CEFC Missions

Shalom for the Nations

A 30-Day Prayer Guide



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Scripture

The English Standard Version (ESV) is the default Bible translation used unless otherwise specified.



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Day 1: Opening

Welcome to this sacred space where we join our hearts together to stand in the gap and pray Shalom for the Nations!

Why shalom? The Hebrew word *shalom*, usually translated as "peace," means far more than simply the absence of conflict; it means wholeness, completeness, fullness, lacking nothing. Picture enough food, safe homes, trusted neighbours, and communion with God. Shalom is life as God designed it.

When we pray shalom for the nations, we are praying for the holistic restoration of four relationships: with God, with others, with the place we live, and within ourselves. Shalom comes when these relationships are made right. Sin broke all four. God is restoring all four.

Over the next 30 days, God is inviting you to hear His heart and discern His leading in prayer across six regions: East Asia, Southeast Asia, Indochina, South Asia, Central Asia, and West Asia.



The Missions team hopes this **30-Day Shalom for the Nations** prayer guide will birth a deeper thirst to reach the nations and spark ongoing prayer momentum as we participate in what God is already doing around us in the world today.

We encourage you to spend about 10 minutes each day. If you can, find a quiet spot to meditate and sit in silence before God, taking a few deep breaths to settle your heart. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you, and journal what the Lord stirs in you.

Day 1: Opening

Each day focuses on one nation in a region where CEFC has ministry partnerships and ongoing missions work, and is framed in three parts:

- **See:** Short introduction to the country, people, culture, and geography, with maps and photos.
- **Pray:** Scripture, thanksgiving, prayer pointers and a closing prayer. Pause to pray.
- **Do:** Our response to God: one small step where you are.

Before we begin, take some time to meditate on Matt 9:36–38. Read it slowly, twice. Notice what Jesus sees, what He feels, and what He asks His disciples to do. Sit with a word or phrase that stands out to you. When you are ready, pray the prayer below.

Scriptural Focus:

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:36–38

Prayer to Prepare Our Hearts:

Lord Jesus, help me to see the nations as You do while I pray through these pages over the next 30 days. Stir my heart with compassion for the lost, as You were stirred when You saw the crowds. Convict me of Your invitation to love, serve, give, and go to the nations. Amen.

Day 2: Japan

Many in Japan have yet to hear the gospel. According to Joshua Project, the Japanese are the world's second-largest unreached people group.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Prolonged social withdrawal, known as *hikikomori*, remains a serious concern in Japan. It can leave people disconnected from school, work and community for years. Those affected and their families need patient care, practical support and renewed hope.

Across Japan, churches have small congregations who persevere in faith, some without pastors to shepherd them. Through LoveJapan, CEFC serves as the anchor church for Hokkaido, one of seven regions in its nationwide vision.



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Scriptural Focus:

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."
Zephaniah 3:17

Give Thanks:

Thank God for bringing Singapore churches and Japanese leaders together through LoveJapan, with a shared vision for 100 healthy, multiplying churches. Thank Him for opening doors for CEFC to serve alongside churches in Sapporo and Niseko.

Day 2: Japan

Prayer Pointers:

Hope in Isolation
For those experiencing hikikomori: patient care and practical support, sustained strength for their families, and trust-building relationships.

Care for Churches
For Japanese churches without pastors to receive faithful care, and for God to raise up local leaders who will nurture believers across generations.

Serving Together in Hokkaido
For missionaries and local churches to serve together with trust and humility, discipling families and raising disciples who make disciples and churches that plant churches.

Sent from CEFC
For Julia and for Dr Victor & Edna through their move to Hokkaido: help with language learning and daily life, encouraging local friendships, and care for their families at home.

Closing Prayer:

Father, hold the people of Japan in Your loving care. Draw near to those living in isolation and sustain the families caring for them. Encourage Your Church and raise up faithful shepherds. Guide us, so that through our shared lives and service, many will encounter the transforming love of Jesus. May local churches flourish and Jesus be glorified across Hokkaido. Amen.

Response:

Who around you might need a listening ear? Make time for them this week.

Day 3: China

With a rich heritage, China is home to communities shaped by both longstanding traditions and modern aspirations across cities and rural communities.



Image: OperationWorld.org

For many families in China, the pursuit of a better future comes with long working hours, demanding schooling and limited time together. Children board at school during the week or are cared for by grandparents while parents work.

Churches continue to teach God's Word faithfully in a changing environment. There is a growing need for believers to nurture the next generation, strengthen families and bear witness to Christ in everyday life.



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Scriptural Focus:

"...he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it."
Numbers 14:24

Give Thanks:

Thank God for local schools that have welcomed the children of a CEFC family, opening doors to friendships and a deeper understanding of the community.

Day 3: China

Prayer Pointers:

Nurture the Next Generation
For young believers to trust God wholeheartedly and find their worth in His love rather than worldly success. May God raise up faithful leaders to guide and disciple them.

Strengthening Families
For parents facing time and financial pressures to have stable livelihoods and unhurried time with their children, and for the young to receive loving guidance and mentorship.

Restoration after Floods
For families affected by typhoons and floods to receive shelter, essential supplies and support to rebuild their homes and livelihoods. May God comfort those grieving.

CEFC Family in the Region
For a CEFC family in the region: children settling into local schools, wisdom in a new culture, and health needs within the family.

Closing Prayer:

Father, give Your people in China a different spirit to trust and follow You wholeheartedly. Strengthen families amid life's pressures, and surround the younger generation with love and godly guidance. Restore communities affected by disasters, and sustain Your Church in faithful witness. May Your peace and blessing rest upon the nation. Amen.

Response:

Who around you is carrying the pressures of work, studies or family responsibilities? Send them a word of encouragement.

Day 4: Taiwan

An island of 23 million people, Taiwan is known for its night markets and temple festivals, and for making most of the world's advanced computer chips.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Family duty runs deep in Taiwan. Many homes keep an ancestral shrine, and tending it is how families show honour and respect. To follow Christ can look like abandoning your family. Evangelicals are 3.3% of the population.

More than 40% of households now consist of one person living alone, many of them elderly. Younger adults are squeezed between housing costs and ageing parents, and distress among the young has risen for a decade.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations… And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:19–20

Give Thanks:

Thank God for the Church that is growing in Taiwan, especially students who are coming to faith. Thank God for Taiwan's freedom of religion—nothing in Taiwan's law stands between a person and the gospel.

