

For the Least Reached

Prayer Guide



*“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”*
— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995

Thank you for praying with us!

Welcome to the For the Least Reached February Prayer Guide. This monthly prayer guide forms part of **For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer**, our one-year prayer initiative.

Each month we unite with the body of Christ in prayer for one least-reached country around the world. Many of the people in these countries have never heard the message of the gospel, or it's difficult for them to learn about Jesus or worship Him.

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- Bangladesh*
- China*
- Egypt*
- India*
- Iran*
- Indonesia*
- Japan*
- Pakistan*
- Russia*
- Thailand*
- Turkey*
- Vietnam*

Nearly

75%

of all the world's unreached people—a whopping 3.6 billion people—live in the 12 countries that we will pray for this year.

WELCOME TO Vietnam!



Vietnam is a beautiful place full of diverse landscapes and peoples. Its culture and language are influenced by nearby China and faraway France, two countries who once ruled over Vietnam before it became an independent country in 1975. Join us as we learn about this nation and pray for God's continued work in and blessing on its people.



Vietnam is located on the Indochina peninsula in Southeast Asia. China is to the north. Laos and Cambodia are to the west. The South China Sea borders the east and south.

Did you know?

- ▶ In Vietnam, it is common to cook an entire pig for feasts and for street food.
- ▶ The second-largest producer of coffee in the world is Vietnam.
- ▶ Son Doong is the world's largest cave, when measured by cross-section. It was first explored in 2009. An entire New York City block, including skyscrapers, could fit inside. Remarkably, a 747 could theoretically fly through it without its wings touching either side.
- ▶ Almost 82% of the population say that they have no religion.
- ▶ Most viewed websites:
 - Google
 - Youtube
 - Facebook



Praying for Vietnam

Vietnam has close to 100 million people. The majority do not follow any religion, and most have never heard about God and His plan of salvation. That's why we're excited you're joining us in prayer every day for the people of Vietnam.

Our overarching prayer is that God will change hearts, just like He did for the people of Israel. He promised in the book of Ezekiel: "'I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. They will be My people, and I will be their God'" (Ezekiel 11:19-20, New International Version).

I want to remind you that in its most basic form prayer is simply talking and listening to God. In Jeremiah 29:12, God tells the Israelites to call on Him and He will listen. He's the same God for us today! **He listens to you** when you go to Him in prayer. Have you taken time lately to ponder what that means? The God who created the sun, the stars, the oceans, the sea creatures, and the incredibly complex human body, **actually hears us when we pray**. That 8 billion people could be calling on Him at the same time isn't hard to believe. It's that He listens to each one. And not only does He listen, He cares.

God has given every Christ follower the Holy Spirit to help intercede for all (Romans 8:26). Even when we don't know what to pray, the Spirit prays for us. To top it off, Jesus sits at God's right hand presenting our requests to His Father (Romans 8:34, 1 John 2:1, and Hebrews 7:25). You are not alone as you pray.

Our hope is that these prayer guides help direct your prayers for people in countries outside your sphere—countries like Vietnam, where it can be hard to reach with the story of Jesus. Many people in these countries are not friendly toward the message of the gospel, which makes the work of missionaries and believers difficult and even dangerous. We've made requests general in nature to protect their information and keep them safe. But that does not limit the impact of our prayers. God knows the exact need behind each request.

Thank you for praying with us.

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Week 1: February 1-7, 2023

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

— Psalm 145:18, NIV

Week 1 Requests



Day 1

Pray for Christian workers' continued progress in every Vietnamese province as they work together to share Christ and plant churches. Many new church plants have arisen from their work.

Day 2

Pray that gospel-centered movies could be broadcast on Vietnamese TV this year and that many people would trust in Jesus as a result. Pray for open doors and favor from broadcast stations.

Day 3

Leaders across every spectrum of society play key roles and make influential decisions. Pray they will seek the Lord's wisdom and be fair to every segment of society.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."
— 1 Timothy 2:1-2, NIV

Day 4

Christians in Vietnam have a need for more technical equipment for sharing Jesus-centered films, but lately there have been challenges to importing this equipment. Please pray for the Lord to open the door for successful shipment of these pieces.

Day 5

While the church in Vietnam has expanded greatly in the past several decades, restrictions to Christian activity still exist. Please pray for believers to not grow weary, to be bold in their faith, and to have joy in Christ when facing local restrictions.

Day 6

Pray that God would enable on-campus Christian workers and their trainees to connect with and care for students on their campuses all across Vietnam.

Day 7

Many young boys and men enter a time of service in Vietnam's majority religion. Pray that the Lord would have mercy, revealing Himself and proclaiming His name to these boys and young men. Pray that the Lord would make Himself known to them so that they would experience His mercy and compassion, and honor Him as Lord of lords.

Week 2: February 8-14, 2023



*“There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides You;
there is no Rock like our God.”*

— 1 Samuel 2:2, NIV

Week 2 Requests



Day 8

Vietnam's minority Christian population can often be treated harshly by their families and communities. Still, the church is growing. Pray for believers' endurance and protection, and for religious freedoms to grow.

Day 9

More Christian workers are needed to create and share gospel media tools with the people of Vietnam. Pray for more skilled workers and for their work to be fruitful and result in many church plants.

Day 10

Pray that there would be a collaboration of established churches helping to guide the church leaders of new church plants.

Day 11

In the Bible, God places a high priority on the family unit. Pray that Vietnamese Christians will follow His lead and seek Him as a family. Pray for Christian resources on building a godly family to be available in every city and province.

