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Introduction

When we pray, we often feel comfortable praying for our own needs, for our family and friends, and for those who are sick or in peril. But how do we pray for the nations? They are so vast, with so many people and so many needs. While we know that we *can* pray about everything, we easily find ourselves at a loss for what to pray about.

The *Praying Around the World* series is designed to aid you in praying for the nations by providing nation-by-nation prayer requests as well as general topics and prayers that can be used for all nations.

The nations are organized alphabetically by region. Each has a map, a set of interesting facts, and a list of specific prayer requests that focus on the church, gospel mission, government, and society. The "My Requests" section is a great place to add your own current-event-based prayers. It is also the place to add the names of missionaries, friends, and family that you may know in a given country. We trust that you will come back to each nation regularly and refer to these requests to see how God is at work!

For geography students and parents: If you are using this book as a supplement to your geography studies, we recommend that you refer to this book (or our other volumes) tracking along with your curriculum. As you are learning countries and capitals, finding them on the map,

studying their history, or discovering their unique land features, take time to pray for their current needs using this guide.

Topical Prayer Ideas

Following is a list of needs that can be prayed about for any nation. Pray:

- That a thriving church will spread the gospel with clarity and conviction
- That every level of government will lead with justice and righteousness
- That there will be healthy economies and strong job opportunities
- That the young, the old, and all the vulnerable will be treated with dignity and well cared for
- That marriages and families will be healthy and strong
- That good harvests will abound and that God's good creation and natural resources will be cared for and used with wisdom
- That all public services will follow God's standards for flourishing in society
- That there will be national and international peace
- That all those who influence public opinion will be filled with godly wisdom

Prayers to Guide

Sometimes we get stuck on *how* to pray for a specific need. If you are struggling, consider using some of these prayers from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

For the Church

For the Unity of All Christian People

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers we are in through our many divisions. Deliver your Church from all enmity and prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union. As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, that with one voice we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. Amen.

For the Mission of the Church

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Mission of the Church

O God, our heavenly Father, you manifested your love by sending your only-begotten Son into the world, that all might live through him: Pour out your Spirit on your Church, that we may fulfill his command to preach the gospel to all people. Send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fullness of the Gentiles shall be gathered in, and faithful Israel shall be saved; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For All Missionaries

O God, you desire that all people be saved and come to knowledge of the truth: Prosper all those who live, preach, and teach the gospel at home and in distant lands [especially _____]; protect them in all perils, support them in their loneliness, sustain them in the hour of trial; give them your abundant grace to bear faithful witness; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Spirit of Evangelism

Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive,

and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Nations & Those Who Govern Them For Our Nation

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure conduct. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom, in thy Name, we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Cities, Towns, & Other Communities
Heavenly Father, you sent your Son among us to proclaim
the kingdom of God in cities, towns, villages, and lonely
places. Behold and visit, we pray, the community of
______. Renew the bonds of charity that uphold our
civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Deliver us from

poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with mercy. And at the last, bring us to your Holy City, the new Jerusalem, where we shall know perfect unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the President & All in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of this Nation, the Governor of this State [ar Commonwealth], and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Civil Authorities

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send down on those who hold public office [especially _____] the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Courts of Justice

Almighty God, you sit on your throne giving righteous judgment: We humbly ask you to bless all courts of justice and all magistrates in this land; give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that fearing no power but yours alone, they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Congress or a State Legislature

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: So guide and bless our Senators and Representatives assembled in Congress [or the Legislature of this State, Commonwealth, etc.], that they may enact laws pleasing in your sight, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide and direct, we humbly pray, the minds of all those who are called to elect fit persons to serve [in _____]. Grant that in the exercise of *our* choice *we* may promote your glory, and the welfare of this *nation*. This we ask for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Peace Among Nations

For the Peace of the World

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For the Peace of the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our Enemies

O God, the Creator of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you in Jesus Christ; in whose Name we pray. Amen.

For Cultures & Peoples

For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Justice

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

In Times of Social Conflict or Distress

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Diversity of Races & Cultures

O God, who created all peoples in your image: We thank you for the diversity of races and cultures in this world.

Show us your presence in those who differ from us, and enrich our lives with their fellowship, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Who Inform Public Opinion

Almighty God, your truth endures from age to age: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may speak your truth to make the heart of this people wise, its mind discerning, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Land & Harvest

For Agriculture & Farming

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it may produce what is needed to sustain our life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Harvest of Lands & Waters

O gracious Father, you open your hand and fill all living things with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; send forth your breath, and renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may yield its increase; and save us from selfish use of what you provide, that the poor and needy may give

thanks to your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Rain

O God, our heavenly Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Scarcity & Famine

O God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son has taught us to seek our daily bread from you: Behold the affliction of your people, and send *us* swift aid in *our* time of need. Increase the fruits of the earth by your heavenly benediction; and grant that we, receiving your gifts with thankful hearts, may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need, and for our own health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Times of Natural Disaster

Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace, and preserve us through this *storm* [or _____]. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Economics

For Commerce & Industry

O Lord Jesus Christ, in your earthly life you shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Guide those who maintain the commerce and industries of this land, and give to all who labor pride in their work, a just reward, and joy both in supplying need and in serving you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive a just reward for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Agriculture & Industry

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a right satisfaction in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Notes on Facts and Prayer Requests Primary Religion

The primary religion listed is that with the greatest known population. However, there may be a significant representation of other belief systems within a country. For example, a Muslim country may have a significant Christian, animist, or non-religious population.

Furthermore, when Christianity is listed as the primary religion, the difference between nominal Christianity and true faith has not been taken into account. This is especially a problem in much of the Global West, where many may claim Christianity culturally but may not have saving faith. Moreover, in many regions, particularly in the Global South, syncretism (the melding of traditional religions with Christianity) is very common in the church. Where these problems are common, you will find prayer requests specifically aimed at them.

Finally, even in predominantly Christian nations you will often notice a population of unreached people groups and sometimes even persecution against Christians.

Primary Languages

Languages listed are those which are either official national, trade languages or those most commonly spoken. In parentheses following the list is the *estimated* total number

of languages spoken in the country. In certain countries, these numbers are disputed. With the boom in global migration, these numbers may not account for all those who have most recently moved to a new country.

Traditional Food

Our hope with these foods is to give you a "taste" of common cuisine from each nation and perhaps to inspire you to look them up and try a new recipe! The parenthetical information provides some of the main ingredients as well as an occasional explanation of the preparation method but does not go into great detail.

