

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 China 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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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 China!



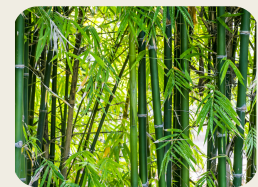
Imagine standing in awe of the Terracotta Army in Xi'an or gazing at the star-filled sky of the Gobi Desert. Think of the simple pleasure of enjoying traditional dumplings or watching a panda eat bamboo. China is a treasure trove of wonders and cultural depth.

You don't have to go to China to experience its influence. For centuries, China has gifted the world with remarkable inventions and customs. The compass, used for navigation, and fireworks, which light up our celebrations, both originated there, showcasing the profound impact of Chinese innovation and tradition.



Did you know?

- ▶ The Great Wall of China is actually a network of walls and fortifications built by various dynasties. Its total length, including all its branches, stretches over 13,048 miles (21,000 kilometers).
- ▶ China is home to around 300 species of bamboo, which make up about one-third of the world's total bamboo species. Bamboo is not just a plant in China; it's a cultural symbol of resilience and strength.
- ▶ Tea, one of the world's most popular beverages, originated in China. The Chinese have cultivated tea for over 5,000 years, and legends attribute its discovery to the mythical Emperor Shennong.
- ▶ The Terracotta Army, buried with the first Emperor of China Qin Shi Huang, consists of around 8,000 clay soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses, and 150 cavalry horses. No two soldiers are alike, and each has unique facial features.
- ▶ The invention of paper is credited to Cai Lun in China during the Eastern Han period in 105 AD. However, archaeological findings suggest that paper might have been made earlier in China, around the second century BC.



Praying for China

We've delved into some fascinating aspects of China. Now, let's turn our attention to the scriptural call to prayer as outlined in 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13:

“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” (New International Version).

Our collective prayers for China's over 1.4 billion people have the power to transform lives. Scripture teaches us that God responds to the earnest prayers of His people. This guide provides a prayer focus for each day of the month, allowing us to target our requests towards specific needs within China.

We are thrilled you are taking part in this spiritual journey. Prayer knows no borders; whether you're in the United States, India, Nigeria, or Egypt, when we unite in prayer, our petitions rise to the same almighty God. He promises to act through our prayers, impacting both our lives and those of the Chinese people. It is an honor to come together, bound by our commitment to witness God's work in China, for His glory and the advancement of the gospel.



Week 1



“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, New International Version

Week 1 Requests



- Day 1** China is home to hundreds of different ethnic groups. Pray for these different ethnic groups to foster good relationships with one another, showing a willingness to resolve conflicts. Pray that God will raise churches and Christians to be peacemakers and bring reconciliation.
- Day 2** While many Chinese people don't believe in the God of the Bible, a number of them do follow other major world religions. In fact, 21% of Chinese nationals practice traditional ethnic religions. Pray that they will come to know Jesus Christ and worship Him alone.
- Day 3** Pray for Chinese churches to creatively engage with people who are lonely, marginalized and broken. Pray that churches will work together to serve others as Jesus did.
- Day 4** Many small people groups have not heard about Jesus, most of which are in remote places of China. Please pray that the Chinese church would continue its efforts to reach these groups. Pray for increased wisdom, faith, resources and awareness to accomplish this task.
- Day 5** Pray that children, especially those between the ages of 4 and 14, will recognize their need for Jesus. Pray they will seek Him and choose to put their trust in Him. Pray that God will guide their families, friends and community in nurturing their faith and understanding of Christianity, preparing them to become leaders guided by Christian values.
- Day 6** 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 China would be thankful to God as the verses below 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 7** Pray for churches in China to flourish according to God's will above all, in spite of setbacks. Pray for believers across the nation to build strong community bonds with one another.



*"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 2 Requests



Day 8

Pray for Christian churches in China to grow and thrive, and for pastors and evangelists to feel unified while remaining obedient to God. Pray that all Christians commit themselves to God and serve Him in every aspect of their lives.

Day 9

Pray that God will strengthen pastors and Christians who are enduring hardship because of their faith. Pray that God will use their stories of faith to grow His kingdom.

Day 10

Pray for Christians in China to have access to seminary education. Pray that God will provide high-quality professors and theologians to train up biblically-sound pastors and evangelists. Pray that churches will communicate well with seminaries.

