

Your Prayers Will Make a Difference Today

The world is a chaotic place.

Wars, political turmoil, disease, spiritual darkness . . . they seem to surround us.

But there's good news.

God is moving around the world, transforming hearts and establishing His kingdom.

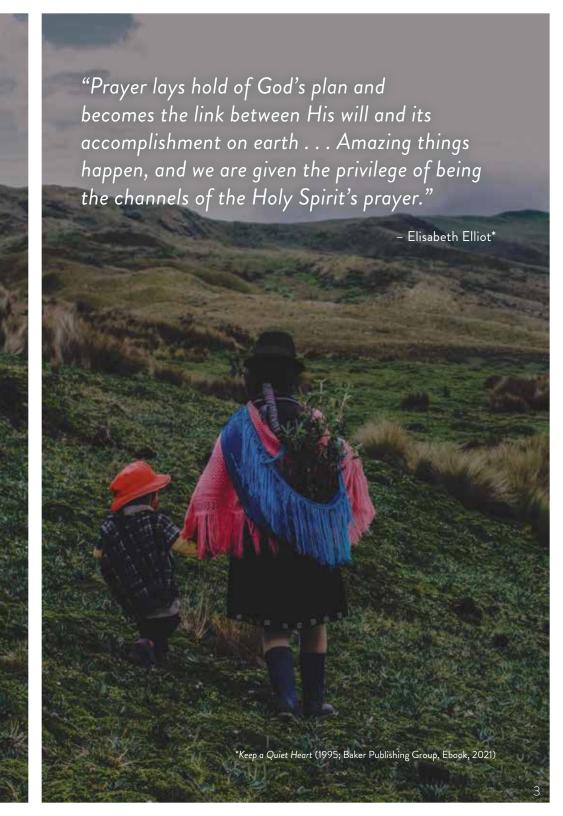
He invites you to participate through prayer.

In this guide, you will find 21 prayer themes and more than 60 specific ways to pray for God's kingdom to advance in the world today.

These prayer prompts are based on current reports and requests from local Christians on the ground in dozens of countries.

Your prayers will help meet needs, spread the Good News of Jesus, and expand God's kingdom around the world.

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Grow the Muslim-background church in the Middle East and North Africa.

In many parts of the Muslim world, Christians are encouraged to convert to Islam, but it is illegal for Muslims to convert to Christianity. Still, Muslims are finding eternal life in Jesus and passionately following Him in spite of great persecution.

Things you should know

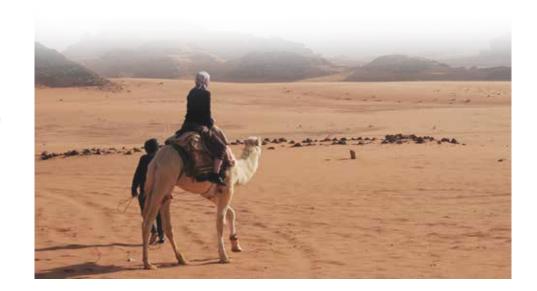
- Islam is the dominant religion across North Africa and the Middle East.
- In many Muslim-majority countries, official ID cards state a person's religion, which cannot be changed from Islam to Christianity.
- Arabic is the primary language across this region, but dozens of people groups also speak other languages and dialects.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for increased cooperation among Muslim-background church leaders across the region. They can be a source of great encouragement, wisdom, and help to each other as they face similar situations and challenges.
- 2. Pray for effective outreach among refugees and displaced persons affected by conflicts in Syria, Iraq, and other parts of this region. Local believers are taking advantage of many opportunities to offer hope and help to people who have lost everything.
- **3.** Pray for protection for new believers from Muslim backgrounds. They often face opposition from their own families, and sometimes they find it difficult to find housing and employment once it becomes known that they follow Jesus.

"We are one family working together through Jesus Christ."

 Kevin Spencer, Muslim-Background Believer and ANM Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa





Reach new mission fields in Southeast Asia.