Interesting Facts

The facts range in theme as we hope to capture the interests of a variety of readers. Be it a nation's greatest export, a unique historical fact, a beautiful natural feature, or a particular handicraft, we hope you will be inspired to do a little more research.

National Animals

Not every country has an official national animal. However, many have an animal associated with them. In such cases, the associated animal has been listed.

Determining Certain Prayer Points

There are so many topics to cover in prayer. It was challenging to decide which requests made the list while going through statistics on literacy, human rights violations, infant and maternal mortality, unreached people groups, and the like. The following explains how we made some of these decisions:

- Poor literacy rates are listed when only 60% or less of the population is literate.
- Human rights violations are graded on a scale of 0-1, with 1 being a good score. We are defining gross human rights violations as those with a score of .25 or less. For perspective, North Korea has a score of .02 while Egypt has a score of .25.
- High infant mortality rates are based on 50/1,000 live births or more. Afghanistan has the highest at just over 100/1,000 live births in 2024.
- Human trafficking can include forced labor, sexual exploitation, and child recruitment for military service. It can be government-run or not. It is safe to say that there is some amount of human trafficking in most countries, so we can pray for this with every country. However, in some countries it is much more prevalent, with governments either participating in it or turning a blind eye. Where this is the case and human trafficking is known to be most severe, it has been listed as a particular prayer point.

Why is Greenland listed among the nations of North America and Europe?

(A Comment on Country Placement and Non-Country Inclusion)

There are a number of countries or territories whose "continent assignment" is what we would call "squishy." Greenland, Russia, Cyprus, and many countries in the Middle East may fall on a different list depending on your geography source. Any country that straddles the "border" between Europe and Asia especially falls into this grey zone.

We have done our best to assign the most accurate continent to each country, but in certain cases we have simply duplicated them across volumes. That is, Greenland is listed in North America, because if you look at the globe, it sits squarely there. It is also listed in Europe, because it is an autonomous territory of Denmark. Russia is so large that it straddles Europe and Asia. The Middle East, while technically in Asia, is similar culturally to parts of North Africa, so we have included it in our volumes both on Africa and Asia. We hope that by arranging countries in this way, our volumes will align with various geography curricula used by our readers.

Regarding non-countries, our desire is that we be praying for all the peoples of the world, and so we have also included islands and territories that are not technically countries but which likely have unique needs. The Caribbean island territories of France, the Netherlands, Britain, and so forth may share similar prayer needs as their respective European sovereign, but they also have needs unique to their location, economy, and population.

We also recognize that students taking geography courses often have to learn a selection of island territories. We hope that we have adequately captured your whole list of geographical locations!

Refugees, Immigrants, & Internally Displaced Persons: Who are They?

We are living during a time of massive migration. The number of refugees worldwide is astronomical. Immigrants are flooding into new countries, and internally displaced persons abound in countries fraught with civil wars and natural disasters.

There is much political and social debate as to how countries should respond to these mass influxes of peoples. Even within the church there are different views and tensions.

How are we, as Christians, to think about these matters? Books have been written on all sides of the issue, and this topic is not the main focus of these volumes. However, given the tension, even within the church, we would like to briefly address the matter.

We have worked in refugee resettlement, have friends who are immigrants (some having come here legally and others not), and have thought deeply about these issues.

The situation is complex. There are hundreds of thousands of people fleeing true persecution and danger. We have met them. They have seen family members killed in front of their eyes, their homes devastated, and have no hope of safety in their homeland. Others flee the dangers of being forced into drug cartels or prostitution. Some flee the corruption and intense poverty of their land. Still others simply long for the educational and work opportunities of a new land. All of these people bear the image of their Creator and ought to be treated with dignity wherever they find themselves.

It is also true that there are those who enter new countries for nefarious reasons—desiring to create chaos and destruction. This is a reality that must also be considered and dealt with justly and righteously.

That being said, there are many unjust and dangerous consequences to mass migrations. There are those—cartels and even governments—who prey upon the vulnerable. Women and children are easily taken advantage of and trapped in forced labor or prostitution. The journey is often dangerous, be it by land or sea.

Receiving countries bear a heavy economic burden as they seek to care for those who come, which may conflict with their God-given mandate to care for their own citizens.

Those fleeing face the immense struggle of adapting to what is often a very different culture. Some never find their place as contributing members of society.

There must be justice *and* mercy. In Micah 6:8, the Lord tells his people, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (NKJV). Things have gotten so out of hand, though, that we can feel lost. Sorting through the complexity is challenging, and true biblical justice is long and hard work.

Mercy—How do we begin to see all those individuals involved as cherished image-bearers, not just labels?

Justice—How do we call all people to obey the laws established by nations while also examining those laws that are not just?

How do we do these things? We are certainly incapable of solving this massively complex problem on our own. What is the answer?

Humility—Much prayer is needed! We must ask the Lord for discernment to see what beliefs are biblical or unbiblical on all sides of the debate. We must ask for His intervention

on behalf of individuals and nations to restore peace and justice. There is no quick fix to the mess we find ourselves in, but it is, without a doubt, worthy of our fervent prayer. While it is beyond our capacity to fix, it is not beyond our Lord's!

Meanwhile, throughout this book you will see prayers for refugees, immigrants, and internally displaced people. It is easy to blend these categories into one, but they are, in fact, distinct. We hope that the following simplified definitions will help bring clarity, and we invite you to research and learn more about this global crisis.

Refugees

Refugees flee their home country due to some persistent danger—most often persecution or war. They will often flee to a neighboring country where they usually find themselves in refugee camps waiting—frequently for years—for acceptance to settle legally in another country. After a thorough vetting, many are given legal permission to settle in a new country, often with a clear path to citizenship. Others remain in refugee camps indefinitely.

Immigrants

Immigrants move to a new country for many reasons, often for economic or educational opportunity, but typically not because of persecution (unless people from their home country are not being given formal refugee status despite evidence of persecution). Depending on the country, there are various avenues individuals can take to immigrate legally and even gain citizenship. When nations do not have strong borders or when the processes for legal immigration are lengthy or prohibitive, there are often influxes of immigrants entering a country illegally.

Internally Displaced People

Internally displaced people are those who must leave their homes because of various dangers, including natural disasters, civil war, famine, or terror. However, these individuals remain within their own country.

