



INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD

WEEK OF PRAYER

for international missions

2022 PRAYER GUIDE

This prayer guide will lead you to pray for the lost and for your missionaries who are steadfastly present among them.



157,690

LOST
DYING DAILY

7,327

UNREACHED
PEOPLE GROUPS

4.6 BILLION PEOPLE ARE CONSIDERED UNREACHED.

Over 90% of IMB teams actively engage
at least one unreached people or place.



116

COUNTRIES
WHERE WE WORK

3,650

TOTAL
MISSIONARIES



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DAY

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GOD'S PURPOSE

to conquer lostness

God,

We grieve over the problem of lostness in the world — the only problem of eternal consequence. But we thank You for the vision **You gave us in Revelation 7:9 of a Great Multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, worshiping before Your throne one day.**



Father, we pray that as we live in the tension between the Great Commission and the Great Multitude, we as Southern Baptists would be faithful to support our missionaries by praying, giving, going and sending.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude that You made a way to reconcile sinners to Yourself. Thank You for freely offering forgiveness to all who turn to You and believe.

We recognize that the way for those who have never heard this good news is through steadfast missionary presence. We are thankful this has been the International Mission Board's core mission since our inception. Thank You that we, as Southern Baptists, can fuel this mission, together.

God, please fill our 3,500+ missionaries with Your Spirit. Let them not be overwhelmed by the 157,690 who die daily without You. Let them be motivated by the command You've given us all in the Great Commission.



GOD'S REACH

through healthcare



We praise You for healthcare missions and the many doors You open to the gospel around the world. We know people need physical healing, but most importantly, they need spiritual healing that only comes from You.

We praise You for the salvation of people in North Africa — people who have heard the gospel because of Christians willing to hold medical clinics. We ask that You continue to work in these villages that are often hostile to Your truth. Hundreds of people come to medical clinics, hosted in churches, with their physical pain and also with spiritual questions. Lord, let them hear and respond to Your invitation for salvation.

Thank You for IMB missionaries Patrick and Anne Stein and their faithfulness to live in a region where they are closely watched by police and religious leaders. We pray that other believers also feel empowered by Your Holy Spirit to continue to witness.

We pray for medical missionaries around the world and for medical professionals who give their time and skills to serve others.

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GOD'S MINISTRY

through students

Thank You for the faithful ministry of Jess and Wendy Jennings over the decades and their willingness to help push back the darkness in the Philippines.



We pray for You to be with each student whose life they impact through Nehemiah Teams. We pray these students continue to see the long-term value of their short-term commitment to serve overseas — like they did with Tatay.

Thank You that Tatay's eternity was changed when he met a small group of believers committed to reaching his remote island with the gospel. Thank You that at age 81, he celebrated a second birthday — the day he became a believer.

We pray for more churches in the United States to adopt places like Tatay's remote island. **Thank You that a church sent students to the Philippines. Because of their sacrifice, lives were changed.**

Please send more students through the IMB to reach the lost.



GOD'S HEALING

among refugees

We thank You for the beauty of lives transformed by the generosity of Christians from the tragedy of war.



Thank You for bringing Olga and her family into the safety and care of a local Moldovan church. We celebrate Olga and her daughter's decision to follow You, and we pray they will continue to grow in their faith.

We praise You for Olga's husband's change of heart.

We pray he continues to encourage his family to recognize the Lord's protection. We pray for Olga's other family members who have not made a step of faith. We ask they choose to place their trust in You. As Olga's grandchildren grow, we pray for a continued thirst for knowledge of the Bible.

We ask that You bless members of Dancu Baptist Church and IMB missionaries David and Shannon Brown as they minister to Ukrainian refugees. We thank You for their generosity and pray You will meet their needs.

Lord, our hearts grieve for the lives lost during the war in Ukraine. We pray for healing and restoration.



GOD'S INFLUENCE

in global cities

We celebrate baptisms in Central Asian cities. In one particular city of millions with so few believers, we praise Your name as hearts open to hear the gospel message and accept it.



Thank You for using unique strategies like social media to open the doors for gospel conversations. Please give IMB missionaries and local believers wisdom and discernment as they engage with others. Let Your words and love flow through them.

We praise You for the young men and one couple who made decisions to follow You and to deepen their relationship through discipleship. Give them a passion for sharing You with their friends and family.

Thank You for allowing Southern Baptists to send missionaries who can equip local believers to serve their communities and start new churches. While millions walk the streets without knowing the Savior, we know You are working in this tourist city and other global cities.

May we be faithful to bring the gospel to the lost in cities around us.





GOD'S IMPACT

among the diaspora



Thank You for the excitement of new believers like Alex Pokusaev. We praise You that this international student understood the significance of Jesus rising from the grave. Thank You for the power and grace revealed to him.

We pray for Alex, who is from Uzbekistan, as he learns more about You and is equipped to share with others. We thank You for a small church in Arkansas, Immanuel Baptist Church, that is welcoming college students.

May we all notice the unreached people groups in our communities and engage them with the gospel. Thank You for the partnerships between the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board and state conventions in providing resources and training for local churches to reach the nations.

Help each of us to be a part of the Revelation 7:9 vision — a Great Multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, worshiping before Your throne one day.



GOD'S WORK

through global missionary partners

We pray for the ministry of Hector Cabrera, our global missionary partner from Cuba serving among refugees in Uganda. We pray for his family in Cuba — for their safety and peace of mind during a time of ongoing turmoil in his home country.

We thank You for his church in Cuba and how supportive they are of his family and ministry.



We are thankful for the partnership the IMB has with Hector's sending agency, Cuba to the Nations. We pray for them to continue sending out missionaries, specifically more global missionary partners to join IMB teams around the world. We recognize how strategic, cross-cultural partnerships multiply Your efforts as we work toward the Revelation 7:9 goal.

Father, we pray for the believers Hector has disciplined — Joshua, Jacob, David and others. We pray for the 34 believers who were recently baptized. We pray for the house churches. Please strengthen these believers. Grow their faith and help them to make disciples.

God, thank You for Your faithfulness to call, equip and send Hector to Uganda.



GOD'S REDEMPTION

through discipleship

Thank You that You don't waste any crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank You that because of the disruption, Abel and Sarah, South Asian believers, were able to share Your truth with the M-Jo people who had no known believers among them.



We are thankful for the faithfulness of Paul Nations, an IMB missionary. He disciplined Nathan, who in turn disciplined Abel and Sarah, who eventually reached Stephen with the gospel.

We pray for Stephen. It is hard being the first known believer among an unengaged, unreached people group. Thank You for answering the prayers of the missionaries and believers in South Asia by working in Stephen's heart and drawing him to faith. Thank You for answering the prayers of all those who pray for You to work among the unreached.

We lift Stephen's mom to You in prayer. We are thankful that she was the first person he baptized. Thank You that her eternity was changed.

We pray for the 27 families who regularly meet to hear Your Word taught.

In Your name we pray, Amen.

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December 4-11, 2022

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

**How will you continue to respond
through your prayers and
financial support?**



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