

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 Turkey 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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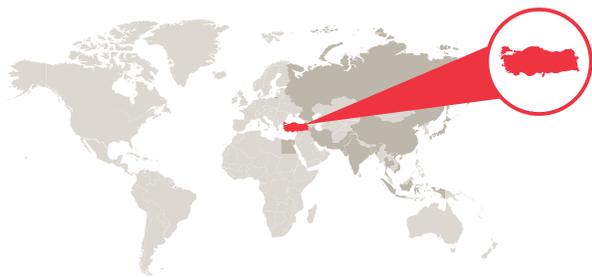
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Nearly

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 Turkey!



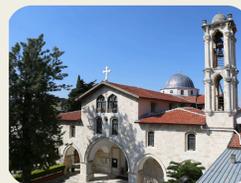
This month we are focusing on Turkey—the land where followers of Jesus were first called Christians (see Acts 11:26). Turkey is known for its natural wonders, from sandy beaches to beautiful mountain ranges. It also has many unique shops, called bazaars, where hundreds of thousands of people shop every day.



Turkey is a vibrant country that seamlessly blends ancient history with modernity. From the bustling streets of Istanbul to the breathtaking landscapes of Cappadocia, Turkey offers a rich tapestry of experiences for people to explore.

Did you know?

- ▶ The seven churches that John wrote to in the book of Revelation are located in Turkey. Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea still exist in at least some form in modern-day Turkey.
- ▶ The Hagia Sophia is a beautiful, famous building which shows the religious history of Turkey. It has been an Eastern Orthodox Church, a Catholic Church, a Mosque, and a museum, and it has been around for almost 1,500 years.
- ▶ Turkish Delight, also called Locum, lives up to its name, delighting both Turks and tourists! Its texture is similar to gummy candy (like a gummy bear) with many different flavors including cinnamon, mint, rosewater and pistachio.
- ▶ Turkey is known for its beautiful, high-quality rugs. They have been weaving rugs for over 800 years! Each region uses different colors or styles in its designs.
- ▶ People who enjoy drinking coffee can thank Turkey for speeding up the time it takes to brew it. In the 13th century, brewing coffee could take more than five hours. Turkish coffee is tasty, and it often includes added spices and sugar.



Praying for Turkey

Did you know that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to help us when we pray?

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” – Romans 8:26-27, New International Version

Even when we don’t know what to pray, the Holy Spirit prays for us. And, He always prays in line with God’s will. This is a powerful truth. Then, to top it off, Jesus sits at God’s right hand presenting our requests to His Father.

*“Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”
– Romans 8:34, NIV*

Even when you are praying by yourself, you are never praying alone. The Holy Spirit and Jesus are with you, hearing every prayer and aligning them with God’s will before presenting them to our heavenly Father.

In the same way, we don’t have to know all the details behind each prayer request in this packet. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit already know them. As we join in prayer with and for our Turkish Christian brothers and sisters, the whole Godhead (also called the Trinity) is involved in hearing and answering.

Your Prayer Partner,

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Week 1

A photograph of a middle-aged man and a woman smiling together indoors. The man is on the left, wearing a grey pinstriped suit jacket over a white shirt and glasses. The woman is on the right, wearing a white hijab and a black lace-patterned top, also wearing glasses. They are standing close together, with the man's arm around the woman's shoulder. The background shows a window with white curtains and a ceiling light fixture.

*"He who forms the mountains,
who creates the wind,
and who reveals His thoughts to mankind,
who turns down to darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth—
the Lord God Almighty is His name."*

— Amos 4:13, NIV

Week 1 Requests



Day 1

More than 75% of Turkey's population lives in urban areas. Pray that the gospel will spread through the major cities throughout Turkey: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa, Adana, Gaziantep, Konya, Antalya, Kayseri and Mersin.

Day 2

Ask God to bless and strengthen those serving behind the scenes to support Turkish Christian ministries. May they not grow weary in doing good and may they honor the Lord through their efforts to strengthen and expand their ministries.

Day 3

Pray that Turkish Christians who want to share their faith find people who want to hear. Pray they can use natural opportunities to meet, like social clubs, associations and social media groups to build relationships and begin to share God's love.

Day 4

Praise God for college students in Turkey who already know Jesus! Pray that God would give them a longing and boldness to proclaim the good news of Jesus and to help younger believers grow in their faith.

Day 5

Social media ads and Christian websites draw those who are interested in learning more about the God of the Bible and seek to connect them with mentors.

Pray for more volunteers to mentor those who are seeking to learn more about God.