Resources

Many sources were used to gather information and prayer needs for each country. The following resources will aid you if you are seeking further details about particular countries.

CIA World Factbook

https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/

Greater European Mission

https://gemission.org/

Joshua Project

https://joshuaproject.net/global/countries

Open Doors

https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/persecution/countries/

Operation World

https://operationworld.org/

PrayerCast

https://prayercast.com/topic-category/nations/

Voice of the Martyrs

https://www.persecution.com/globalprayerguide/

Europe

According to Greater European Mission (GEM), "fewer than 3% of Europeans have a relationship with Jesus." While Christianity was, for many centuries, sent out into the world from Europe by missionaries, it has lost its hold on the hearts of Europeans. There are many contributing factors: secularism, materialism, pluralism, and the leftover vestiges of communism just to name a few. Furthermore, as Europe plays host to many of the world's refugees, the need for gospel proclamation has only increased. Europeans and those taking refuge there all need Jesus. Praise the Lord for the active movement of His church to reach the hearts of all those living in Europe with the hope of Jesus!

Western Europe

Andorra



Facts

- Capital: Andorra la Vella
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: Catalan & Castilian (5)
- Traditional food: Escudella i carn d'olla (meat & veggie stew)
- **Interesting fact:** Tourism is a major industry because of the beautiful ski slopes.
- National animal: Bruna d'Andorra cow

Praying for Andorra

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bible translations will be provided for all languages
- That nominal Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That those bound by despair will find hope in Jesus

For Society and Government

- That the materialism that has grown because of the tourist industry and great wealth of the peoples will be transformed into a desire to seek what has meaning, a longing for Jesus, and a spirit of generosity
- That the economy will flourish with integrity
- That those bound to drug and alcohol addictions, those with fractured families, and those tempted to suicide will find hope and purpose

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Austria



Facts

- Capital: Vienna
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: German (20)
- **Traditional food:** Wiener Schnitzel (breaded & fried veal cutlets)
- Interesting fact: Austria holds the world's largest and longest ice cave. It also introduced the first postcard in 1869.
- National animal: barn swallow

Praying for Austria

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bible translations will be provided for all languages
- That nominal Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the many who are non-religious or who are practicing the occult will find freedom in Jesus
- That there will be true revival and biblical discipleship in the church

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That secularism and materialism will no longer have a stronghold
- That there will be an end to drug trafficking and addiction
- That there will be an end to high rates of alcoholism, abortion, and suicide

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Belgium



- Capital: Brussels
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary languages: Dutch, French, & German (29)
- Traditional food: Moules-frites (mussels & fries)
- **Interesting fact:** Belgium is renowned for its delicious chocolate.
- National animal: lion

Praying for Belgium

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bible translations will be provided for all languages
- That the growing atheist and Muslim populations will come to know the redeeming work of Jesus
- That the church will increase its gospel ministry in small villages
- That ministries to college and university campuses will draw many to Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the growing secular worldview will no longer hold sway
- That peace and reconciliation will be established between the clashing Walloon and Flemish peoples

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Denmark



- Capital: Copenhagen
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary language: Danish (13)
- Traditional food: Frikadeller (flat meat patties)
- **Interesting fact:** Legos were invented in Denmark by toymaker Ole Kirk Christiansen.
- National animals: mute swan & small tortoiseshell

Praying for Denmark

For the Church and Gospel Mission

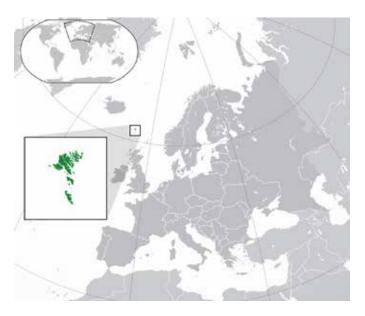
- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the significant number of atheists and agnostics (over 50% of the population) will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and grow in biblical discipleship
- That believers will boldly and faithfully bear witness to the gospel
- That Christians involved in the arts and technology will impact culture with the gospel through their work

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those drawn to secularism and materialism, especially among the youth, will see its emptiness

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Faroe Islands

(autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark)



- Capital: Torshavn
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Faroese & Danish (2)
- Traditional food: Skerpikjøt (fermented mutton)
- **Interesting fact:** The people are very connected to the waters and are known for the clinker boat which dates back centuries.
- National animal: Eurasian oystercatcher

Praying for the Faroe Islands

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That as one of the most Christian places in Europe, nominal Christianity will have no hold and all Christians will grow in true faith
- That the church will continue to grow and will send missionaries to reach the islands and beyond into mainland Europe

- That creative solutions will be found to the challenges brought on by the islands' isolation
- That the tenuous fishing-based economy will be strengthened and that all people will find gainful employment

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Finland



- Capital: Helsinki
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Finnish, Swedish, Saami, & sign language (23)
- **Traditional food:** Rye bread & Karelian stew (meat & veggie stew)
- **Interesting fact:** Rovaniemi, in northern Finland, is the official home of Santa Claus.
- National animals: whooper swan, holly blue, European perch, & seven-spot ladybird

Praying for Finland

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That many who are non-religious will find Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and grow in biblical discipleship
- That the hope of Jesus will be compelling to those who now look down on Christianity and are drawn to humanism, secularism, and materialism

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those increasingly drawn to secularism and materialism will see its empty promises
- That the systems of education will continue to succeed and, rather than leading people to put hope in their own reasoning, will point them to the source of all knowledge

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France



- Capital: Paris
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary language:** French (62)
- **Traditional food:** Crêpes (ultra-thin pancakes, often filled with sweet or savory fillings)
- **Interesting fact:** Camembert is just one of France's near 1,000 varieties of cheese.
- National animal: Gallic rooster

Praying for France

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the many who are non-religious as well as the increasing Muslim population (one of the largest in Europe) will meet Jesus
- That the cultural barriers to Christianity will crumble
- That the church will grow in discipleship and outreach
- That those trapped by occult practices will be freed

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those drawn to secularism and humanism will see its emptiness
- That there will be an end to economic insecurity
- That youth who are experiencing increased suicide rates and unemployment will find hope

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Germany



- Capital: Berlin
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary language: German (69)
- Traditional food: Sauerbraten (herb-braised beef)
- **Interesting fact:** Traditional German crafts include wooden cuckoo clocks, Hummel figures, and nutcrackers.
- National animal: bundesadler (golden eagle)