The countries of Southeast Asia are home to hundreds of unreached people groups. Some of these countries are hostile to the Gospel because of government persecution or religious opposition. But local Christians are spreading the Good News of Jesus and reaching new villages for Christ every day.

Things you should know

- Southeast Asia includes Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and Indonesia.
- The unreached people groups across this region represent millions of people who have little or no access to the Gospel.
- Buddhism is the most common religion in most of these countries, except in Indonesia, where Islam is most common.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for protection for believers in Myanmar, which has been in turmoil because of religious conflict, persecution, and political unrest.
- 2. Pray for the effective training of new church planters in a closed country in this region where more than 90 people groups still lack a strong Gospel witness.
- **3.** Pray for increased coordination among underground pastors and church planters in this region, who often have to work in secret because of government persecution.

"They are working day and night . . ."

- Anju Misra, ANM Regional Director for Southeast Asia





Help create multiplying church movements in the 10/40 Window.

The 10/40 Window refers to the countries between 10° and 40° north latitude, where 97% of the world's unreached people groups are located. Many of these countries are also places of intense persecution of Christians. These countries are the frontiers of evangelization, and they are full of both challenges and opportunities for God's kingdom to expand.

Things you should know

- The 10/40 Window includes about 70 countries and two-thirds of the world's population.
- The majority of the world's poor live in the 10/40 Window.
- Three out of every five people in the 10/40 Window have no access to the Gospel.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for creative and successful methods for Christian ministries to support themselves. In many of these places, it is extremely difficult for pastors and ministries to raise local financial support. Small businesses, such as a farm operated by a ministry, can fill the gap and provide new opportunities for outreach.
- 2. Pray for perseverance in the face of persecution. Many of these countries in the 10/40 Window, such as China, India, and Iran, have the highest levels of persecution.
- **3.** Pray for fruitful and encouraging connections among Christians in these countries, where there may be only a few thousand Christians among tens of millions of people.

"Unfortunately, many Christians are not aware of the needs in this area, and the vast majority of giving to missions still is sent to places that already have established churches. But God is doing amazing things in the 10/40 Window."

- Oliver L. Asher, ANM President





Lift up the poor and outcast in the Philippines.

The aboriginal people of the Philippines, known as the Aeta or Ati, are often marginalized. In fact, they have historically been described as "people without souls." The COVID-19 pandemic aggravated many of the challenges they face. But Filipino Christian ministries are reaching out to these underprivileged people with the love of Jesus.

Things you should know

- Roman Catholicism is widespread in the Philippines, but it is often mixed with traditional religious practices.
- It is common for aboriginal Filipinos to be refused medical care and other services.
- The Philippines has about 2,000 inhabited islands, and Filipinos speak more than 100 languages and dialects.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for educational opportunities for children from poor communities, whose families cannot afford basic school supplies or may not have access to a school.
- 2. Pray for medical missions in areas where people do not often have access to the care they need.
- **3.** Pray for church planting and other outreach efforts, especially in the southern part of the country, which has been wracked by violence for decades.

"Because of COVID, life became much harder for the Aetas. Indeed, we are in hard and challenging times. But in the midst of these hardships and uncertainties, it is an opportune time to go and share the love of Christ to a dying and lost world."

- Wilson Ladringan, Ministry Leader in the Philippines





Sustain the growth of the church in Indonesia.

Indonesia is the fourth largest country in the world by population, and it is home to the world's largest community of Muslims. Across the country's 6,000 inhabited islands, native Indonesian Christians are sharing the Gospel and bringing many people into God's kingdom.

Things you should know

 More than 750 people groups live in Indonesia, and at least 200 of these are unreached by the Gospel.

 In Muslim communities, small businesses can be effective ways for Christians to reach out to Muslims and find opportunities to share the Gospel.

• Local tribal beliefs are often mixed with Islam.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for new church planters and pastors who are in training to be sent out to communities that need a Gospel witness.
- **2.** Pray for coordination and fellowship among Christian ministry workers spread across this vast archipelago.
- **3.** Pray for effective witnessing by believers from Muslim backgrounds and for Indonesian ministries training former Muslims specifically to reach their Muslim neighbors.