Day 6

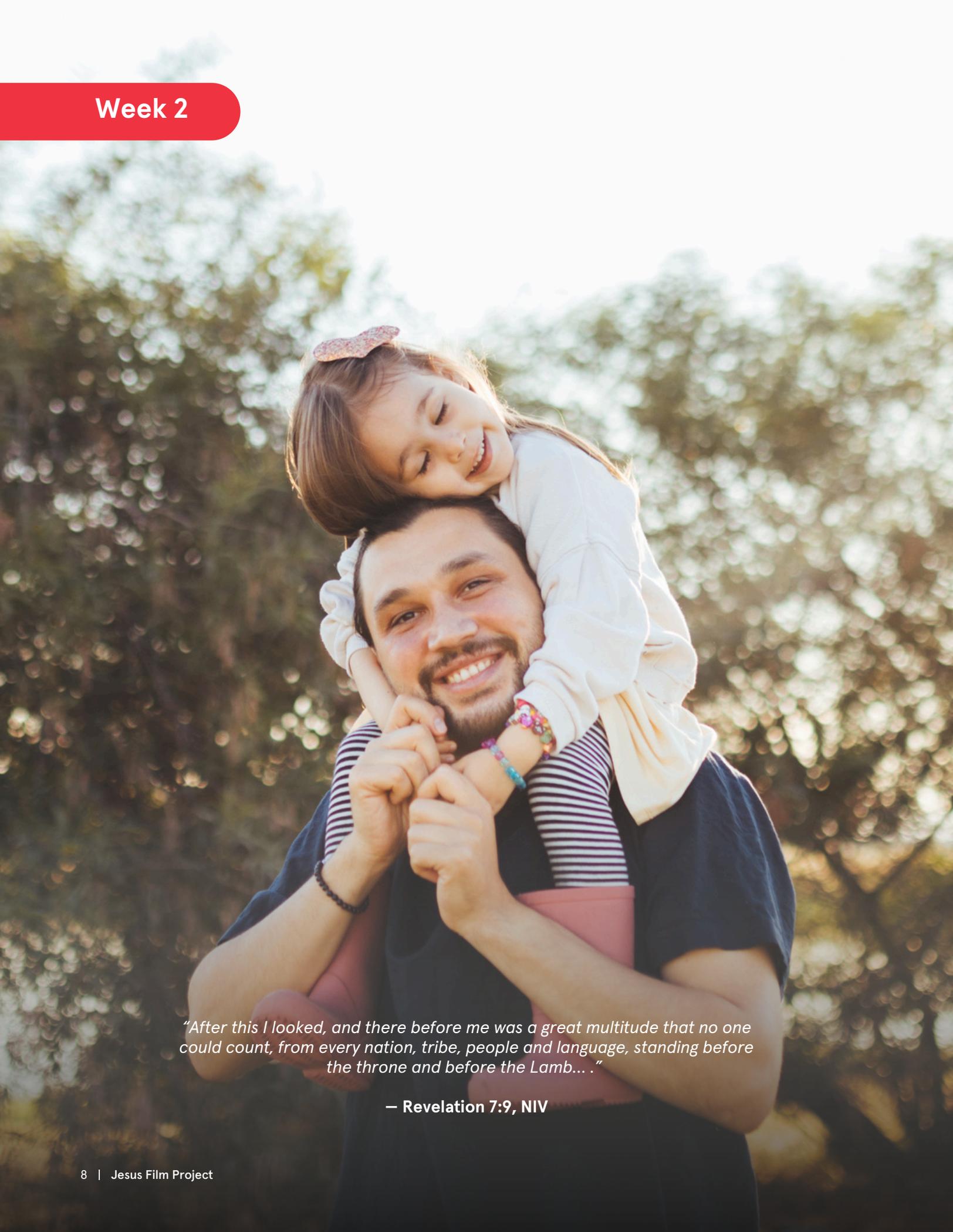
Pray this for every Christian in Turkey:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
— Philippians 4:6-7, NIV

Day 7

Turks living in earthquake zones have expressed how their lives have been deeply touched by the consistent sacrifices made by local believers who minister to them. Pray that they would be open to hearing the testimonies of these believers and be powerfully drawn to the gospel.

Week 2

A photograph of a man with a beard and mustache, smiling warmly, carrying a young girl on his shoulders. The girl is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a pink headband, and she has her eyes closed and a joyful expression. The man is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a bokeh effect.

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... ."

— Revelation 7:9, NIV

Week 2 Requests



Day 8

Ask God to provide the facilities and equipment needed for believers in Turkey to establish a local recording studio to produce radio programs, podcasts and ministry videos, giving those proclaiming the gospel a wider reach.

Day 9

Pray for an upcoming gathering of Christian workers to be fruitful and encouraging to all who attend.

Day 10

Serving as a land bridge between two continents, Turkey is home to several million refugees. Ask the Lord to give the Turkish church a tender heart for the refugees in their midst, and a commitment to reach them with the good news of Jesus.