Praying for Germany

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the many who are non-religious as well as the increasing Muslim population will meet Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and bring the truth of the gospel to the surrounding culture

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the political and social tensions over how to absorb significant numbers of migrants will be resolved with both justice and mercy
- That those drawn to postmodern and secular worldviews will discover their empty promises
- That there will be an end to drug trafficking

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Greece



- Capital: Athens
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: Greek (24)
- Traditional food: Moussaka (layered eggplant, potato, & lamb)
- **Interesting fact:** Greece is home to iconic architecture of the ancient world including the Acropolis.
- National animal: dolphin

Praying for Greece

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bible translations will become available to every language group
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That those who have blended multiple religions into Christianity (syncretism) will learn the truth

- That as a prime entry point into Europe for migrants, a God-honoring solution to ongoing tensions will come to bear
- That the intents of the Islamic and Socialist Revolutionary terrorist groups will be thwarted
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking, money laundering, and organized crime
- That those in authority will govern justly and righteously
- That there will be a restoration of economic security

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Greenland

(autonomous territory of Denmark)



- Capital: Nuuk
- **Primary religions:** mix of Christian & traditional Inuit beliefs
- **Primary languages:** Greenlandic, Danish, & English (3)
- **Traditional food:** Suaasat (soup with whale, seal, reindeer or seabirds, potatoes, & onions)
- **Interesting fact:** Over eighty percent of Greenland is covered in an ice sheet.
- National animal: polar bear

Praying for Greenland

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That there will be an end to syncretism (mix of Christian and traditional Inuit beliefs) in the church and that biblical discipleship will flourish in every church
- That there will be an increase of evangelism in remote indigenous communities and that those who serve in them will have strength to endure the harsh conditions

- That those in bondage to immoral living and alcoholism will experience freedom
- That those suffering from sexual abuse will be restored and know healing
- That those experiencing hopelessness and mental illness will find hope
- That there will be an end to the high suicide rate

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Iceland



- Capital: Reykjavik
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Icelandic, English, Polish, Nordic languages, & German (19)
- Traditional food: Hákarl (fermented shark)
- **Interesting fact:** In 930AD, Iceland established what is now the world's oldest still-active legislative assembly, the Althingi.
- National animal: gyrfalcon

Praying for Iceland

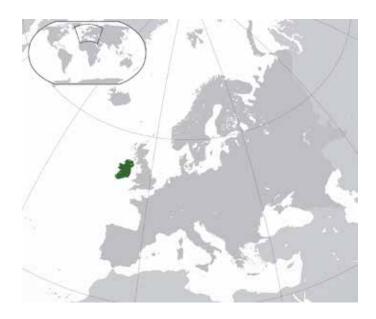
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the church will grow in biblical discipleship and will powerfully minister the gospel in the broader culture

- That a peaceful and God-honoring way forward will be found between those who wish to conserve Iceland's natural resources and those who wish to use them economically
- That there will be reconciliation amidst the cultural clashes with immigrants
- That as the country opens more to the world, it will find a way to maintain that which is good, true, and beautiful from traditional Icelandic ways and embrace the same from new ideas

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Ireland



- Capital: Dublin
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary languages:** English & Irish (5)
- **Traditional food:** Irish Stew (mutton, potatoes, onions, carrots, & parsley stew)
- Interesting fact: Ireland is known for its wool products and Celtic-themed decor, especially the Celtic cross.
- National animal: red deer

Praying for Ireland

For the Church and Gospel Mission

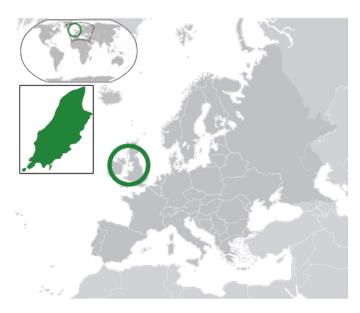
- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in every language
- That the non-religious will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will repent of those sins which have brought scandal and shame and will bear faithful witness to Jesus by His grace

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the plans of Islamic and Revolutionary terrorist groups will be thwarted
- That those drawn to secularism will see its empty promises
- That those in bondage to addictions and struggling with depression will find hope and freedom
- That those suffering from economic hardship will find fruitful labor

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Isle of Man

(self-governing British crown dependency)



- Capital: Douglas
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary language:** English (5)
- Traditional food: Isle of Man Queenies (scallops)
- **Interesting fact:** The Manx cat originated in the Isle of Man.
- National animal: Manx cat

Praying for the Isle of Man

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That the large non-religious population (nearly ½ of the population) will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will grow in biblical discipleship and faithfully share the gospel

- That there will be a hopeful future amidst the long-term negative impacts of low birth rates
- That those in bondage to the online gambling industry will find freedom

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Italy



- Capital: Rome
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: Italian (42)
- Traditional food: Pasta, pizza, gnocchi, & pollo alla cacciatora
- **Interesting fact:** Venice, Italy is made up of 118 little islands.
- National animal: Italian wolf

Praying for Italy

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those drawn to the occult will see its destructive power and find hope in Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to organized crime, drug trafficking, and corruption
- That those struggling with unemployment, especially among youth, will find gainful employment
- That there will be a hopeful future amidst the impacts of low birth rates and an aging population
- That there will be a just solution to the problem of high taxes which is causing the closure of many small businesses

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Liechtenstein



- Capital: Vaduz
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: German (4)
- **Traditional food:** Käsknöpfle (pasta with onions & cheese sauce)
- **Interesting fact:** Liechtenstein is one of two double landlocked countries in the world.
- National animal: common kestrel

Praying for the Liechtenstein

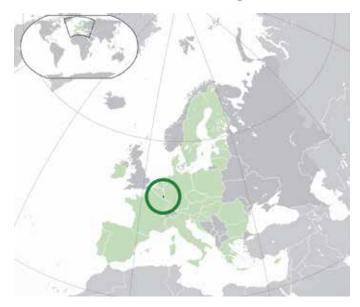
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those the many Muslims and atheists will meet
 Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus

- That there will be an end to money laundering
- That there will continue to be economic fruitfulness
- That those enamored with their material successes would not be spiritually blind
- That the rich art tradition will continue to thrive

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Luxembourg



- Capital: Luxembourg
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Luxembourgish, French, & German (6)
- **Traditional food:** Judd mat Gaardebounen (smoked pork & beans)
- **Interesting fact:** Luxembourg is known for its ceramic bird whistles.
- National animal: lion