Day 11

Pray for individuals in China's educational system to be open to acknowledging the existence of God and His design for the world. Pray that, as a result, children in China will be able to learn that they were created by God and that He loves them. Pray that they will be surrounded by authority figures who are not only teaching them to have good moral character but also how to follow Jesus.

Day 12

Pray for Chinese 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 13

Although the majority of Chinese people don't believe in any god, many practice ethnic religions. One particular major religion is growing in popularity. Pray that all Chinese people will have the opportunity to learn about Jesus, what He's done for them and how they can know Him. Pray that believers in China can reach everyone across the nation with the truth of the gospel.

Day 14

Pray that God will strengthen medical staff in hospitals and elsewhere to take good care of their patients. Pray that healthcare facilities will have access to the best possible medicine and equipment. Pray that God will provide chaplains in all hospitals who will point patients and caretakers to the hope, love and comfort the Lord provides.



Week 3

*“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 3 Requests



Day 15

Pray for a stable supply of food—rice, meat, vegetables—for those across the country in need. May they come to trust God as their provider.

Day 16

Pray for Chinese Christians in mass media circles to be bold in speaking the truth about Jesus. Pray that churches will use technology to share the gospel, encourage Christian community and mentor fellow Christians.

Day 17

Pray government leaders and officials would govern with biblical principles of truth and justice and seek to serve the common good of all people. Pray that they will truly fear God and humble themselves in His sight.

Day 18

Pray for those who are enduring tremendous hardship for following Christ, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and encourage them. Pray that their suffering would lead others to trust Jesus.

Day 19

Pray for Christian men and women in China to live healthy physical, social and spiritual lives. Pray that they always draw close to God, seeking to be right with Him, as James 4:7-8 says.

Day 20


Pray this for every Christian in China:

"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 21

Pray for Christians in business, entertainment, media, education, government and cultural sectors to develop church communities within their industries. Pray that Christian leaders in these communities will train other believers to make disciples, to lead others, and to form new churches.

Week 4

A man and a woman are standing in front of a traditional Chinese building with a red lattice window. The man is wearing a purple and black checkered shirt and glasses. The woman is wearing a black and purple floral qipao and glasses. They are both looking towards the camera.

"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 4 Requests



- Day 22** Pray that China and other nations will work well together, even when their perspectives differ. Ask God to open the hearts of leaders from various countries to the message of Jesus Christ. May they find in His teachings the wisdom and compassion needed to foster international cooperation and peace.
- Day 23** Pray for Chinese creatives to develop entertainment that shares the gospel and brings glory to God. Pray that students in entertainment colleges will put their trust in Jesus and follow Him.
- Day 24** Pray for Christian parents, that they will always communicate unconditional love to their kids through their actions, and encourage them in positive ways. Pray that parents will lift their children up in prayer and seek God's guidance in their parenting journey.
- Day 25** Pray for all Christian singles. Pray they will commit their lives to God by remaining faithful to Him and His desire for them. Pray that they will hold fast to biblical perspectives in preparation for their future spouses and families.
- Day 26** Pray that each family unit in China will be built on biblical principles. Pray that married couples will prioritize their relationship with one another. Pray that Christian parents would model God's design for families and nurture strong relationships with their kids.
- Day 27** Pray that Christian gatherings in China would follow Paul's instructions from this Bible verse in Colossians.

"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 28** Pray that Chinese business professionals will pay fair wages and model Christ-like behavior to their employees. Pray that God would be glorified through all their business practices.

Week 5 Requests



- Day 29** Pray for God to inspire the right people to reach this critically unreached country—people who are passionate and effective in stirring up prayer movements.

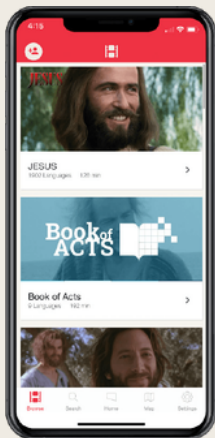
- Day 30** Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and empower prayer champions to lead prayer efforts across China. Ask God to use them to foster a deeper commitment to prayer in their country and throughout East Asia.

- Day 31** Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for China 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 Chinese people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



Resources

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about China. joshuaproject.net/countries/CH
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/china.html
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have over 2,100 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
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