Day 11

Pray for Christian leaders serving behind the scenes to provide the tools and resources needed to extend the reach of the gospel in Turkey. May God grant them wisdom and guidance as they work.

Day 12

Ask God to encourage and strengthen Christian workers who are sharing about Jesus with students throughout Turkey. There are many barriers to the gospel and few students who express a desire to know Jesus. Pray that God's Spirit would lead these believers, that they would joyfully carry the light of His gospel into dark places, and that God would transform lives and communities.

Day 13

Pray that Christian gatherings in Turkey would follow Paul's instructions from this Bible verse:

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." — Colossians 3:16, NIV

Day 14

It can be challenging for Christians from other countries living in Turkey to get stable, long-term visas to continue living and serving in Turkey. Ask God to continue to provide for this need.

Week 3



"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! ..."

— 1 John 3:1, NIV

Week 3 Requests



Day 15

Ask the Lord to protect and strengthen marriages in Turkey, especially within the Turkish church. Pray that believers would deepen their biblical understanding of marriage and their commitment to love their spouses in God-honoring ways.

Day 16

Ask that Christians in Turkey would be joyfully expectant—looking forward in faith for how God will accomplish His will in them and in the nation of Turkey! Pray that believers in Turkey will be aware of God’s guidance through the Holy Spirit and respond reverently to Him.

Day 17

Pray for new Christians in towns and provinces of Turkey where there are few believers and no churches. Pray that God would provide trustworthy mentors to help them grow in their faith and that they would tell their friends and family members about Jesus.

Day 18

Christian workers came years ago from other countries to help begin the work of making disciples, and now the church in Turkey is moving toward all-Turkish leadership. Ask God to continue raising up local leaders and to give wisdom during this transition.

Day 19

Taking time to thank God is an important part of prayer. We show God how grateful we are when we spend time telling Him what we are thankful for. Let's pray that Christians in Turkey would be thankful to God as these verses describe:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. ...You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, and I will exalt You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." — Psalm 118:1, 28-29, NIV

Day 20

Some Christian leaders specialize in caring for and assisting other Christian workers, helping them be spiritually healthy, well-trained and effective in their ministries. Pray God will grant wisdom to leaders serving in this way, so that they would know how to customize care and assistance for those they serve.

Day 21

Many young people in Turkey are disillusioned and questioning the things they’ve been taught to believe. Pray that they would desire to seek truth and that God would lead them to Christian friends and websites to help answer their questions.



Week 4

*"All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before Him,
for dominion belongs to the Lord
and He rules over the nations."*

– Psalm 22:27-28, NIV

Week 4 Requests



Day 22

When Christians lead others to Christ, and those new Christians in turn lead others, and so forth, we call this spiritual multiplication. Small groups can help each new generation of believers learn and grow in their faith. Pray for believers to start many groups like this in Turkey this year.

Day 23

Pray for behind-the-scenes workers who guide and care for those in face-to-face ministry. Ask God to help them be wise stewards of the resources He provides, including finances and financial policy.

Day 24

Christians can grow weary as they labor to take the gospel to the unreached places of Turkey. Ask that God would renew their vision and passion for the ministry.

Day 25

Praise God for the recent growth in Turkish subscribers to trustworthy Christian social media channels. Pray that many more people would find these channels and that God's truth would transform lives through the videos posted on them.

Day 26

Young people in Turkey enjoy learning and practicing different languages. Language clubs are a great way for Christian mentors to meet students and build relationships with them. Ask the Lord to continue to use language clubs to connect students who want to learn about Jesus with Christians who can help them.

Day 27

Pray for Turkish people to look to the Lord in the midst of the challenges they face. May they discover the beautiful promise of Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30, *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light"* (NIV).

Day 28

Many Turks feel hopeless and desperate in their current political and economic environment. Ask God to draw those feeling hopeless to Himself and to give them a hunger for His truth!

Week 5 Requests



- Day 29** Access to university campuses remains difficult for Christian workers. Ask the Lord to powerfully open new opportunities, so that these workers can have consistent access to students who are seeking and spiritually open to the gospel.

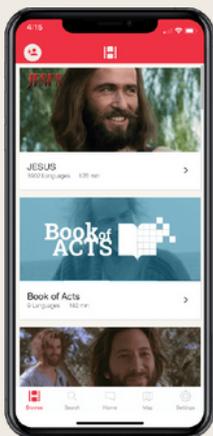
- Day 30** Pray for bold, fearless faith in the lives of believers across Turkey.

- Day 31** Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Turkey 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 Turkish people 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.
- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Turkey. joshuaproject.net/countries/TU
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/turkey
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the JESUS film in their heart language. We have over 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
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