Praying for Luxembourg

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those increasingly drawn to Islam, Eastern mysticism, and atheism will find life in Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That there will be an end to the ministry-inhibiting suspicions and false accusations against evangelicals

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those drawn to secularism and materialism will see the emptiness of these worldviews

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Malta



- Capital: Valletta
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary languages: Maltese & English (4)
- Traditional food: Stuffat tal-fenek (rabbit stew)
- **Interesting fact:** Malta boasts some of the oldest megalithic sites worldwide.
- National animal: Pharaoh hound

Praying for Malta

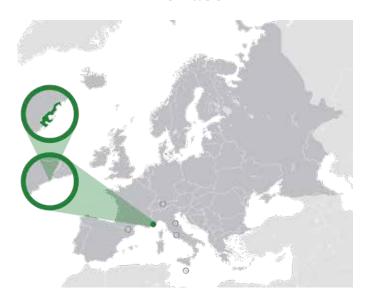
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That those trapped in agnosticism or atheism will find hope in Jesus
- That nominal Christians will find true faith in Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the nation will no longer be so heavily dependent on other nations for food
- That a peaceful and just resolution will be found to the increased tensions between Maltese and migrants
- That there will be an end to all human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom

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Monaco



- Capital: Monaco
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** French, English, Italian, & Monegasque (4)
- **Traditional food:** Barbagiuan (savory deep-fried pastry)
- **Interesting fact:** The Grimaldi family has ruled since the 1200s.
- National animals: hedgehog, European rabbit, & wood mouse

Praying for Monaco

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That the world's wealthiest, who come to enjoy the gambling and luxury-living, will instead find satisfaction in Jesus
- That there will be an end to resistance to gospel outreach and that the gospel will be proclaimed with clarity and boldness

- That just and righteous means for economic growth will replace the current dependence on gambling
- That those drawn to a life of materialism will see its empty promises

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Netherlands



- Capital: Amsterdam
- Primary religion: none
- Primary languages: Dutch & Frisian (38)
- **Traditional food:** Stamppot (potatoes mashed with sauerkraut, greens, or other root vegetable)
- **Interesting fact:** The Netherlands is distinguished by its tulips, Delftware, wooden clogs, and windmills.
- National animals: lion & black-tailed godwit

Praying for the Netherlands

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those drawn to agnosticism, atheism, or new age religions will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will grow in biblical discipleship and fervent gospel proclamation

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That this, one of the most secular nations globally, will recognize the hopelessness of this worldview
- That those in bondage to drug use, prostitution, and abortion will experience freedom
- That there will be an end to euthanasia
- That there will be an end to all human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom

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Norway



- Capital: Oslo
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Bokmal Norwegian & Nynorsk Norwegian (20)
- Traditional food: Farikal (slow-cooked mutton)
- **Interesting fact:** Norway is Europe's leader in oil, gas, and electricity exports.
- National animals: lion, white-throated dipper, & Fjord horse

Praying for Norway

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing Islam, agnosticism, and atheism will come to faith in Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and grow in biblical discipleship
- That there will be continued growth to Norway's missionary movement

- That the lies of pluralism and materialism will be unveiled
- That there will be an end to all human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom
- That the strong cultural value of independence and self-sufficiency would not inhibit the formation of healthy communities

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Portugal



- Capital: Lisbon
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Portuguese & Mirandese (9)
- Traditional food: Bacalhau (dried & salted cod fish)
- **Interesting fact:** Portugal is known for beautiful hand-painted dishes.
- National animal: Iberian wolf

Praying for Portugal

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the many agnostics and atheists will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will grow in unity
- That the church will have a vibrant ministry to youth
- That the cultural challenges for those churches without a traditional church building will end

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to corruption at all levels of government and that those in authority will govern justly and righteously
- That those suffering unemployment, especially among the youth, will find gainful work
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking

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San Marino



- Capital: San Marino
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary language:** Italian (2)
- **Traditional food:** Torta tre monti (layered wafer & hazelnut cream cake with chocolate fondant)
- Interesting fact: San Marino considers itself the world's oldest republic and was founded by a stonemason.
- National animal: horse

Praying for San Marino

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the church will experience revival
- That there will be an end to societal and governmental hostility against evangelism

- That the nation will continue to enjoy economic and political stability
- That those caught in the trappings of materialism will see its emptiness

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Spain



- Capital: Madrid
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque, & Aranese (21)
- **Traditional food:** Paella (a dish made of rice, vegetables, & meat or fish)
- **Interesting fact:** Spain holds the oldest still-active military regiment in the West.
- National animal: bull

Praying for Spain

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those caught in the lies of atheism and agnosticism will find freedom in Christ
- That the church will experience revival, grow in biblical discipleship, and proclaim the gospel boldly

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That a peaceful and just resolution to the strife over Catalonia's desire for independence will be found
- That the emptiness of secularism and hedonism will come to light
- That there will be an end to prostitution, alcohol abuse, drug use, gambling addictions, depression, and easy access to abortion
- That there will be a hopeful future amidst the impacts of one of the lowest birth rates globally

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Sweden



- Capital: Stockholm
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: Swedish (30)
- Traditional food: Köttbullar (Swedish meatballs)
- **Interesting fact:** Dala horse wooden toys are popular in Sweden.
- National animals: Eurasian elk/moose & Eurasian blackbird

Praying for Sweden

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those caught in the lies of atheism and agnosticism will find life in Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That churches who have begun to embrace universalism will return to orthodox doctrine
- That the church will experience revival and boldly proclaim the gospel

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That all those drawn to materialism, pleasure-seeking, and individualism, especially youth, will see the meaninglessness of these lifestyles
- That a more just tax system will be established
- That those determining the use of the nation's wealth will steward it with integrity

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Switzerland



- Capital: Bern
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: German, French, & Italian (26)
- **Traditional food:** Rösti (grated potato patties, often filled)
- **Interesting fact:** Switzerland is known for its chocolate, cheese, watches, and Swiss army knives.

