES 6:32, 33
2 CHRONICLES 20:6
EZRA 1:2-3
PSALM 2:8
Now home to some of the world’s least-reached peoples living in conditions ranging from opulence to suffocating poverty, cross-cultural opportunities are everywhere. **Pray for university ministry to overseas students.** There are over 30 unreached people groups in Britain, including Mandaeans, an Iraqi sect among whom there are no known believers.

*Pray for the Irish Shelta people, some of whom have come to Christ, that they would be “rooted and grounded in love”.*

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- Psalm 8:1,9
- Psalm 9:11
- Psalm 18:49
- Psalm 19:1-4
- Psalm 22:27-29
Belgium’s Iranian believers have the opportunity to witness to the many Muslim immigrants including Chechens, Berbers and Turks. In the Netherlands, gospels are distributed in Amsterdam, where 180 languages are spoken. In predominantly Catholic Luxembourg, the half million population is wary of anything that would compromise their affluence.

**Pray for Bible translation to be completed in the local language.**

_Psalm 33:8-9, Psalm 45:17, Psalm 46:10, Psalm 47:1-2, Psalm 48:2, 10_
GERMANIC COUNTRIES

Ministry to Austria’s students has been greatly blessed by the Lord so pray that new Christian leaders will emerge from missionary efforts. 

Ask God to bring a spiritual awakening among Austrians. Many German towns have no gospel witness at all. Germany, Austria and Switzerland all play key roles in receiving refugees from restricted countries.

Pray for great compassion to outsiders. Thank Him for churches emerging among them.

SUGGESTED READINGS

PSALM 67:1
PSALM 57:9-11
PSALM 59:13
PSALM 65:5-8
PSALM 66:1-9
Pray for Malta’s political and community leaders in this staunchly Roman Catholic and densely populated island. Evangelical witness is barely fifty years old. Ask the Lord to raise up Christians in places of influence. Many of the 450,000 inhabitants have been offered Bibles. Pray for believers witnessing in the workplace and markets.

*Remember open-air events taking place to make Christ known to young people.*

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- Psalm 68:31-34
- Psalm 72:9-11, 17-19
- Psalm 76:11, 12
- Psalm 77:14
- Psalm 79:9, 10
Kosovo remains a disputed territory in a troubled region. Hundreds of new mosques have been built. In the last twenty years, about 1000 Kosovars have been saved and there are now about 35 evangelical churches. **Pray for the gospel to bridge terribly divided and wounded communities.** Ask for open hearts that will listen and discuss.

*Pray for the salvation and spiritual maturity of those who hear through radio.*

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- PSALM 82:8
- PSALM 83:1-3, 16-18
- PSALM 86:8-10
- PSALM 96:1-13
- PSALM 97:1, 6-7, 9
Praise the Lord for gospel growth in major cities. Intercede for many rural towns where there is no witness at all. There are very few Spanish missionaries being sent overseas. **Pray for greater global vision and the means to send workers.**

Some of Spain’s provinces have fewer than one evangelical per 1000 people. Pray for wide distribution of excellent Spanish Christian books now available.

**Pray for a new generation of excellent Spanish preachers, evangelists and missionaries.**

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- PSALM 98:1-9
- PSALM 99:1-3
- PSALM 100:1-5
- PSALM 102:15-22
- PSALM 105:1
AIDS threatens the lives of nearly an entire generation. **Four million live in Nairobi where the city’s slum dwellers are among Africa’s most severely malnourished.** Unreached areas largely practise a mix of Islam and folk religion.

Converts in the northeast and coastal regions frequently face persecution. Kenya stands out however for the millions who follow Christ and millions more who are nominal in their Christianity.

*Ask the Lord to protect young congregations – that they may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him.*

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- PSALM 108:3-6
- PSALM 113:4
- PSALM 117:1, 2
- PSALM 126:1-2
- PSALM 138:4-5
Regarded by some as the most politically repressive region on earth, conditions have deteriorated since the Arab Spring. **Saudi Arabia is off limits to indigenous Christian activity.** The few Saudi believers need outside prayer support. Opportunities are limited but pray for Christian satellite TV, online witness, and for follow up to the many emails and tweets and in chat rooms from inquiring Muslims.

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Pray for a faithful witness to the reality of Christ.

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**SUGGESTED READINGS**

PSALM 148:11-13  
PSALM 150:6  
ISAIAH 2:2-4  
ISAIAH 5:26  
ISAIAH 6:3
Istanbul, with a young population and a booming economy, is one of the world’s fastest growing cities. Ask God to sustain pastors caught up in political crackdowns. Some are in jail. Pray for gospel growth among Kurds who spill into Iraq, Iran and Syria. They are among the least likely in the world to hear the Good News.

Pray over the final checks, testing and distribution of the Kurmanji Kurdish New Testament, soon to be finished after 25 years of hard work.

