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# World Prayer

**World Christian** SERIES



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## Learning how to pray for the nations

One of the best ways to engage with God’s word and his world is to participate in interceding for people who have no access to the gospel, as well as for those who are trying to take the gospel to those people. This guide will help you, and any group of people, practice the crucial command of Jesus: “pray for more laborers.”

### Questions & Activities

01 How do you think our prayers can impact other nations?

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### READ THESE PASSAGES

- Matthew 9:37-38
- Matthew 6:9-10
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

02 What do these verses say about what we should pray for and the impact of prayer on missions?

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**Preparing a World Prayer Time:** Let’s prepare a World Prayer time that you could use personally or lead an individual or group of people through.

### What is a particular country or people group you would like to pray for?

- Look up the country in Operation World and Joshua Project. ([www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org) and [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net))
  - Statistics: Write down the population size and the percentage of major religions.
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- General Background: Write down a short summary of this country's physical needs, economic struggles, political situation, and Christian persecution. You should be able to summarize this to the group if you are leading others to pray for this country.
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- Praise God's Work: Write down one to two praises of what God has done so far.
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- Prayer Requests: Write down three to five prayer requests either given from the website or that you have come up with.
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- Pray through Current Events: Do an internet search for news in that country and write down at least one prayer request for a current event you can pray for.
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- Pray for Missionaries: Write down any missionaries you know that are working there, so you can pray for them specifically.

If possible, find a recent prayer letter or contact the missionary for specific prayer requests. If you don't know of any, pray for laborers to go there.

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- Take five to ten minutes and pray.

## **Ideas for living it out**

- Rotate praying for different missionaries you know.
- Pick a country in Operation World and pray through the listed prayer requests.
- Look at international news and pray for areas of the world that are struggling.
- Pray for the persecuted church. ([www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))
- Use the Joshua Project website or mobile app to pray for the unreached people group of the day.

## **Application**

**How can you include praying for the nations in your regular prayer time?**

**What group are you currently in that you could ask to lead a World Prayer time?**