Praying for Switzerland

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into all languages
- That the church will continue to be strengthened
- That those deceived by agnosticism and atheism will find truth in Jesus
- That youth drawn to new age and occult practices will experience freedom in Jesus
- That the spiritually indifferent and those satisfied with wealth will find true meaning and satisfaction in Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those finding their fulfillment in material wealth will see the emptiness of this lifestyle
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking
- That the nation will continue to enjoy a healthy economy

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United Kingdom



- Capital: London
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary language:** English (15)
- Traditional food: Fish & chips
- **Interesting fact:** The first postage stamp, portraying Queen Victoria, was invented in England in 1840.
- National animals: lion (England), bulldog (Britain), & red kite (Wales)

Praying for the United Kingdom

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into all languages
- That those practicing Islam, new age and pagan religions, agnosticism, and atheism will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will boldly proclaim the gospel to the growing international population

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the plans of Islamic and Irish revolutionary groups will be thwarted
- That there will be righteous and just governance
- That those addicted to alcohol, drugs, prostitution, and gambling will find freedom
- That there will be an end to all abortions
- That just laws will be established and upheld

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Vatican City



- Capital: —
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary language:** Italian (9)
- Interesting fact: Vatican City is landlocked by Italy. It is the seat of the Catholic Church and the smallest independent state in the world. The pope is its absolute monarch, and the state is subject to international law rather than the law of one nation.

Praying for Vatican City

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That the church will be faithful to the Word of God and be guarded against all false doctrines
- That the church will bear witness to Jesus boldly throughout the world
- That the church will speak biblically and fearlessly about all issues—political, social, and theological—to which it is called to speak

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Eastern Europe

Albania



- Capital: Tirana
- Primary religion: Islam
- **Primary language:** Albanian (7)
- **Traditional food:** Tavë kosi (lamb or chicken prepared with rice, yogurt, & eggs)
- Interesting fact: Albania is the birthplace of Mother Teresa who spent her life serving Jesus among the poorest of India.
- National animal: golden eagle

Praying for Albania

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into all languages
- That as the church continues to grow, it will also grow in faithfulness to Jesus
- That the church will provide biblical discipleship for new believers and godly training for leaders

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to corruption and that those in authority will govern justly and righteously
- That there will be freedom from the continued economic repercussions of Albania's communist past
- That all those in poverty will be provided for and find opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking

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Belarus



- Capital: Minsk
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: Russian & Belarussian (11)
- Traditional food: Draniki (potato pancakes)
- **Interesting fact:** The art of woven straw crafts is said to have originated in the region of Belarus.
- National animal: European bison

Praying for Belarus

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those deceived by agnosticism and atheism will find truth in Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That there will be an end to restrictive government regulations on churches

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those in authority will govern justly and righteously and put an end to corruption and human rights violations
- That there will be an end to the fallout from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident
- That there will be an end to human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom

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Bosnia & Herzegovina



- Capital: Sarajevo
- Primary religions: Christianity & Islam
- Primary languages: Bosnian, Serbian, & Croatian (8)
- Traditional food: Ćevapi (ground beef kebabs)
- Interesting fact: Dating back to the Ottoman Empire, hammered copperware has been a beautiful form of art in Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- National animal: tornjak

Praying for Bosnia & Herzegovina

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into all languages
- That the church will continue to grow and boldly proclaim the transforming power of the gospel to a suffering people

- That the continued long term impacts of past civil war— ethnic strife, internally displaced people, damaged infrastructure, landmines, discouragement (especially among young people)—will come to an end
- That the many facing unemployment will find gainful employment
- That there will be an end to organized crime and drug trafficking
- That there will be an end to human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom

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Bulgaria



- Capital: Sofia
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary language:** Bulgarian (16)
- **Traditional food:** Shopska salad (lightly dressed tomato, cucumber, onion, pepper & cheese salad)
- **Interesting fact:** Bulgaria produces most of the world's rose oil.
- National animal: lion

Praying for Bulgaria

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing agnosticism and atheism will find hope in Jesus
- That there will be an end to syncretism (mixing of Christianity with other religions) in the church and that godly leadership will flourish
- That there will be an increase in gospel mission to rural communities

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be reconciliation amidst racial tensions
- That those in authority will govern justly and righteously and put an end to corruption and organized crime
- That all those facing poverty will be provided for and have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be a restoration to the value of family

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Croatia



- Capital: Zagreb
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary language:** Croatian (22)
- Traditional food: Zagorski štrukli (baked or boiled filled dough)
- **Interesting fact:** The history of the necktie traces back to Croatian mercenary soldiers in the Thirty Years' War.
- National animal: pine marten

Praying for Croatia

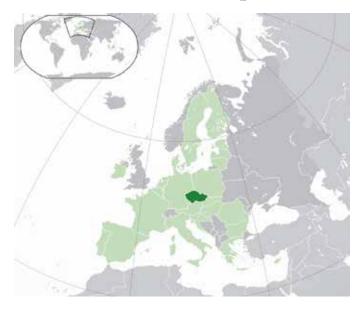
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into every language
- That the church will grow in unity across denominations
- That the gospel will be proclaimed boldly in society

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be reconciliation between Croat, Serb, and Bosnian communities
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking
- That the economy will continue to grow and recover after years of communism and war
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to border disputes with Slovenia

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Czechia (Czech Republic)



- Capital: Prague
- Primary religion: none
- Primary language: Czech (20)
- **Traditional food:** Vepřo-knedlo-zelo (pork, dumplings, & sauerkraut)
- **Interesting fact:** Czechia is known for its handcrafted marionettes.
- National animal: two-tailed lion

Praying for Czechia (Czech Republic)

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That Bibles will be translated into every language
- That the many following agnosticism and atheism will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and boldly proclaim the gospel to a spiritually dark culture
- That the church will raise up godly leaders as its current leaders reach retirement

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the aging population will be valued and cared for
- That there will be an end to crime, sexual immorality, substance abuse, depression, and suicide
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking

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Estonia



- Capital: Tallinn
- Primary religion: none
- Primary languages: Estonian & Russian (18)
- Traditional food: Verivorst (pork sausage made with herbs & blood & served with potatoes, pork, sauerkraut, & compote)
- Interesting fact: Estonians make beautiful Muhus, comfortable slippers embroidered with colorful flowers.
- National animal: grey wolf

Praying for Estonia

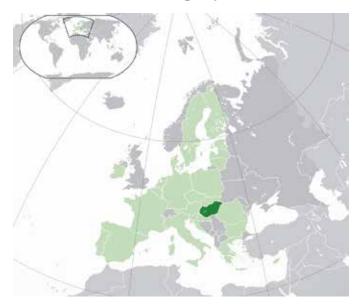
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing the occult, agnosticism, or atheism will find hope and freedom in Jesus
- That Christian leaders will receive strong biblical training and remain committed to orthodox teaching
- That the church will experience revival