Day 4: Taiwan

Prayer Pointers:

Honour and Faith
For Taiwanese who want to follow Jesus but fear losing their family, that their parents would see their love has not changed, and these believers would persevere in faith.

Alone at Home
For the many who live alone, especially elderly people whose children have moved away, to know dignity, companionship and care through a church nearby.

Care across Generations
For younger adults paying high rents while caring for ageing parents, to find steady work, support with caregiving, and sufficient rest.

Sent from CEFC
For Alex & Joyce through the move to Taiwan, to learn the land and its people well, and to find friendships that become safe spaces.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for the freedom to share Your love with the people of Taiwan. Give courage to those counting the cost of following Jesus. Strengthen households under pressure, and surround the elderly with dignity and care. May Your Church grow in faith and love, making disciples who will make disciples. Amen.

Response:

Who in your community may be exploring questions of faith? Pray for an opening to share your story with them.

Day 5: Mongolia

Mongolia is home to nomadic communities and a growing Church. According to Joshua Project, 17 of its 25 people groups remain unreached.



Image: OperationWorld.org

While Mongolia's Intentional Disciplemaking Church (IDMC) movement continues to grow, church leaders still need greater unity and believers deeper discipleship. Concerns over misleading teachings make grounding in God's Word vital.

Nomadic families face winters of -45°C, threatening livestock and livelihoods, and disrupting children's schooling. Remote communities have limited access to Christian fellowship and discipleship.



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Scriptural Focus:

"I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."
Isaiah 41:18

Give Thanks:

Thank God for Mongolia's growing IDMC movement. Thank Him for the opportunity for the Steady Readers Missions (SRM) programme to equip local teachers in phonics, supporting English literacy in their communities.

Day 5: Mongolia

Prayer Pointers:

Rooted in God's Truth & Unity
For believers to grow in discipleship and discernment against false teachings as cult groups spread, and for Church leaders to stand united in God's truth.

Clean Air & Restored Land
For Ulaanbaatar, among the world's most polluted cities in winter, as many cannot afford clean fuel. Pray for clean air, and for tree-planting to restore the land.

Nomads and Kazakhs
For more workers to reach and disciple the estimated one-third of Mongolians living nomadically, including the Kazakh people in western Mongolia.

Steady Readers Missions
For more volunteers to join SRM to equip local teachers in phonics, and for strengthened partnerships and open doors for lasting community impact.

Closing Prayer:

Father, unite Your Church in Mongolia in love and shared purpose. Root believers deeply in Your Word and truth. Send faithful workers to reach nomadic and other tribal communities. May Your people be of one mind. Amen.

Response:

Who helped root you in God's Word? Thank God for them, and consider sending them a short note of thanks.

Day 6: DPRK

The people of the DPRK may seem distant from our everyday lives, but they are known and loved by God. Let us remember them in prayer.



Image: OperationWorld.org

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), commonly known as North Korea, occupies the northern Korean Peninsula. Access to information and religious practice is tightly controlled.

Food insecurity and economic hardship strain families, while young people face pressure to conform alongside growing exposure to outside culture. Resources are unevenly shared between cities and the countryside.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Give Thanks:

Thank God for believers who persevere in faith amid hardship, and for Christians committed to serving the North Korean people. Give thanks for relationships through which practical care, encouragement and the hope of Christ can be shared.

Day 6: DPRK

Prayer Pointers:

Leaders, Peace & Justice
For those who govern to rule with justice and mercy, for families to live in safety and dignity, and for peace across the peninsula.

Provision for Struggling Families
For adequate nutrition, healthcare and meaningful work, and for humanitarian assistance to reach those most affected and in need.

The Next Generation
For young North Koreans to be protected from exploitation, supported by their families, and given the chance to learn and to hope in Christ.

Believers and Friendships
For believers to be protected and strengthened, and for friendships through which care and the hope of Christ can be shared.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You know and love the people of the DPRK. Teach us to remember them as though we were beside them. Provide for struggling families and protect children. Give those who govern hearts for justice and peace. Guide those serving with wisdom and love, so that many may know the hope of Jesus. Amen.

Response:

Who in your circle might be quietly searching for hope? Pray for them by name.

Day 7: With God

Shalom with God means living in His presence without fear or hiding: forgiven, loved, and trusting Him with all of life.



At the end of each region, we pause to pray through one of shalom's four relationships. We begin with God, the relationship every other rests on. We were made for communion: to know God and be known by Him. We rebelled, and when He came walking in the garden, we hid (Gen 3:8–10). People still hide: behind busyness, success or other gods.

God came looking: "Where are you?" In Christ, God reconciles us to Himself. Jesus opens the way to the Father and welcomes us as His own. One day He will dwell with His people (Rev 21:3). Until then, He sends us with the message of reconciliation, because people cannot call on one they have never heard of.

Scriptural Focus:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 5:1

Give Thanks:

Thank God that when we hid, He came looking. Thank Him that in Christ we are forgiven and welcomed home, and that across East Asia He is still drawing people to Himself.

Day 7: With God

Prayer Pointers:

Japan: Near Yet Far
For Japanese who marry in chapels and celebrate Christmas, yet have never met Jesus: that God would make Himself known to them.

Taiwan: Prayers
For Taiwanese who seek protection and good fortune: that they would find the Father who already cares for them.

Mongolia: Lord of All
For Mongolians who hear of Jesus and add Him to the gods and spirits they already honour: to know Him as the one true God.

Our Own Hiding
For those of us who pray less after we fail, and hide from God like Adam: to come back, knowing we are forgiven.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You made us to know You and be known by You. For those across East Asia who have never heard Your name, or who keep You at a distance, come looking as You came for Adam. Draw us back too when we drift. Make us bold to tell of the shalom You made through Jesus Your Son. Amen.

Response:

Think of a friend who has drifted from God after a hard season. Message them today, simply to say you are thinking of them.

Day 8: Indonesia

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelagic nation, the fourth most populous country, and home to over 600 ethnic groups.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Indonesia faces economic uncertainty from conflicts overseas and policy changes at home. Jobs are being lost and the cost of living is rising. There is also a recurring environmental crisis caused by wildfires.

Through the IDMC movement, CEFC has partnered with 14 local churches, helping them become disciplemaking churches. The PAL family and EWL serve in different parts of the region, strengthening collaboration and local outreach.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD... that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'"
Micah 4:2

Give Thanks:

Thank God for greater collaboration between mission organisations and local churches in reaching out to the millions in Indonesia.

Day 8: Indonesia

Prayer Pointers:

Break Down Walls
For receptivity to the gospel. Many are not open to the gospel due to their strong cultural identity and past wounds of colonialism.