"We have heard many stories of Jesus appearing to people in dreams in Indonesia, especially Muslims. In one dream, Jesus was clothed in a robe and said to a young woman, 'I love you and died for you.' Another woman saw Jesus in a dream and testified that He appeared full of warmth and glory. The churches provide welcoming places where these Muslims can learn more about who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him and share the Gospel with their neighbors. Many new believers have been baptized in the past year, even as the pandemic limited ministry activities."

- Anju Misra, ANM Regional Director for Southeast Asia





Expand the Gospel's foothold in Tajikistan.

Tajikistan is a former-Soviet country located between China and Afghanistan. With a population that is more than 99% Muslim, the obstacles to the Gospel seem enormous. But the tiny Tajik Christian community, along with church planters from other Central Asian countries, are making progress. You can help the Gospel reach more people in this challenging mission field.

Things you should know

- Tajikistan is part of Central Asia, along with the other "Stan" countries (Stan comes from the Persian word for "land of").
- An authoritarian government rules Tajikistan.
- Most of the Christians in Tajikistan are affiliated with the Orthodox Church, which often opposes evangelical Christian activities.
- Tajik people are closely related to ethnic groups living in surrounding countries. Many speak similar languages and share customs.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for one native family who are the only Christians in their village. They are sharing the Gospel and hope to start a house church.
- 2. Pray for a small beekeeping business operated by Christian church planters to support their ministry and their family.
- **3.** Pray for strong connections among the few Tajik Christians and fruitful partnerships with ministries in other Central Asian countries.
- 4. Pray for outreach among Afghan refugees near the border. Because of the turmoil in Afghanistan, some Afghans have fled into Tajikstan. Local Christians have joined the relief effort and are working to share help and hope with these desperate refugees.
- **5.** Pray for more ministry workers to reach this country's people. There are only a few thousand Christians, so many Tajiks may never meet a follower of Jesus unless more pastors, church planters, and missionaries come.

"The movement that's taking place in Central Asia is [a] house church movement. The focus and passion is ... leading people to Christ, a commitment to seeing people come into the kingdom . . . And as quickly as possible, multiplication."

- Warren Stewart, ANM Regional Director for Central Asia





Improve access to the Gospel in China.

China continues to be one of the most difficult mission fields in the world. Persecution is intense and growing. But the church is also growing. One challenge to overcome is the limited availability of the Bible and other discipleship resources.

Things you should know

• China is home to more than 400 people groups.

 Most of the growth in the Christian faith in China has come within the majority Han people group.

• The communist government is tightening control and cracking down on Christianity, even government-approved churches.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for the secure distribution of a new illustrated children's Bible storybook.
- 2. Pray for pastors being trained specifically to reach China's minority groups, such as the Muslim Uyghurs.
- **3.** Pray for strong connections among China's Christians, despite intense and growing persecution.

"We gave a Bible storybook to a 7-year-old girl, Ling-Ling, who used to attend our Sunday school alone and irregularly. Two weeks later, for the first time, Ling-Ling's parents came to our worship services and told us that they started reading the book with Ling-Ling every night. Because of that, they became interested in learning more about Jesus. Now, Ling-Ling's parents have become born-again Christians, and they regularly attend our Sunday services. They also have organized a children's Bible storybook reading group in Ling-Ling's kindergarten with other parents they know. What a fruitful harvest."

- Pastor in China





Support the Christian community in Afghanistan.

The small Christian community in Afghanistan is enduring extreme turmoil. Afghanistan is both one of the most difficult places to be a Christian and the home of one of the fastest-growing Christian populations in the world. In this time of chaos, people need the hope of Jesus more than ever. Christians are holding on in faith, believing that their Lord is with them and has a purpose for them in Afghanistan.