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That the lies behind materialism, pluralism, and secularism will be exposed
- That all those facing poverty will be provided for and have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking and organized crime

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Hungary



- Capital: Budapest
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Hungarian, English, & German (17)
- **Traditional food:** Goulash (stew made with a tomato-paprika base, beef, noodles, potatoes, & other vegetables)
- **Interesting fact:** Hungary is renowned for its production of paprika.
- Mythical national animal: turul

Praying for Hungary

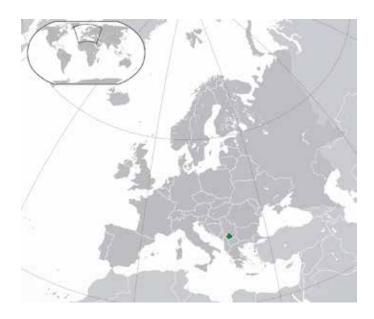
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing the occult, agnosticism, or atheism will find hope and freedom in Jesus
- That there will be an increase in mature, biblically-grounded leaders in the church
- That there will be an end to restrictions on public evangelism

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those caught in the trappings of materialism will see its emptiness
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking and organized crime
- That the economy will continue to grow despite limited natural resources

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Kosovo



- Capital: Pristina
- Primary religion: Islam
- Primary languages: Albanian, Bosnian, & Serbian (3)
- **Traditional food:** Flia (cream & crepe-like layers with sour cream)
- **Interesting fact:** Kosovo is historically known for its pottery, particularly black pottery.

Praying for Kosovo

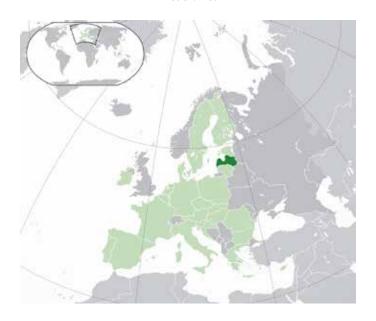
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the church will grow in unity
- That the church will grow in faithful discipleship
- That the church will boldly proclaim the reconciling power of the gospel amidst ethnic tensions

- That there will be reconciliation and a peaceful and just resolution to border disputes between Kosovo and Serbia
- That all those displaced by internal tensions will be able to return safely to their homes and live peaceful and quiet lives
- That all those facing unemployment, especially the many youth, will find gainful employment
- That those struggling with poverty will be provided for and have opportunities to work

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Latvia



- Capital: Riga
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: Latvian & Russian (13)
- Traditional food: Grey Peas & Bacon
- **Interesting fact:** Latvia is a great source of Baltic amber.
- **National animals:** white wagtail & two-spotted ladybird

Praying for Latvia

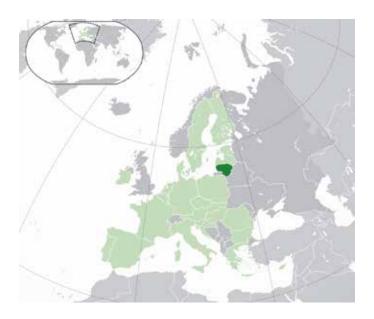
For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing atheism or pagan religions will find hope in Jesus
- That nominal Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the church will boldly reach out to youth

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those in despair and living in a moral vacuum will find hope
- That there will be an end to human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom
- That there will be an end to the high rate of suicide, growing sex trade, drug use, money laundering, and organized crime

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Lithuania



- Capital: Vilnius
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- **Primary language:** Lithuanian (12)
- **Traditional food:** Cepelinai (pork-stuffed potato dumpling)
- **Interesting fact:** Lithuanian is the oldest language still spoken today.
- National animal: white stork

Praying for Lithuania

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those practicing agnosticism, atheism, or pagan religions will find hope in Jesus
- That godly leaders will be raised up in the church
- That the church will experience revival and boldly proclaim the gospel to a despairing culture

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those deceived by the lures of materialism, secularism, and nihilism will see their empty promises
- That there will be an end to substance abuse, suicide, and trafficking of women for prostitution

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Moldova



- Capital: Chisinau
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary languages: Moldovan & Romanian (13)
- **Traditional food:** Mămăligă (maize porridge cooked to bread-consistency)
- Interesting fact: Moldova holds the world's largest wine cellar and is also known for its historic monasteries.
- National animal: aurochs

Praying for Moldova

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That there will be a growth in gospel outreach to remote villages
- That the number of vibrant churches will grow and that those riddled with nominalism will know revival

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to organized crime and all alcohol and drug abuse
- That economic stability will be restored and that all those suffering from poverty or unemployment would be cared for and have opportunities for gainful work
- That there will be an end to human trafficking, that all traffickers will come to justice and repentance, and that all those trafficked will know healing and freedom
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to internal instability in Transnistria

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Montenegro



- Capital: Podgorica
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: Montenegrin (6)
- **Traditional food:** Brudet (fish stew made with tomatoes)
- **Interesting fact:** The distinctive traditional Montenegrin caps date back to the 1800s.
- National animal: eagle

Praying for Montenegro

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That those following Islam will encounter Jesus
- That the church will experience revival and boldly proclaim the gospel of hope in Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to ethnic discord
- That there will be an end to all drug trafficking
- That the economy will continue to grow and overcome obstacles from past governments

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North Macedonia



- Capital: Skopje
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: Macedonian & Albanian (10)
- **Traditional food:** Tavče Gravče (white bean & vegetable dish)
- Interesting fact: North Macedonia is home to unique handmade Ohrid pearls.
- National animal: lion

Praying for North Macedonia

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That Muslims will meet Jesus
- That cultural Christians will come to true faith in Jesus
- That the church will find unity across denominations

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be economic stability and that those suffering from poverty will be provided for and have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to organized crime and corruption
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to strife between ethnic Albanians & ethnic Macedonians

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Poland



- Capital: Warsaw
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary language: Polish (20)
- **Traditional food:** Pierogi (savory or sweet stuffed dumpling)
- Interesting fact: Poland has been the home of many influential thinkers and scientists such as Copernicus and Maria Curie.
- National animals: white-tailed eagle, white stork, & European bison