Healthy Family
For marriages under strain where husbands and wives must work and live in different places because of economic need.

Livelihood
For wisdom for the government to handle the economic situation, for job creation and families to have their basic needs met.

Sent from CEFC
For God's protection over the PAL family and EWL. May God give the PAL family wisdom and grace as they prepare in the next season to return to their home country.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You that You desire none to perish but all to have eternal life. Send forth Your word and call all whom You have made to know Your law and walk in Your ways. Let Your church be Your herald, actively and intentionally reaching out to the unreached. Grant the people and the government of Indonesia the wisdom to steward the earth and the resources You have blessed them with. Amen.

Response:

Think of someone around you facing financial hardship. Pray for them by name.

Day 9: Malaysia

Malaysia is home to over 34 million people, a multi-ethnic society of Malays, indigenous groups, and Chinese and Indian communities.



Image: OperationWorld.org

The national flag, the Jalur Gemilang ("Stripes of Glory"), represents the unity of Malaysia's multiracial society and the shared purpose of its 13 states and federal territories. Malaysia hosts over 215,000 refugees and asylum seekers, most from Myanmar. Many live without secure legal status, steady work or schooling for their children.

For over 10 years, CEFC has partnered with a local church in discipleship through IDMC and Breakthrough Weekends.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name."
Isaiah 49:1

Give Thanks:

Thank God for the faithfulness of our partner church's leaders and their desire for greater collaboration. Thank God for an open door: a local church was given land by a pre-believer to build an orphanage.

Day 9: Malaysia

Prayer Pointers:

Knowing God
For those who are far off to know the Almighty who calls them. Pray for courage and wisdom for believers to share God's love.

No Legal Standing
For refugees and stateless families to be allowed to work, and for their children to have access to education.

Good Neighbours
For Malaysians of every race and faith to live as good neighbours, and for Christians to be known for their love and integrity.

CEFC Partners
For CEFC and our partner church to work together in humility and love, keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, You are sovereign over Malaysia. Let the people hear You calling them each one by name. Bless Malaysia with the fear of God. Bless the government of Malaysia with Your wisdom and compassion that they may govern, rule and steward the country, its people and resources wisely, righteously, courageously and with integrity. Amen.

Response:

Think of someone you see often but whose name you do not know. Find an opportunity to learn their name.

Day 10: Philippines

The Philippines is one of two Christian-majority nations in Southeast Asia, alongside Timor-Leste, and home to over 110 million people across more than 7,000 islands.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Faith runs deep in Filipino life, yet older beliefs in spirits and charms still shape how many seek healing and protection. Nearly one in six Filipinos lives below the poverty line, and typhoons and eruptions often undo years of rebuilding.

An estimated 6.9 million people, among them the Moro, seafaring and tribal communities, remain unreached. Our partners' vision is a church in every barangay, and God has opened doors for them in the marketplace and local government. CEFC walks with them in disciplemaking.



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Scriptural Focus:

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14

Give Thanks:

Thank God for a new church plant, and for the faithful and passionate service of His servants in local outreach.

Day 10: Philippines

Prayer Pointers:

Disaster Recovery
For families recovering from typhoons and volcanic eruptions: God's help and provision to rebuild their homes and daily lives.

Hope for the Poor
For families in poverty not to lose hope, and for righteous leaders and people to serve the poor and narrow the gap between rich and poor.

No Other Allegiance
For Christians to trust Christ alone and turn from reliance on charms and spirits, and for God's power to move in local outreaches.

CEFC Partners
For the Lord to keep refreshing the vision for discipleship and disciplemaking, especially in reaching the next generation.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You are close to the afflicted and the broken. Would You speak Your hope to the poor and the displaced, and build their lives and faith in You? Would You reach the unreached? Unite Your church in prayer and repentance to seek Your face, and make us agents of righteousness, kindness and justice, speaking comfort to the lost and the least. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in the Philippines. Amen.

Response:

Think of a Filipino friend, colleague or helper carrying a heavy load for family back home. Send them a message of hope.

Day 11: Timor-Leste

Timor-Leste is one of the world's youngest nations, independent since 2002. In 2025, it became ASEAN's eleventh member. Like Nazareth, it is small and easily overlooked.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Timor-Leste is statistically a Catholic nation, with faith deeply woven into its national and cultural identity. Christian faith is often inherited as cultural identity rather than lived as a personal relationship with Jesus, and traditional animist practice continues alongside it.

Few pathways into education and work leave many young people without prospects. Domestic violence is widespread, leaving women and children particularly vulnerable.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" ... "Come and see."
John 1:46

Give Thanks:

Thank God for using a small rural church's step of faith as a seed for transformation and multiplication. He provided for a preschool, and the community built it together. Other villages are inspired, and churches are catching the vision to disciple their communities.

Day 11: Timor-Leste

Prayer Pointers:

Strengthen the Church
For Timorese Christians to grow in deep biblical discipleship and discernment, and for churches to become God's heart in their communities.

Hope & Opportunities
For education, job creation and pathways that allow young Timorese to build meaningful futures within their own country.

Strong Families
For families where women, men and children are safe and valued. For healing where there is violence, and for churches and communities to offer support, protection and hope.

Sent from CEFC
For Ps Sarah and Kezia to remain rooted in God, with wisdom as the ministry grows, and for God's protection over their families in their home country.

Closing Prayer:

God Almighty, would You call Timor-Leste to rise and shine Your light to the nations—not despite its smallness, but through it. Let there be pathways of education and employment for Timorese, and awaken their hope. Work in the hearts of fathers to be protectors, providers and builders of their households. Thank You for Your transformative power at work in Timor-Leste. Amen.

Response:

Think of a young person in your life who is unsure about their future. Send them a message this week to tell them what you see God doing in them.

Day 12: Singapore

Singapore is home to over 6 million people. Nearly one in three people in Singapore is a non-resident, here to work, study or accompany family.



Image: OperationWorld.org

CEFC's migrant worker fellowships began in the mid-2000s. The vision of the ministry is for each person to find a home in Singapore: a community where they belong, a place to grow, be discipled and become disciplemakers for their own community. EWL is one such example. She was discipled in one of our fellowships and now serves as a missionary. We continue to see God's work in CEFC's five fellowships (Indonesian, Filipino, Tamil, China and Bangladeshi) and in outreach efforts to international students and migrant workers.