Things you should know

- Poverty has risen precipitously since the Taliban takeover in August 2021.
- Afghanistan shares language and cultural characteristics with neighboring Iran.
- Loyalty to family and tribe is very strong in Afghanistan.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for the steady provision of basic necessities for Christians. Recent instability and conflict have made it even more difficult to get food, firewood, and other needed items.
- 2. Pray for protection for small house churches. They need encouragement and hope as they face great uncertainty and opposition.
- 3. Pray for boldness and perseverance for Christian families reaching out to their Muslim neighbors and relatives with the Gospel. Many have been sharing meals and offering practical help when they are able, and this can be a wonderful witness for the Gospel.

"We have established a good relationship with [displaced families] . . . to help and further bless them. This is a good opportunity for long-term kingdom work."

- Ministry Leader in Afghanistan





Share the Gospel with unreached tribes in Colombia.

Thirty years ago, 50 indigenous tribes in Colombia did not have access to the Gospel. Now, fewer than 10 still need to be reached. Colombian Christians are training missionaries to locate and minister among these tribes, who live in the most remote parts of the country. Their situation is a microcosm of world missions today: the final unreached tribes are the most difficult tribes to reach.

Things you should know

- Colombia is home to dozens of small, isolated tribes with their own languages and dialects.
- Roman Catholicism has a long history in Colombia, though many tribes still have some traditional animist beliefs.
- Unrest in nearby Venezuela has impacted Colombia, with more than a million Venezuelans seeking refuge in Colombia at times.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for translation work so tribes have access to scriptures and useful training resources.
- 2. Pray for a local coffee business raising funds to support missionaries and build relationships with coffee-growing tribes.
- **3.** Pray for training programs preparing new tribal believers to return to their tribes as missionaries.
- **4.** Pray for the protection of missionaries from guerillas, hostile tribes, and other threats.

"The Lord continues to open the doors to go to places where the Gospel is not allowed [by the authorities], but we are invited by the tribal leaders and some witch doctors to share."

- Helman Ocampo, Ministry Leader in Colombia





Strengthen the underground church in Iran.

Iran continues to be one of the most persecuted countries and one of the countries where Christianity is growing fastest. Underground house churches are reaching out with the Gospel and giving hope to people in this oppressive place.

Things you should know

- Almost 98% of Iran's population is Muslim.
- After decades of Islamic rule, many Iranian Muslims are disillusioned with Islam.
- Restrictions on Christianity have made many Iranians curious about Jesus.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for Christians to persevere in their faith under persecution.
- 2. Pray for the growth of outreach through online media, including Christian music programs.
- 3. Pray for the success of online training and discipleship programs that house church leaders are using to minister to the large number of new believers.
- 4. Pray for the secure distribution of Persian New Testaments and Bibles.

"To see so many Iranians engaging in evangelism inside the country and many more participating in scripture distribution and discipleship gives us great hope and confidence that the church in Iran will grow much more than what we are already celebrating."

- Church Planter in Iran





Deliver true hope in Russia.

In Russia, the Orthodox Church still has a strong cultural influence, but people have also been shaped by decades of communism and the prevalence of Islam in certain parts of the country. God is moving across this vast land to bring hope to the hopeless.

Things you should know

• Russia is the largest country in the world by area, spanning 11 time zones.

• As many as 90,000 communities in Russia still do not have a church.

 More than 180 ethnic groups live in Russia, and many have little access to the Gospel, despite the long history of Orthodox Christianity in the country.

Ways to pray

- **1.** Pray for multiplication of believers among unreached people groups such as the Tatars.
- 2. Pray for "One Year for Jesus" teams sharing the Gospel in communities where there is no church.
- **3.** Pray for more pastors to complete their training so they can lead the many new churches being started.

"Our teams continue to take the Good News to every community of our huge country. The people God loves are waiting for us ... Every report and testimony of our teams confirm once again that the Good News is the power people need: they're so tired of defeat and destruction. They're ready to embrace the real treasure our Lord Jesus Christ offers — hope for eternal life."

- Edward Grabovenko, Ministry Leader in Russia





Help pastors accomplish more outreach in Ghana.

Pastors in West Africa face a unique combination of Islam and traditional religions as they seek to spread the Good News of Jesus. In Ghana, new training programs and growing collaborative networks are helping Christians reach out more effectively.