SUGGESTED READINGS

ISAIAH 11:9,12
ISAIAH 12:4-5
ISAIAH 18:1-3, 7
ISAIAH 24:14-16
ISAIAH 25:3-8
It’s one of the fastest growing churches in the world and yet Iran remains a tough place for the gospel. Pray that Iranians would find the gospel to be of greater worth than the divorce or separation from children, the lost employment, the hate-filled comments – greater even than the loss of life. Remember those suffering. Ask the Lord to prosper bold gospel-witness through technology.

_Suggested Readings_

ISAIAH 37:16,20
ISAIAH 42:6-12
ISAIAH 43:5-7
ISAIAH 45:5-6
ISAIAH 45:22-23

Thank God for the grace given in Christ Jesus to those suffering.
There are more than 500 Central Asian people groups; individuals, families and clans sharing a common language and ethnic identity. They are spread across Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and beyond. All 500 groups are unreached with the gospel. **Pray for Central Asians on the move to Europe, Australasia or North America.** Some flee war and others study or look for work.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- ISAIAH 49:1,6
- ISAIAH 49:22-23, 26
- ISAIAH 52:7,10,15
- ISAIAH 61:9,11
- ISAIAH 62:1-2
Angola’s churches have experienced strong growth coupled with serious threats to their purity. Witchcraft and polygamy have corrupted congregations leaving many young Christians woefully ignorant of the Bible’s teaching. Without the Bible in their language, genuine faith among the 29,000 Songo people has become nominal. **Pray for a vibrant, Spirit-led awakening.**

**Pray that the Songo New Testament would be completed this year and made available in print and audio.**

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

ISAIAH 66:18-23  
JEREMIAH 3:17  
JEREMIAH 4:1-2  
JEREMIAH 10:6, 7  
JEREMIAH 16:19-21
Straddling Pakistan and India, Kashmir remains one of the world’s violent hotspots. Seventy-seven people groups fill the region. All are Muslim and all are unreached. Pray for the tiny gatherings of converts meeting in home groups. **Ask the Lord to bless the faithful witness of the few indigenous evangelists.** Pray for His protection on their lives. Pray they would be faithful under trial.

**Pray today for Paul, a Kashmiri pastor and evangelist. May he and his family be bold in witness.**

**SUGGESTED READINGS**
- Jeremiah 33:9
- Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 41
- Ezekiel 21:5
- Ezekiel 36:21-23, 32, 36
- Ezekiel 39:7, 21, 23
Unlike in secularised Europe, the Black Sea region of Crimea, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia, is witnessing the growing influence of orthodox religion yet finding people of faith in Christ is difficult. Pray for churches split by national loyalties.

Ask the Lord to help believers to be bold in witness. Pray for prepared hearts as evangelists plant the seed of the gospel among their people.

Pray for life-changing fruit from camp ministry to children.

SUGGESTED READINGS

EZEKIEL 37:28
DANIEL 3:28-29
DANIEL 4:1-3, 34-35, 37
DANIEL 6:25-27
DANIEL 7:13-14
Pray for Kazakh Christians who are sharing Christ with Russian Jews who need the Saviour. There are also several thousand Jews living in Latvia who have long resisted the Good News. They are a persecuted minority. Pray for the 900 Azerbaijani Muslims in Estonia that God would open blind eyes to the utter hopelessness of religion. “May they be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might.”

Ask the Lord to unstop deaf ears.

SUGGESTED READINGS

MICAH 4:1-2
MICAH 5:4
HABAKKUK 2:14
ZEPHANIAH 2:11
ZEPHANIAH 3:9-10
Russia is home to at least 190 ethnic groups, including the 50,000 Nenet people on the edge of the Arctic Ocean. These are hardened people, snowbound for 260 days a year, with temperatures plummeting to -50C. Life expectancy for men is 46 years. Their confidence is in an unseen world of frightening demons and spirits. There are only a handful of Christians.

Pray for Russian missionaries to make Christ known to their Polar neighbours.

SUGGESTED READINGS

ZECHARIAH 8:22-23
ZECHARIAH 9:10
MALACHI 1:5, 11, 14
MATTHEW 5:13-16
MATTHEW 6:9-10
Among Siberia’s Tobol-Irtysh Tatars, there are no known Christians. The 74,000 population mixes Islam with traditional religions, making their beliefs difficult to understand for outsiders.

Pray for evangelists and missionaries who understand Islam and its culture to have opportunities for effective ministry and who can point people to faith in Christ.

Pray for God to establish vibrant congregations of believers. Ask Him to raise up godly role models.

SUGGESTED READINGS

MATTHEW 12:20-21
MATTHEW 15:21-28
MATTHEW 24:14
MATTHEW 25:31-32
MATTHEW 28:18-20
Give thanks for the 60,000 or so Christians. Prior to 1990 there were next to none!