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Scriptural Focus:

"And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD." ***Ezekiel 37:14***

Give Thanks:

Thank God for a construction worker from China who is now discipling his peers, a domestic worker who has answered God's call to serve as a missionary, and the Tamil fellowship that has planted a new group across the Causeway. God is on the move!

Day 12: Singapore

Prayer Pointers:

Growing Faith
For new believers to be discipled and grounded in the Word, and that they may experience God's power and love through answered prayers.

Far from Home
For migrant workers living far from loved ones: God's comfort and strength, and wisdom under the pressure of supporting families back home.

Volunteers
For mature and dedicated volunteers to meet the ministries' growing needs, especially disciplemakers.

Labourers
For Ps Ernest, Ps Indra and the lay leaders who oversee the ministries, that God would refresh them and give them wisdom as the ministries grow.

Closing Prayer:

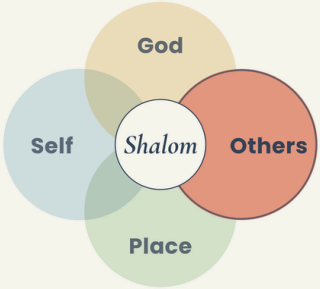
Lord Jesus, thank You for bringing nations to our doorstep. Make Singapore an Antioch in Asia. May Singaporeans treat migrant workers with respect and kindness, and employers treat them fairly. Raise up Your children to disciple them. Help our brothers and sisters grow in faith and handle pressing needs by Your Word and Your Spirit. Amen.

Response:

Think of the migrant workers you pass each day. Connect with Home Missions to disciple one of them.

Day 13: With Others

Shalom with others means relationships of trust and belonging: marriages that last, friends who stay through hard seasons, and a community that makes room for outsiders.



We were made for one another. When we turned from God, we turned on each other. The man blamed the woman, and Cain killed his brother. From there, violence spread and relationships broke down across the earth. That spiral is why we still live divided by race, class and nation, hostile where we should help, forgetting those at the margins.

In Christ, God makes one new people out of enemies. Jesus ate with those others kept away. The church is meant to be a foretaste of that reconciled people, and one day every nation will worship together (Rev 7:9). Until then, shalom grows when we cross toward someone: the new colleague, the neighbour, the worker at the site.

Scriptural Focus:

"For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility."
Ephesians 2:14

Give Thanks:

Thank God that in Christ He makes one family out of people once divided. Thank Him for churches in this region where migrant workers and strangers have found a family.

Day 13: With Others

Prayer Pointers:

Indonesia: Couples Apart
For Indonesian couples living apart for work, and the families waiting at home: to stay close across the distance, surrounded by a caring church.

Malaysia: Refugees Waiting
For the 215,000 refugees in Malaysia living far from home and often on the margins: for neighbours and churches who welcome them.

Singapore: One Church Family
For CEFC's migrant fellowships and the wider church to know one another as one family: sharing meals, stories and service.

Our Broken Relationships
For those of us carrying a grudge or a broken relationship: for grace to take the first step toward healing and, where possible, reconciliation.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You ate with those others kept away, and on the cross You made enemies into one family. Heal what divides families, peoples and nations across Southeast Asia. Remember those at the margins whom others forget. Make Your church a household where strangers belong, and give us courage to cross toward one person. Amen.

Response:

Think of a relationship that has gone cold or sour. Take one small step toward healing today: a message, a call or a prayer.

Day 14: Thailand

Thailand, meaning "Land of the Free," is known for a culture that values a relaxed pace, flexibility and social harmony.



Image: OperationWorld.org

As it lies in the heart of Southeast Asia, Thailand is a major refuge and destination for workers and displaced persons fleeing hardship in neighbouring countries.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."
Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Give Thanks:

Thank God for leaders of all denominations uniting behind the national 'Love Thailand 1-1-1' vision: 1 million believers, 10,000 pastors and 10,000 churches in Thailand by 2028. This collaboration is unprecedented and still growing.

Day 14: Thailand

Prayer Pointers:

The Displaced
For those displaced by floods and border conflicts to receive aid to rebuild their lives. Pray they experience God's comfort and find true peace and hope in Him.

A Pure & Sincere Faith
For believers who once sought peace through merit-making to joyfully rest in Jesus as their complete peace and reconciliation with God.

Missions at the Doorstep
For churches to see the influx of immigrants as great opportunities where God's love and compassion can be shown.

Sent from CEFC
For Ps Glen and his family to depend on God for strength and provision, and for their sons to find authentic friendships and a church community that is conducive to growth.

Closing Prayer:

El Elyon, God Most High, we pray You would reveal Your glory and supremacy in Thailand. Open hearts and minds to Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Empower Your Church to minister with compassion and courage, drawing the lost, weary and burdened out of darkness into Your marvellous light. May Your kingdom come throughout Thailand. Amen.

Response:

Think of one migrant worker you frequently encounter. Pray for them by name or bless them with a simple drink.

Day 15: Myanmar

Previously known as Burma, Myanmar is one of Southeast Asia's most ethnically and linguistically diverse countries.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Since independence, Myanmar has faced long periods of political unrest, armed conflict and natural disasters. Millions remain displaced and trapped in poverty, leaving many youths facing deep uncertainty about their education and their future livelihood.

Christianity has been present since the 16th century—primarily among ethnic minority tribes where believers often face intense persecution.



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Scriptural Focus:

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28

Give Thanks:

Thank God that more people, including the poor and suffering, are turning to Jesus, and for local churches that remain faithful through difficult times.

Day 15: Myanmar

Prayer Pointers:

Peace and Justice in the Nation
For the God of peace to transform hearts and raise a generation of peacemakers who will lead the nation with righteousness and wisdom.

Hope for the Next Generation
For God to strengthen young people with faith and courage, and open pathways for their education and future.

Believers Among Minority Tribes
For resilience, joy and God's protection as they faithfully share the gospel and disciple others across remote areas.

CEFC Partners
For our partners' good health, safety, strength and wisdom, and for God's guidance as they remain faithful and fruitful in serving Him.

Closing Prayer:

Lord of Hosts, we declare Your sovereignty over Myanmar. Have mercy on the land and pour forth Your righteousness, healing and peace across every sphere of society. Grant Your Church endurance, wisdom and protection as they make You known. Grant them divine strength to overcome evil with love and to hold fast to Christ and Your unshakeable Kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Response:

Think of a young person who feels lost and uncertain in life. Pray for them by name.

Day 16: Vietnam

Traced to the founding vision of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam is one of the few remaining socialist states and has evolved to be one of Asia's fastest growing economies today.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Currently, the government is undertaking major national reforms toward a high-income economy by 2045, but behind this rapid development are families under pressure and many experiencing loneliness and anxiety.