Things you should know

- The southern part of the country is predominantly Christian, while the northern region is home to a large Muslim population.
- Religion in Ghana is often mixed with traditional tribal beliefs and practices.
- In many villages, practical aid, such as
 digging a well or providing farm animals, gives
 a ministry favor in the eyes of the chief or village
 leader, who will then welcome church planters' visits and
 interactions with the people.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for the expansion of training programs and seminars for pastors and church planters.
- 2. Pray for effective Gospel witnessing in the Muslim communities of northern Ghana, especially by pastors from Muslim backgrounds.
- **3.** Pray for the success of microbusiness and agriculture programs that help families support themselves financially and open doors for sharing the Gospel.

"I walked the distance they used to have to go to get clean water from a water hole. Now there's a well in the village [because of a local ministry]. It makes such a difference practically, and a difference in their hearts toward the Gospel."

- Lou Mancari, ANM Regional Director for Africa





Accelerate the spread of the Gospel in Nepal.

While Hinduism and Buddhism have deep roots in Nepal, the small minority of Christians are sharing the Gospel, and the Good News is spreading.

Things you should know

- Nepal is home to more than 260 unreached people groups.
- More than 80% of the people are Hindu.
- The national constitution states that Nepal is secular with religious freedom, but there are also legal restrictions on sharing the Gospel.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for the strengthening of a local network of pastors sharing the Gospel throughout the country.
- 2. Pray for wisdom and stability as the country faces pressure from its influential neighbors, China and India.
- **3.** Pray for pastors facing restrictions and opposition as they reach out to their communities.

"Persecution is on rise in this country. Christians have limited resources, and [the] work of the mission is quite challenging. [But despite] the government's restrictions and the ongoing persecution, the church is growing, lives are being saved, and missionaries are making a difference for the kingdom."

- Kishor Pandagade, ANM Regional Director for South Asia





Prepare for the opening of North Korea.

North Korea is one of the darkest, most closed, most mysterious countries in the world. Christianity is relentlessly suppressed, but underground churches continue to meet and multiply. Both within and outside North Korea, believers are preparing for the day when the country will be free and open.

Things you should know

- North Korea has been at the top of the World Persecution Watch List for many years.
- There are as many as 300,000 Christians living in North Korea.
- Through secret border crossings, radio broadcasts, and other means, Christians outside North Korea stay connected with those inside.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for effective and secure coordination among partners outside the country and Christians inside.
- 2. Pray for the abundant provision of Bibles, food, radios, and other needs for believers inside North Korea.
- 3. Pray for perseverance and hope under intense persecution.

"People seek God in North Korea. They want Truth. Persecution spreads the name of Jesus and keeps the underground church alive."

- Christian in North Korea





Develop a stronger missionary network in Europe.

Europe is a continent full of unique challenges and opportunities for the Gospel. Across Europe, native Christians are faithfully telling their neighbors about Jesus. Many have heard of Him, but few have been aware that it is possible to have a personal relationship with Him.

Things you should know

- Even in countries with a long Christian history, such as France, fewer than 2% of people claim a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Europe's open borders and other factors make it relatively easy for European missionaries to travel from one country to another to share the Gospel.
- Secularism and Islam continue to gain influence across Europe.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for collaboration among pastors and church leaders across national borders.
- 2. Pray for small churches, including one in Ireland, that have a vision to send missionaries to other parts of Europe.
- **3.** Pray for local churches that are sharing the Gospel in places where Christianity has deep cultural roots but few genuine followers.

"People often mistakenly think Europe is Christian because it has a long heritage of Christianity. But those religious identities are frequently tied to a nationalistic identity. Some of that is changing, but this is one of the hurdles native European missionaries face. At the same time, secular thinking has taken over many people's minds, especially well-educated people in urban areas. This presents a different challenge to those who share Christ. In addition, there is a rising presence of Muslims in many European countries, primarily through immigration."







