

Family 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



A One-Year Prayer ADVENTURE!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries this year—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

WELCOME TO Egypt!



Egypt has a big part in the story of Christianity. When Jesus was just a baby, He and His parents had to hide in Egypt to stay safe. You can read the story in the Bible in Matthew 2:13-15.

There's also a verse in another book of the Bible, Hosea 11:1, which says, "When Israel was a child, I loved him. And I called My son out of Egypt" (International Children's Bible). This was about when the Israelites, who are ancestors of the Jewish people, were directed by God (through Moses) to leave Egypt long ago.

Many years later, Matthew used this verse to show that just like the Israelites were called out of Egypt, Jesus was also called out of Egypt, connecting Jesus to the old stories of God's people.



Fun Facts About Egypt



Ancient Egyptian doctors knew how to do surgery, fix broken bones and take care of teeth! There's a very old book called the 'Edwin Smith Papyrus' that shows us how doctors did surgeries way back in 1600 B.C.



In 1869, Egypt built a really long waterway named the Suez Canal, which connects two seas so ships can travel between Europe and Asia. It was a huge shortcut, and it changed how people traded their goods with each other all over the world.



Egyptians created a way of writing using pictures and symbols, called hieroglyphs. No one could figure out what the symbols meant until a large rock was discovered in the 1800s with hieroglyphs carved into it along with words from a language people knew. This rock, named the "Rosetta Stone," unlocked the mysterious meaning of the symbols—Egypt's written language.



The Great Pyramid of Giza, one of the biggest pyramids in Egypt, was built over 4,500 years ago without any machines. Workers used simple tools like ramps and sleds to haul huge stone blocks—some weighing as much as a school bus (about 2.5 tons)!



Long ago in ancient Egypt, artists made a special blue color that no one else had. This color was called "Egyptian blue," and it was made by mixing ingredients together in a special way. It was 2500 B.C., the first time someone made a new color on purpose!

Ready to pray for the people of Egypt?

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

“Also, the Spirit helps us. We are very weak, but the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us. The Spirit speaks to God with deep feelings that words cannot explain. God can see what is in people’s hearts. And He knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for His people in the way that God wants.”

– Romans 8:26-27, ICB

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

“Who can say that God’s people are guilty? No one! Christ Jesus died, but that is not all. He was also raised from death. And now He is on God’s right side and is begging God for us.”

– Romans 8:34, ICB

Even if you are by yourself when you pray, you are never praying alone. The Holy Spirit and Jesus are with you, hearing every prayer and lining up each one 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. And yet, He wants us to pray for them! As we join in prayer with and for our Egyptian Christian brothers and sisters, we can know that God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are involved in hearing and answering.

Please email us, or have a parent email us, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. We would love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org



WEEK 1 REQUESTS



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*“God, have mercy on us and bless us.
Show Your kindness to us.
Then the world will learn Your ways.
All nations will learn that You can save.”*

– Psalm 67:1-2, ICB



Day 1

Pray that people sharing the good news of Jesus with the people of Egypt will seek His way about how to work together to grow the family of God.

Day 2

Ask the Lord to help many, many Egyptians who haven't yet heard the good news of Jesus soon hear about Him and invite Him into their lives.

Day 3

Pray for God to provide all that is needed—money, supplies and other necessary things—to help Christ followers share the gospel message with Egyptians.

Day 4

Churches all around the world are made up of people who are not perfect. There is only one person who lived a perfect life—Jesus! Pray that His followers in Egypt will trust and obey Him. As they grow more loving and kind—like Him—may their friends and neighbors see it and want to follow Him too.

Day 5

Some Egyptians are taking God's truth to their people as well as to other countries. Pray for God to guide these Christians to people who want to know Jesus.

Day 6

In the verse below, the writer Paul encourages us to pray for everyone. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and all the people of Egypt. Does this seem impossible? It doesn't have to be. Make a plan. Pray for one group each day.

“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, ICB

Day 7

Pray that students of all ages in Egypt are glad and ready to receive the good news of Jesus as soon as they hear it.

Week 1 Activity: Trace John 14:6 in Arabic

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الطَّرِيقُ وَالْحَقُّ وَالْحَيَاةُ.

لَا أَحَدٌ يَأْتِي إِلَى الْآبِ إِلَّا بِي.

Arabic Bible: Easy-to-Read Version

Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me."
– John 14:6, ICB

WEEK 2 REQUESTS



"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. ... He lives with you and He will be in you."

— John 14:16-17, ICB



Day 8

Pray for Egypt's president and other leaders to lead wisely and make good decisions for their people.

Day 9

Ask God to keep Egypt's people and country safe from anyone who might want to do them harm. Pray that they put their trust in God.