Shaped by centuries of Chinese influence, Vietnamese culture places deep emphasis on ancestral veneration and family honour. While the Constitution guarantees freedom of religious belief and practice, religious activities are closely regulated. Most evangelical Protestants today are first-generation believers.



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Scriptural Focus:

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
Ephesians 2:13

Give Thanks:

For the Church's perseverance amid restrictions, growing openness to the gospel among young people and families, and new opportunities to reach vulnerable and remote communities.

Day 16: Vietnam

Prayer Pointers:

A Rapidly Changing Vietnam
For the Church to approach ongoing national reforms with wisdom and love, seizing every opportunity to share the unchanging gospel with a changing generation.

Authentic Discipleship
For believers to live such authentic, Christ-centred lives that their families and neighbours will see, hear and encounter the gospel through them.

Communities of Restoration
For the Church to be a refuge of truth, healing, and hope for families and young people facing pressure, loneliness, anxiety, and empty pursuits.

CEFC Partners
For God's empowerment over leaders, the multiplication of disciplemakers and long-term sustainability of local ministries (e.g. education, outreach to provinces).

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we pray for Vietnam's leaders to lead with righteousness and justice. We pray You would awaken hearts to the truth of Jesus Christ—His triumph over shame, His steadfast love and reconciliation found in Him. Send Your gospel even to remote places, and raise up generations that wholeheartedly know, love and follow You. May they shine in their land and beyond for Your glory. Amen.

Response:

Think of someone you know who is in the Christian minority within their family. Pray for them by name.

Day 17: Cambodia

Home to the ancient Khmer civilisation that once dominated Southeast Asia, Cambodia's national identity is deeply shaped by both the grandeur and trauma of its recent history.



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During the Khmer Rouge (1970s), an estimated 25% of the population perished and 90% of Christians died or fled. Though there is greater safety and peace now, this history is still a living memory and many struggle to rebuild their lives.

Today, Cambodia has a very young population and its constitution guarantees freedom of religion. While most live in rural areas and floating villages, secondary cities are growing.



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Scriptural Focus:

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."
Habakkuk 2:14

Give Thanks:

For the perseverance and growth of local churches and ministries, especially through outreach to children, families and vulnerable communities.

Day 17: Cambodia

Prayer Pointers:

The Vulnerable
For the protection, healing and restoration of children and vulnerable people affected by human trafficking, exploitation and separation from their families.

Rebuilding Lives
For families to receive sustainable aid to rebuild their lives toward a more secure and hopeful future, and to also come to know the true riches in Christ.

Spiritual Shepherds
For God to raise up more faithful leaders in the church to nurture and disciple new believers toward spiritual maturity, healing and wholeness.

CEFC Partners
For God's wisdom, strength, and provision as they serve vulnerable communities and share the gospel—and for more labourers to join them.

Closing Prayer:

El Roi, You are the God who sees—we declare Your shalom over Cambodia. Bring Your gospel to the poor; send Your Spirit and Your saints to bind up the broken-hearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives. Comfort all who mourn. Give them the oil of joy instead of mourning and the garment of praise instead of despair. May they rise as oaks of righteousness, rebuilding and repairing what was ruined, so that Your name alone may be glorified. Amen.

Response:

Think of a spiritual leader who has invested in your life. Encourage them, or pray for them by name.

Day 18: Nepal

Famous for the Himalayas, Nepal is a landlocked rural country that is diverse ethnically, religiously, and ecologically.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Its population is relatively young, with a median age of 25–29. Youth-led protests in September 2025 brought major political change, and many Nepalis long for honest leadership. High unemployment and low wages drive much of its young workforce to work abroad—hollowing out rural villages, weakening family structures, and impacting churches.

Ninety-four percent of Nepal's 194 people groups remain unreached, yet churches are still growing.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!"
Psalm 31:19

Give Thanks:

For the new believers and local leaders God is raising up for an indigenous disciplemaking movement.

Day 18: Nepal

Prayer Pointers:

Righteous Government
For God to raise up righteous leaders who would lead with integrity against corruption, exploitation and inequality.

A Steadfast Church
For Nepali believers to cultivate a deep authentic walk with God, stand united and find courage and hope in Him amid difficulties.

God's Mercy in Disasters
For God's mercy and redemptive purposes over flooding and landslides that claim lives every year, and comfort for those grieving.

Sent from CEFC
For C & S and family, and for CO: good physical, spiritual and emotional health, and dependence on God in every situation.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, we declare that You are King over all creation, and that Your purposes for Nepal are unstoppable. We pray You would be a rock of refuge and shield around Your people. Blessed are those who take refuge in You! We declare Your peace, hope and love over each individual, family, village and district. Make Your face shine upon them, and wondrously save them in Your steadfast love. Amen.

Response:

Think of one person you know who has lost hope in their situation. Pray for them by name.

Day 19: With Place

Shalom with place means a world ordered as God intended: creation cared for, life-giving work, and systems that protect the weak instead of exploiting them.



We were made to work the garden and keep it: stewards of creation and makers of culture. Place is the land, and the structures we build on it: economies, laws and cultures. When we turned from God, work became toil and creation groaned. Sin settles into systems that favour the powerful and crush the weak.

God's law guarded against such injustice with the Sabbath and Jubilee, and the prophets called for justice to "roll down like waters" (Amos 5:24). In Christ, God is reconciling all things to Himself, and one day creation will be set free. Until then, we seek the good of the place we are sent to, and pray for it.

Scriptural Focus:

"But seek the welfare [shalom] of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."
Jeremiah 29:7

Give Thanks:

Thank God that He cares for the land, our work and the laws we live under. Thank Him for believers across Indochina serving their communities through schools, care for the vulnerable and honest work.

Day 19: With Place

Prayer Pointers:

Thailand: Land and Water
For Thai communities flooded year after year: for recovery, and for wise care of land and rivers that protects the poorest.

Cambodia: Just Laws
For Cambodia's fight against human trafficking: for laws that are enforced fairly, and safe, honest work for young people.

Nepal: Emptied Villages
For Nepal's villages emptied as young people leave to work abroad: for work at home that pays enough for families to stay together.

Our Driven Culture
For us in Singapore, shaped by a culture where success and work define us: to receive God's gift of rest, and put people before performance.