Help communities in South Asia recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the countries of South Asia, the COVID-19 pandemic overwhelmed people already struggling in poverty and other challenging circumstances. Even as Christians mobilized to help their neighbors in need, many church leaders were lost to the coronavirus, and many other believers lost their jobs and loved ones.

Things you should know

- India was one of the countries hit hardest by the pandemic.
- Hinduism and Islam are the primary religions in this region.
- India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh are all among the world's 10 largest populations.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for provision for the widows of pastors who passed away during the pandemic.
- **2.** Pray for Christian women in Sri Lanka starting small sewing businesses to support their families.
- **3.** Pray for capable new leaders to fill the places of those lost during the pandemic.

"[Our partners in South Asia] have requested us to pray for speedy recovery and healing, comfort and assurance on those who lost their loved ones, the peace of God during these difficult times, and protection."

- Kishor Pandagade, ANM Regional Director for South Asia





Minister to the needs of the displaced in South America.

The ongoing crisis in Venezuela has sent millions from their homes and plunged many more into uncertainty, hunger, and poverty. The challenges are immense, but the Lord is touching hearts and delivering aid through His people in this region.

Things you should know

- More than 5 million people from Venezuela have sought refuge in other countries, mostly within Latin America.
- Many of the countries where refugees have arrived were already struggling with widespread poverty.
- Most people in this region are Roman Catholic, but relatively few would claim a personal relationship with Jesus.



Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for adequate provision of food and other necessities for displaced people in Venezuela, Ecuador, and other countries.
- 2. Pray for job opportunities for parents who have lost jobs and are unable to provide for their children.
- **3.** Pray for more than 1,000 newly trained church planters who are being sent out after a year of online training

"During one of the most challenging seasons in our lifetime, missionaries on the field have been passionately driven to reach the unreached and minister to the increasing needs around them with the love of Jesus."

- Renee Lilly, ANM Regional Director for Latin America





Shine the light of the Messiah in Israel and Palestine.

In the birthplace of Jesus, most people have little knowledge of Him. Fear and conflict make sharing the Gospel difficult, and there is opposition from many sides. Still, Messianic Jews and Arab Christians are shining the light of Jesus, and the Good News is spreading in amazing ways.

Things you should know

- Fewer than 2% of Israelis follow Jesus.
- There is often suspicion and mistrust between Messianic Jews and Arab Christians.
- Openly sharing the Gospel often draws intense pressure or persecution from some portions of the Jewish population.

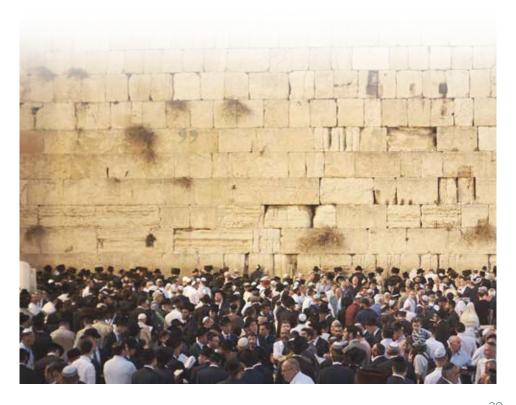


Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for cooperation between Messianic Jewish congregations and Arab Christian congregations.
- 2. Pray for an Israeli ministry that is reaching out to local Jews by leading tours of biblical sites.
- **3.** Pray for the Lord to soften hearts in this region where there is so much history of suspicion and conflict.

"There's a huge task ahead because most of the population has no knowledge of Jesus, or a very negative view of Jesus and Christians."

- Dennis Layman, ANM Administrative Assistant for Israel





Reach the next generation for Christ in Africa.

Africa's population is young and growing fast. But children in many of the continent's 54 countries face huge challenges. Reaching these children with the Gospel and Christ-centered practical help will change the future for them, the continent, and the entire world.

Things you should know

• Half of Africa's population is under 18 years old.

 More than 30 million African children have lost at least one parent.