On rural Mongolia’s many breezy hilltops, fading Buddhist prayer flags flutter to bring good karma on the wind. Pray for people who believe in no God and no soul. Most people groups are unreached. Remember Mongolia’s young and growing churches as they share of the God who saves and who answers prayer. Pray for rural outreach in this most sparsely populated country in the world.

SUGGESTED READINGS

MARK 11:17
MARK 13:9-10
MARK 16:15, 16, 20
LUKE 2:29-32
LUKE 4:25-27
There are as many people in China as in N. and S. America, Western Europe, Australia, and New Zealand – combined. 20% of the world lives in one country – an asset and a liability for the government. **Pray for more vibrant, tested, and faith-filled Chinese Christians** to assume pivotal roles in the media, education, business and politics.

**Pray that God would accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think in and through China and China’s Christians.**

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

LUKE 13:29  
LUKE 24:45-48  
JOHN 3:14-21  
JOHN 6:33, 51  
JOHN 8:12
Most of the world’s Buddhists are found in East Asia, including many millions of Japanese, Chinese and Koreans. Their lives are a constant pursuit of peace through strict discipline, study and good works. Most struggle to comprehend a God who wants a relationship with them.

Pray for truth to set multitudes free.

Ask the Lord for more communities of believers with a long-term presence, that can proclaim the gospel from within Tibet.

SUGGESTED READINGS

JOHN 12:32
JOHN 17:20-23
ACTS 1:8
ACTS 3:25-26
ACTS 9:15
Pray for rescue and relief work among escapees.

Ask the Lord to limit the spread of evil.

In the North, sharing Jesus costs lives. There are strict laws and constant surveillance. Some cross rivers and deserts to flee to nearby countries but are often sent back by unconcerned governments.

**Pray for the church to be strengthened, purified and increased** despite terrible persecution, “that they may know what is the hope to which he has called them, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints”.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

ACTS 11:1, 13-18
ACTS 15:3, 7-19
ACTS 17:4, 6-7
ACTS 17:24-31, 34
ACTS 22:21
Every year, millions of students head to the region’s megacities. Some are hungry for truth. Many will become leaders in society. Pray for evangelism in the universities of Bangkok, Manila and Jakarta, three of the world’s largest urban centres. **Ask the Lord for students from all backgrounds to hear the gospel and be saved.**

Pray that those who find Christ at university would become people of immense Christian stature in their home countries.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- ACTS 26:22-23
- ACTS 28:28-31
- ROMANS 1:5-8
- ROMANS 1:13-16
- ROMANS 3:22-24, 29-30
Pray for God to give those in hard places access to the gospel.

There are over 2200 unreached groups in India – more than in any other country. They live and die without hearing of Christ. For some, language makes effective understanding a problem. For others, Hindu opposition limits exposure to Christian witness. **78 million homeless live in the overcrowded megacities.** Homeless children are often targets for exploitation and human trafficking.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- Romans 9:17
- Romans 10:11-13
- Romans 10:14-15
- Romans 15:7-12
- Romans 15:16, 18-21
INDIAN OCEAN

Incredibly beautiful islands like the Maldives have populations that are 100 percent Muslim. They are hard to reach because the Bible is not permitted and Christian witness unwelcome. There are no national churches and perhaps as few as ten Maldivian believers in the world. Ask God to bless witness through social-media. **Ask for many more Christian workers to find ways to minister.**

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**Pray for Christ’s name to be made famous among those who have never heard.**

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**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- ROMANS 16:25-27
- GALATIANS 3:8, 14
- Ephesians 2:11-3:10
- PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11
- COLOSSIANS 1:5-6
In the Philippine islands, religious unrest regularly breaks out and yet Muslims are being won to Christ. In Indonesia, new Christians are taught to immediately share their faith with family and friends. Their witness bears fruit. Thank the Lord as you remember them. Malaysia has tight controls to block Muslims from leaving Islam. Pray for grace to withstand family pressure to abandon faith in Christ.

Pray that God would use the frequent violence across the Muslim world to draw men and women and children to himself.

**SUGGESTED READINGS**

- COLOSSIANS 3:11
- 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4
- 2 TIMOTHY 4:17
- 1 JOHN 2:2
- REVELATION 5:9-10
AUSTRALASIA

Remember refugee women and children. Many of those granted asylum in Australia are from Syria and Iraq. **Pray specifically for God’s Word to be easily accessible in the languages of the refugees** and for Australia’s evangelical churches to assume the joyful responsibility of sensitive cross-cultural witness to some of the world’s most vulnerable unreached.

_Suggested Readings_

- REVELATION 5:13
- REVELATION 7:9-10
- REVELATION 14:6-7
- REVELATION 15:3-4
- REVELATION 21:23-26