Closing Prayer:

Creator God, the earth is Yours and everything in it. Where land is harmed, work cannot feed a family, and the weak are exploited, bring Your shalom. Give leaders across Indochina wisdom and courage to govern justly. Teach us to seek the good of every place You send us, and to pray for it. Amen.

Response:

Think of someone whose work keeps your day running: a cleaner, a driver, a helper. Thank them today, by name if you can.

Day 20: India

Also known as "Bharat", India is the world's most populous country, with many diverse cultures, languages and peoples.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Every year millions leave their villages to work in the cities or the Gulf, and many families live apart for years.

By tradition, the apostle Thomas brought the gospel to India, and Christians today make up about 2% of the population. They face growing pressure, both from their communities and through tighter laws on conversion and foreign funding. For many new believers, following Jesus brings pressure from their own families.



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Scriptural Focus:

"...Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations."
Ezekiel 14:6

Give Thanks:

Thank God for sustaining the vision He gave our country representative, R, to reach young parents and families. Thank Him for providing everything needed for this ministry to begin.

Day 20: India

Prayer Pointers:

Legislative Environment
For wisdom, discernment, and courage for Christians as they faithfully live out their faith within an increasingly regulated environment.

New Believers
For new Christians as they follow Jesus in complex family and cultural contexts. Ask God to provide safe and supportive relationships.

Families
For families with a member who has left home to work and provide for them, to see their marriages and family bonds repaired and strengthened.

Country Representative
For R and his family as they return to India: for God's guidance in the transition, and for God to be the head of their home.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we know there are many competing voices in the world, and spiritual forces at work in the structures and cultures of every land. We pray for Your light to break through the darkness in India, especially in families. Protect each family, Lord, especially in the Church! Help the Church to listen and follow Your voice. Amen.

Response:

Reflect on how to carry out one BLESS step with someone from a different generation.

Day 21: Pakistan

Pakistan is the world's fifth most populous country, home to over 240 million people, from the peaks of the Karakoram to the Arabian Sea.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Pakistan could be known for many things—its beautiful mountain ranges, breathtaking lakes and valleys, or even the unique spiced teas locals enjoy. It has also known many years of turmoil.

Christians, fewer than 1 in 50, often do the hardest, lowest-paid work, from street cleaning to brick kilns. Accusations of blasphemy are often used to intimidate them and other religious minorities, who have little protection when mobs gather. For a seeker, following Jesus can cost family and honour.



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Scriptural Focus:

"For God, ... made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."
2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

Give Thanks:

We thank God for opening doors to encourage and equip local church planters, and for His faithfulness in sustaining His Church despite many challenges.

Day 21: Pakistan

Prayer Pointers:

Continuing Pressure
For peace and protection for the Church, and for believers who cannot yet share their faith openly, under the pressure of blasphemy accusations and mob violence.

Challenge of Conversion
For God to prepare hearts and reveal Christ in ways they can understand, and for the barriers of culture and custom that lead to fear to fall away.

Presence of Safe Spaces
For seekers to have safe relationships and healthy Christian communities to explore the Christian faith.

Country Representative
For K to experience God's renewal in His presence, for wisdom to know what he should do, and what he needs to leave in God's hands.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we don't just want more churches in Pakistan, but a deeply rooted, indigenous, disciplemaking Church that can boldly reach the lost with the love of Christ. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering there: may Your comfort and presence be with them and their families. Help us to have compassion and not grow cold toward the hurting body of Christ in this land. Amen.

Response:

Think of Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Reflect on one way to keep praying for them after this month.

Day 22: Bangladesh

Bangladesh, on the Bay of Bengal, is one of the world's most densely populated countries. Many Bangladeshi men work in Singapore, building our homes, roads and railways.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Bangladesh is known for its rivers and waterways, colourful festivals and flavourful cuisine. It sits on the world's largest river delta, where floods come every year and many rural families live without clean water, healthcare or steady work.

Of about 175 million people, Christians, many from tribal communities, are fewer than one in a hundred. Since the political upheaval of 2024, Christians and other minorities have faced greater uncertainty.



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Scriptural Focus:

"But at your word I will let down the nets."
Luke 5:5

Give Thanks:

For God continually opening doors into the villages being reached. Through tentmakers who live and work among them, seekers are coming to ask about the faith and seek the truth. God has also provided a man of peace who has shown favour to the ministry.

Day 22: Bangladesh

Prayer Pointers:

Livelihood of Villagers
For provision for village families facing yearly floods, poor soil and unsafe water (arsenic in well water and river pollution).

The Rural Population
For the people in remote villages to receive equal opportunities in accessing justice, education, work and medical care.

Spiritualities of the Land
For people in villages shaped by deep religious tradition to encounter Christ, and for protection for believers who serve there.

Country Representative
For P to persevere in the ministry and work, to focus on what God is calling him to do, and to keep worship and prayer at the centre of his life.

Closing Prayer:

Father, we pray for Bangladesh, whose young men have come in their thousands to help build our own country. Let Your hand of provision and freedom be on this land. Break every stronghold that keeps people from You, and deliver those who are marginalised and suffering in poverty. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Response:

Look for a way to bless a Bangladeshi worker you might cross paths with, either in your own estate or at a construction site.

Day 23: Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka, the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, is known for her diverse landscapes, wildlife and culture, yet her people still struggle with poverty, both economic and spiritual.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Sri Lanka is still recovering from defaulting on foreign debt in 2022. Many work long hours, while others go abroad for better jobs, leaving schools and hospitals understaffed. Their earnings keep families afloat, but at the cost of long separations.

For many, identity is bound to family and tradition. Turning to Jesus can be seen as turning away from family; new believers may be misunderstood or shut out by those they love.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Behold... peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."
Habakkuk 2:13-14

Give Thanks:

Denominations are coming together to connect and be mentored at a leadership level. God is stirring in their hearts a desire for increased unity and collaboration. We are also thankful for the mentoring relationship between local leaders and CEFC.

Day 23: Sri Lanka

Prayer Pointers:

Cyclone Ditwah Recovery
For the 2.3 million people hit by Cyclone Ditwah (2025), including 275,000 children, to rebuild their homes and return to schools.

The Cost of Faith
For believers estranged from their families and communities to find their new identity in Christ, a new family in the Church, and experience restoration.

Unsafe Migration
For Sri Lankans seeking work abroad to be protected from traffickers, and for anti-trafficking laws to be better enforced.

Country Representative
For J to be faithful in small things, to have continued favour with the authority figures he works with, and to have insight and wisdom to lead as God has called him.