Day 12

Ask God to raise up more Christians who follow Jesus wholeheartedly and desire to reach their school campus with the gospel.

Day 13

Set a phone alarm for 10:02 and pray for God to raise up more workers to take the gospel across Vietnam.

"[Jesus] told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'" — Luke 10:2, NIV

Day 14

Vietnam's satellite cities which are adjacent to larger metropolitan areas tend to have a smaller (or no) presence of Christian work going on. Pray for an influx of new Christian workers and churches to help close this gap.

A young man and woman are sitting together, smiling warmly as they look at a smartphone held by the woman. The man is on the left, leaning in towards the woman on the right. They are both dressed in casual, light-colored clothing. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage. An orange banner is at the top left, and a quote is at the bottom center.

Week 3: February 15-21, 2023

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— Romans 15:5-6, NIV

Week 3 Requests



□ Day 15

As Vietnamese believers receive equipment to share Jesus-centered films, pray that tens of thousands of people, upon viewing these films, would put their faith in Jesus Christ!

□ Day 16

Pray for creative strategies and resources to plant new churches in Vietnamese communities where there are none.

□ Day 17

Praise God for His provision of ministry partners who come alongside Vietnamese Christian workers with their generous gifts and faithful prayers.

□ Day 18

Pray that people all across Vietnam will hear the gospel and turn to the Lord for salvation.

“Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.” – Isaiah 45:22, NIV

□ Day 19

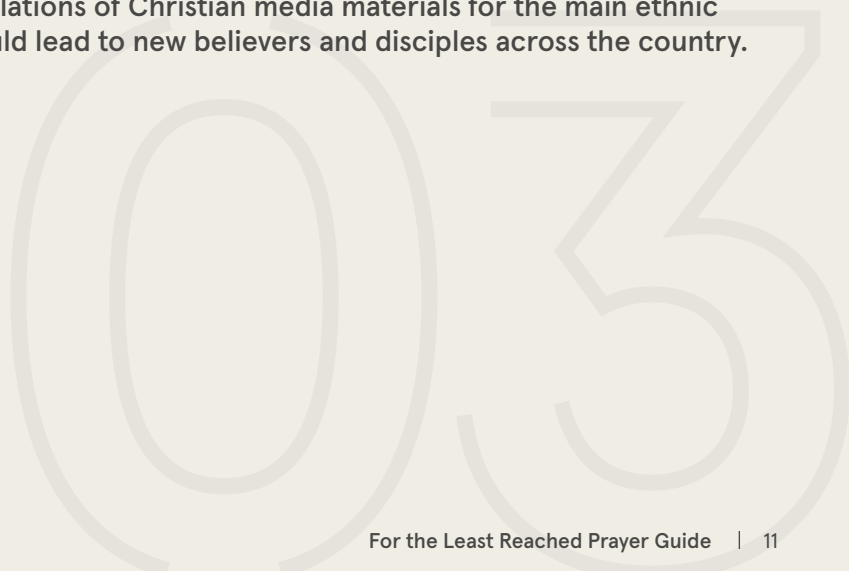
Vietnam is both a source of and a destination for human trafficking. Pray for the victims of this to be able to escape slavery and find healing physically and emotionally. Pray the church can be a safe haven for them.

□ Day 20

Pray for many college students to get involved with a Christian group on their campus. Through community with believers, pray that they come to know God, grow in their relationship with Him and learn to share their faith.

□ Day 21

Praise God for the completion of 54 language translations of Christian media materials for the main ethnic groups in Vietnam. Pray that these translations would lead to new believers and disciples across the country.



Week 4: February 22-28, 2023



"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones."

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, NIV

Week 4 Requests



☐ Day 22

Pray for the well-being of Christian workers in Vietnam. Pray for protection from harm, a close walk with God, for healthy family and home life, and for partnerships with Christian churches and groups that work together toward reaching the unreached with the gospel.

☐ Day 23

May Vietnamese Christians be quick to seek forgiveness when the Holy Spirit convicts them of sin. May they realize that God sees them as He sees Jesus: righteous and pure.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9, NIV

☐ Day 24

Tensions can sometimes rise between Vietnam’s registered and unregistered churches. Pray for unity and love between all Christians and Christian communities—that there would be no strife or division among believers.

☐ Day 25

Pray for Christian college graduates as they transition to the workplace. Ask that God would provide Christian fellowship wherever they go and that they would share the gospel with their co-workers who don’t yet know they need Jesus.

☐ Day 26

Many in Vietnam are seeking God online through Christian websites and ads. Pray for more volunteers to help these truth-seekers learn more about God.

☐ Day 27

Pray that strongholds and deception would be broken down across Vietnam, that hearts would be freed to hear and receive the truth of God’s salvation.

☐ Day 28

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Vietnam each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we’ll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Vietnamese who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



Resources

You can see these requests and others in our [Prayer Experience](#), a web based app.

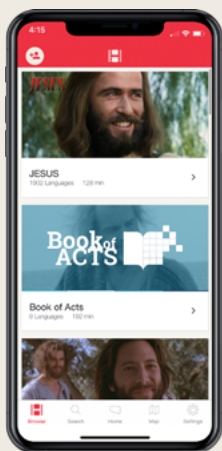
The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Indonesia. <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/VM>

PrayerCast has great prayer videos: <https://www.prayercast.com/vietnam.html>

A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* Film in their heart language. We have over 2,016 languages available on our website. <https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>

We also have multiple other films and short videos available. <https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html>

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