Praying for Poland

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those bound by pagan religions will find freedom in Jesus
- That the church will grow in biblical discipleship and will be strengthened for continued gospel proclamation
- That the sense of meaninglessness in society will be overcome by the hope-filled gospel of Jesus

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That those suffering from poverty and unemployment will be provided for and will have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to violence, immorality, and drug use
- That there will be an end to corruption

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Romania



- Capital: Bucharest
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary language:** Romanian (23)
- Traditional food: Sarmale (cabbage rolls filled with minced pork, rice, & spices then cooked in a tomato-based sauce)
- **Interesting fact:** The fountain pen was first developed in Romania.
- National animal: lynx

Praying for Romania

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That the Romanian missions movement will continue to grow
- That atheism's stronghold (remaining from days under communism) will be broken
- That biblical reconciliation will prevail in the midst of interdenominational strife

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to corruption
- That those suffering under poverty will be provided for and have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to the high rates of abortion, drug use, pornography, and prostitution

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Russia



- Capital: Moscow
- Primary religion: Christianity
- Primary language: Russian (135)
- Traditional food: Pelmeni (savory, filled dumplings)
- **Interesting fact:** Russia's iconic Kremlin, with its distinctive spires, was built at the end of the 15th century.
- National animal: Eurasian brown bear

Praying for Russia

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those bound by Islam, agnosticism, and atheism will find hope and truth in Jesus
- That those suffering persecution will have strength to endure and that there will be an end to injustice

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will a peaceful and just resolution to international wars and tensions
- That there will be a hopeful future amidst the impacts of the low birth rate and aging population
- That those caught in poverty will be provided for and have opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be an end to the high rates of abortion, drug addiction, and orphaned and homeless children
- That there will be an end to all human trafficking

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Serbia



- Capital: Belgrade
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary language: Serbian (21)
- **Traditional food:** Sarma (cabbage rolls stuffed with spiced meat & rice or bulgar)
- **Interesting fact:** The distinctive Serbian hat is the sajkaca woolen cap.
- National animals: wolf & lynx

Praying for Serbia

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That the Bible will be available in all languages
- That restrictive religious laws will be lifted
- That there will be unity within the church shining the light of Christ into ethnic divisions

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That all those displaced by internal tensions will be able to return safely to their homes and live peaceful and quiet lives
- That there will be an end to all human trafficking
- That those suffering from unemployment will find opportunities for gainful employment
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to continued tension with Kosovo

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Slovakia



- Capital: Bratislava
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary language: Slovak (13)
- Traditional food: Bryndzové halušky (potato dumplings covered in goat or sheep's cheese & bacon bits)
- Interesting fact: Slovakia's Spiš Castle, one of its many, many castles, was built in the 12th century.
- National animal: brown bear

Praying for Slovakia

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That agnostics and atheists will find hope in Jesus
- That gospel outreach will continue and bear fruit amongst the Romani peoples
- That the church will raise up Christian leaders for ministry in the country and beyond

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be an end to persecution of the Romani peoples
- That those struggling with depression and despair will find hope and that there will be an end to high suicide rates
- That those trapped by materialism and moral relativism recognize their empty promises

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Slovenia



- Capital: Ljubljana
- Primary religion: Christianity
- **Primary languages:** Slovene, Hungarian, & Italian (10)
- **Traditional food:** Štruklji (savory or sweet filled filo dough dumplings)
- **Interesting fact:** Slovenia is known for its beekeeping and has a very high number of beekeepers.
- National animal: Carniolin honey bee

Praying for Slovenia

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That agnostics and atheists will find hope in Jesus
- That the church will be built up and grow in godly unity
- That there will be an increase of biblical discipleship
- That there will be vibrant gospel outreach to youth who are increasingly disillusioned with the present culture

- That all refugees will find hope and healing, returning safely home or integrating into their new homes
- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to border disputes with Croatia
- That those caught in bondage to secularism and materialism will be freed

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Ukraine



- Capital: Kyiv
- **Primary religion:** Christianity
- Primary languages: Ukrainian & Russian (42)
- Traditional food: Varenyky (savory or sweet stuffed dumpling)
- **Interesting fact:** Beautifully decorated Pysanka eggs are made in Ukraine.
- National animal: common nightingale

Praying for Ukraine

For the Church and Gospel Mission

- That unreached peoples will hear the gospel message
- That those suffering from both persecution and the fallouts of war will experience endurance in their faith
- That there will be unity and reconciliation across denominations in the church
- That the gospel will go forth boldly into the culture

- That there will be a peaceful and just resolution to the war with Russia
- That the many who have lost family members in the war will be comforted and provided for, especially against great food insecurity
- That cities and infrastructures destroyed by war will be rebuilt for the betterment of all
- That all those displaced by war will be able to return safely to their homes and live peaceful and quiet lives
- That there will be an end to alcoholism, drug use, and prostitution

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Who We Are at Oak River Press

We are David and Susan Eyk, the founders of Oak River Press. ("Eyk" rhymes with "like", and it's derived from the Norwegian "eik", meaning "oak".)

Susan taught English for three years in the public schools, before changing careers to follow God's calling to work with refugees as a vocational trainer. When our son was born, she left that to become a full-time homemaker and homeschooling mom. She leads music at our church and loves studying Scripture and learning more about how God calls His people to build His kingdom through worship, doing justice to our neighbors, and walking humbly in all our ways before Him.

David is an amateur naturalist and professional software engineer who has spent more than a decade in the publishing industry. He writes science fiction and loves studying God's creation as a gardener and orchardist. He's spent three decades thinking about the intersections of faith and science, and he's really excited to share the fruit of it with others.

We both have B.A.s from Wheaton College, where we each studied English Literature and Susan obtained her teaching license in Secondary Ed.

In our own lives we have come to see time and again the importance of prayer. As we continue to learn to pray and

have our lives shaped by it, we desire to spur others on in their lives of prayer. We believe that the Lord delights to hear the requests and thanksgivings of His people, and that He welcomes us in prayer to be ever more attuned to His redemptive work in the world.

Praying Around the World: Europe

We feel comfortable praying for our own needs, for family, friends, the sick, or those in peril. But how do we pray for the nations? The nations are vast, their people varied. We know that we *can* pray about everything, but we may be at a loss as to *how*.

The **Praying Around the World** series is designed to aid you and your family in praying for the nations. We provide nation-by-nation prayer requests, as well as unique facts about each nation to help familiarize you with them. Specific prayer requests focus on the church, gospel mission, government, and society.

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