Closing Prayer:

Father, help us to continually be on our knees for a nation like Sri Lanka. We pray for her Church to be built on strong foundations, with leaders who are deeply rooted in Your Word and Presence. May the Church flourish, and bring Your hope and light into places torn by poverty and exploitation. Amen.

Response:

Think of one simple step to support someone who is struggling to make ends meet.

Day 24: Bhutan

Known as the happiest country in the world, Bhutan is one of the remaining countries with an active monarchy.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Bhutan has about 800,000 people. Christians are about 0.2% of the population, and 99.7% live in unreached people groups. Christians face opposition, especially in rural areas, and there is pressure, social and even legal, to conform to cultural practices and beliefs even though they are a secular state.

Many young Bhutanese struggle to find work, and many have left to study and work abroad, especially in Australia.



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Scriptural Focus:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

Give Thanks:

For our partnership with the local church, and for fellowships equipped in disciplemaking through IDMC 101. Despite the pressure to conform, there is a remnant preserved, and by God's grace they are growing!

Day 24: Bhutan

Prayer Pointers:

Religious Landscape
Pray for the church to remain steadfast and vibrant, to grow steadily, and for His light to shine through so that the people of Bhutan would worship Him.

Financial Inequality
For the vulnerable low-income families weighed down by debt, and for those in despair to find hope and help.

Hope for Youth
For the youths who are unemployed to have hope and to continue being meaningfully engaged with their time.

Country Representative
For the C & S family: that their children know and experience God's presence personally in their own lives.

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we know that even in the uttermost parts of the world You are present, and still raising up a remnant of people who would love and choose You. In Bhutan, would You draw a people who treasure their culture and history to know You. Redeem what is broken, preserve their next generation, and strengthen Your Church there! Amen.

Response:

Pray and reach out to a young person in your life who might be struggling with their mental wellbeing. Alternatively, read up on mental health and how to support those struggling.

Day 25: With Self

Shalom with self means seeing ourselves as God sees us: loved without needing to prove our worth, and free from the shame that makes us hide.



We were made in God's image, every person with dignity and worth. The first couple were naked and felt no shame. Sin brought shame, and they covered themselves and hid. Sin also turned the self inward, swinging between pride and self-contempt and trying to prove its worth by achievement. While the image of God remains in us, it is marred and hidden.

Jesus touched lepers and welcomed children others sent away. On the cross He bore our shame. In Him we are a new creation, renewed in the image of our Creator, and one day we shall be like Him. Until then, shalom grows when we tell someone they matter and honour them.

Scriptural Focus:

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
1 John 3:1

Give Thanks:

Thank God that every person bears His image, and that shame does not have the last word. Thank Him for believers across South Asia who know they belong to Christ even when family and community turn away.

Day 25: With Self

Prayer Pointers:

Sri Lanka: Called Traitors
For Sri Lankan believers called traitors for following Jesus: to know that God calls them His own, whatever others call them.

Bhutan: Waiting for Work
For young Bhutanese without work in a land that measures Gross National Happiness: for jobs, and to know their worth is not measured by work alone.

Bangladesh: Our Builders
For Bangladeshi men building our homes, often seen only as labour: to know they are made in God's image and valued.

Our Hidden Shame
For those of us carrying shame we have never spoken of: to know Christ bore it, and to find one safe person to tell.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You made every person in Your image. Across South Asia, speak worth over all who have been told they matter little, because of poverty, work or faith. Lift the shame we carry too. Let us rest in Your love, and see others as You see them. Amen.

Response:

Think of someone who feels they are only as good as their last result. Tell them one thing you value in them beyond performance.

Day 26: Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan has abundant natural resources, but much of this wealth has yet to reach ordinary families.



Image: OperationWorld.org

After nearly thirty years under its first president, Kazakhstan has begun a new chapter. Its 20 million people belong to 72 people groups, 36 of which are unreached. Evangelicals make up just 1.67% of the population.

Since 2017, thousands of ethnic Kazakhs have returned from across the border, many after detention. They arrive with trauma and split families, at home in neither country. Yet God is planting a church that now sends, not just receives.



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Scriptural Focus:

"The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
Psalm 147:2-3

Give Thanks:

For Kazakhstan's quiet diplomacy, which has brought thousands of Kazakhs back home. Kazakh believers are reaching into the wider region, and the Church is beginning to send rather than only receive.

Day 26: Kazakhstan

Prayer Pointers:

Healing from Detention
For returnees carrying the trauma of being watched, questioned and detained. Pray for deep inner healing and safety to finally speak of what they endured.

Reunion of Families
For those whose parents, siblings, or children remain in China, unable to leave or communicate freely. Pray for reunion, and God's protection over those left behind.

Sense of Belonging
For returnees who feel foreign in their own homeland, caught between Chinese and Kazakh identity. Pray they find their deepest belonging in Christ.

The Sending Church
For Kazakhstan's young missionary movement, that returnees and lifelong Kazakhs alike would carry the gospel further into the region and beyond.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You gather the outcasts and heal the brokenhearted. For every Kazakh family split by a border, be their reunion. Turn the story of exile into a story of sending; let those who were shut out become the ones who carry Your name into the nations still waiting to hear it. Amen.

Response:

Intercede for someone you know who is separated from family they cannot easily see.

Day 27: Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan is a remote, mountainous nation of nomadic heritage, one of the poorest of the former Soviet states.



Image: OperationWorld.org

It is home to over 7 million people, set among mountains and beautiful valleys. Yet behind the scenery, many families struggle with poverty and corruption. Since the fall of Communism, crime and hardship have grown. Many people leave the villages for the cities, and Bishkek now has large slum populations.

Life is harder for believers, who are often persecuted for their faith. Converts may be beaten by their families and denied jobs.



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Scriptural Focus:

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

Give Thanks:

For Kyrgyz house churches that continue to gather despite new restrictions, and for Scripture that remains more accessible here than in neighbouring nations.

Day 27: Kyrgyzstan

Prayer Pointers:

Persecution from Family
For those who follow Christ and face persecution from their own families: for their safety and a firm assurance of belonging to God's family.

New Restrictions
For church leaders navigating tightened religious laws. Pray for wisdom to remain faithful and legal, and protection for house churches from closure.

The Unreached of the Fergana Valley
For rural Kyrgyz, and the Uzbek and Tajik minorities of the Fergana Valley, most of whom have never heard the gospel. Pray for labourers willing to go to remote villages.