 Africa's population is growing so fast that it could make up 40% of the global population by 2100.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for a children's ministry in Togo where more than 1,000 students attend school, many at little or no cost because of generous financial support.
- 2. Pray for loving Christian families in African countries who will adopt and care for orphaned children.
- **3.** Pray for educational opportunities for the children of former prostitutes whose lives are being transformed by a ministry in Rwanda.

"I want to praise the Lord for you and thank you for being moved to pray for us. We need God's mighty hands over Togo and the whole of Africa . . . Please pray that [ministry] workers will work in unity to reach the goal of salvation of souls and that the teachers and pastors will live and show Christ Jesus."

- Kodjo Bossou, Ministry Leader in Togo





Spread the hope of Christ in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia has struggled through instability and conflict for years. In the midst of the chaos, and under pressure from the dominant Orthodox Church, evangelical Christians are spreading the Good News of Jesus.

Things you should know

- Hunger continues to be a threat for many people in Ethiopia.
- Leaders in the Orthodox Church often oppose the activities of evangelical churches and ministries.
- Approximately one third of the population is Muslim.

Ways to pray

- 1. Pray for local Christians sharing the hope of Jesus and practical aid in a time of unrest and violence.
- **2.** Pray for boldness and protection for Christians who are opposed and persecuted by Orthodox religious leaders.
- **3.** Pray for Christians starting small businesses (e.g., beekeeping, haircutting) that will support church planting with their proceeds.

"God is close to us more than [ever] in this difficult time. We see his mercy and protection every day. Thank you for your prayers."

- Pastor in Ethiopia





Reach the Muslim majority in Bangladesh.

In the predominately Muslim country of Bangladesh, Christians face poverty and persecution. But God's kingdom is expanding through the efforts of Bangladeshi Christian churches and ministries. Many believers have left Islam and are now sharing the Gospel with their Muslim neighbors.

Things you should know

Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world.

• Almost 90% of the population is Muslim.

 More than 800,000 Muslim Rohingya refugees from Myanmar live in camps in Bangladesh.

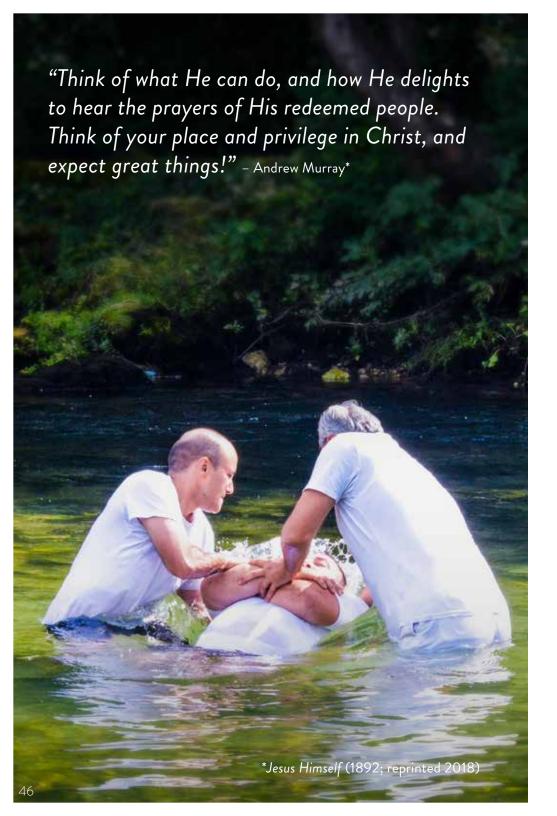


- 1. Pray for a local ministry printing and distributing Christian books, training materials, and other resources.
- 2. Pray for effective outreach among the Muslim Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- **3.** Pray for new Bible school graduates who are starting ministry work among their Muslim neighbors.

"We thank God for the new believers [growing] under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please pray that we may get more workers . . . where the people have not yet heard about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

- Church Leader in Bangladesh





You have hope to share. We're here to help you share it.

Since 1992 ANM has helped Christians get involved in global missions in ways that make sense for them. Because we believe there's a place for everyone in God's global mission, even if you cannot travel to distant countries and remote tribes.

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