Sent from CEFC
For AK as she adjusts to isolation and a harsher climate. Pray for her Russian studies and a strong team. May God open doors for her to stay long-term.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, You see the people of Kyrgyzstan. Draw them to Yourself, and let the good news take root in every valley. Give Your church courage, unity, and joy that no hardship can steal. Raise up fresh witnesses, and let Your name be honoured across this land. Amen.

Response:

Ask one person to join you in praying for Kyrgyzstan. Proclaim God's promises over this land and her people.

Day 28: Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is Central Asia's most populous country, home to about 35 million people along the ancient Silk Road.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Independent since 1991, Uzbekistan has cities shaped by Persian, Turkic and Russian influence, including Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara. Evangelical Christians make up a small minority of just 0.2%. Of its 59 people groups, 34 are unreached.

Millions of Uzbeks labour abroad, often in Russia, sending money home. In the northwest, the shrinking Aral Sea has devastated Karakalpakstan, leaving the Karakalpak people with illness, dust storms, and a lost fishing economy.



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Scriptural Focus:

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."
Psalm 67:1-2 (NIV)

Give Thanks:

Thank God for a new generation of ministry-training courses, led entirely by Uzbeks, that is taking shape and bearing fruit. Worship and literature now reflect a growing sense of ownership, and authentic fellowship is growing alongside it.

Day 28: Uzbekistan

Prayer Pointers:

Reaching the Unreached
For the 34 people groups still unreached among Uzbekistan's 59, as we pray Psalm 67:1–2 over the people.

Uzbeks Abroad
For Uzbeks working abroad to support their families: for their safety, and for the gospel to reach them far from home.

The Aral Sea & the Karakalpaks
For healing in Karakalpakstan, where the shrinking Aral Sea has left the Karakalpak people facing illness and a lost economy.

Existing Believers
For gentleness, humility and right motives for believers who are seen as betraying family and nation as they seek to belong.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, be merciful to them and bless them, and cause Your face to shine on them, that Your way may be known in Uzbekistan and Your salvation among its still-unreached peoples. Give courage to those called traitors for following You, and watch over the millions who labour far from home. May Your kingdom come, and Your will be done, in every corner of this land. Amen.

Response:

Think of the people around you who have never heard the gospel. Ask God to give you His compassion for them.

Day 29: Lebanon

Lebanon has been home to one of the Middle East's oldest Christian communities for nearly two thousand years.



Image: OperationWorld.org

Since 2019, political paralysis has pushed Lebanon's 6.74 million people into one of the worst financial crises in modern history, deepened by the 2020 Beirut port explosion. More than half now live below the poverty line, and church leaders warn of a slow exodus.

Despite the struggle Churches face to keep schools, hospitals and seminaries open, as families are unable to pay the fees, they still care for their own and for the Syrian refugees.



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Scriptural Focus:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1

Give Thanks:

For nearly two thousand years of unbroken Christian presence in Lebanon, and for churches and schools kept open by sacrificial volunteers despite the financial strain. Amid years of war, this faithful care has borne numerous fruits of salvation.

Day 29: Lebanon

Prayer Pointers:

Those Who Remained
For church leaders and believers choosing to remain and rebuild rather than emigrate. Pray for provision, endurance, and a renewed sense of calling to stay.

Peace & Stability
For God to protect those affected by ongoing conflict, comfort those living in fear and uncertainty, and open doors for His Church to be a source of hope and reconciliation.

Ministries Under Strain
For the schools, hospitals and seminaries run by Lebanese churches, many of which are struggling to collect fees or pay staff: for provision and creative ways to stay open.

CEFC Partner
For Ps HK and his church in their refugee outreach, begun before the war and now greatly grown. Pray for sustained strength to continue.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You are our refuge and strength in trouble, a covenant-keeping God who never lets go of Your own. Grant the leaders wisdom, the people daily bread, and courage to stay and rebuild, or to go and carry Your name, so that believers will not give up doing good, but will reap a harvest of salvation in Your time. Amen.

Response:

Find out about one Lebanese church or relief project. Choose one small way to support it this week.

Day 30: Persecuted Church



Image: Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Many of our brothers and sisters have suffered and pay a high price to follow Jesus. Many are unseen and unnamed by the world, but they are precious to the Lord, and part of our family.

As our 30 days come to a close, let us stand in the gap once more, this time for the Church that suffers for the name of Jesus. We have prayed for converts pushed out by their own families, for house churches navigating tightening laws, and for believers who cannot yet speak of their faith openly. Persecution takes many forms: lost jobs, broken relationships, closed doors, and in some places prison and violence.

Jesus never hid that following Him could cost us. But He also made us one body, so that when one part suffers, all suffer together. Today we pray as those who belong with them.



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Scriptural Focus:

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body."
Hebrews 13:3

Give Thanks:

Thank God that no prison, threat or loss can separate His people from His love (Rom 8:35-39). Thank Him for the courage of believers who suffer for Jesus, and that the Church has so often grown stronger under pressure.

Day 30: Persecuted Church

Prayer Pointers:

Imprisoned and Detained
For believers in prison or under surveillance because of their faith: that they would be remembered, strengthened in spirit and body, and know that Christ is with them.

Families Left Behind
For the spouses, children and parents of believers who have been imprisoned or killed: for daily provision, and for God's nearness in their grief.

Cut Off and Displaced
For believers cut off by their families or forced to leave home because of their faith: for safe refuge, a welcoming church, and a place to belong.

Those Who Oppose
For those who oppose the gospel or harm believers: that God would change hearts, as He changed Saul's, and that they would meet the love of Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

Father, You hold every believer who suffers for Your name, and not one is forgotten. Be with those in prison cells and those watched in their own homes. Comfort the families they cannot reach. Give those cut off or forced to flee a home among Your people. Show mercy to those who oppose You, as You showed mercy to us. As these 30 days end, let what You have stirred in us become lasting prayer and lasting obedience. Make us ready to love, serve, give, and go as You lead. Amen.

Response:

Look back through your journal, or through these pages. Choose one thing the Lord stirred in you, and take one step on it this week.

Next Steps

Over these 30 days we have prayed to be ready to love, serve, give, and go. Choose one step to take next.

Keep Praying

Join our weekly missions prayer, or pray for our missionaries. Details are on our missions page.

Adopt a Nation

Invite your CG or family to adopt one nation and pray for it together for the next three months, using Prayercast or Open Doors.

Love and Serve

Befriend a migrant worker, helper or international student near you, or serve with Home Missions.

Give

Support CEFC's missions work. See ways to give.

Go and See

Join a short-term mission trip and see God at work in the nations. Fill in the interest form.

Find our more at cefc.org.sg/missions
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