Day 10

Many people in Egypt are poor. Pray for Egyptians to receive the important things they need, like food, housing and jobs. May they also come to understand God's love for them.

Day 11

Christians around the world are different in many ways. But because we all love and serve Jesus and are learning how to live His way by reading His Word (the Bible), we should agree on what matters most to God. These are the things that help us be loving, kind and cooperative with others in God's family. Pray that Egypt's Christians and all Christians everywhere will do these things that help us become more like Jesus.

Day 12

Pray for Christian leaders wherever they are in Egypt. Pray that they let their light shine for Jesus when they are around people who don't yet know Him and among His followers too.

Day 13

Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in Egypt.

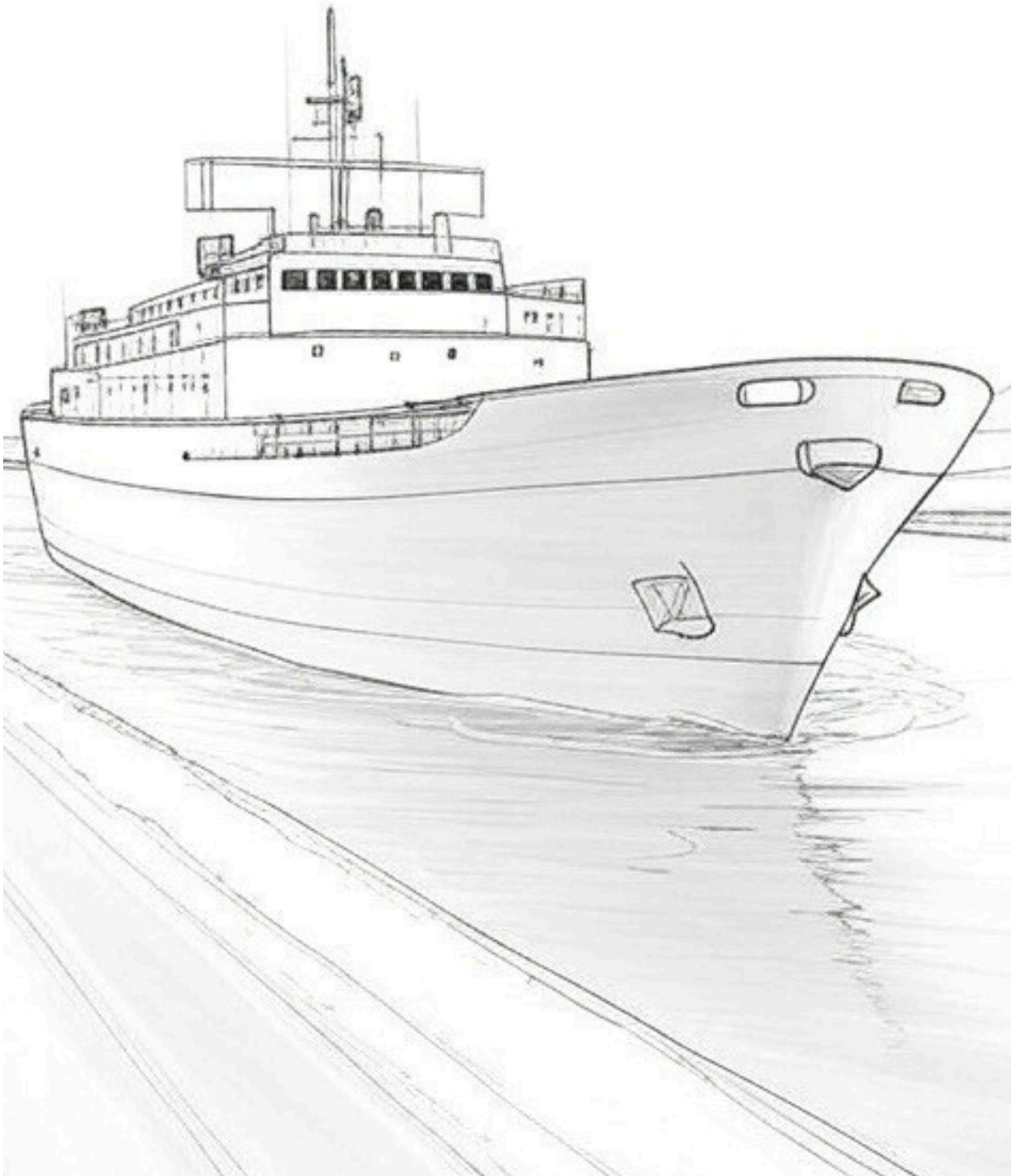
"Lord, teach me what You want me to do. And I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely." — Psalm 86:11, ICB

When praying using the Bible, you can simply add names or whole groups of people into the verse, like this: "Lord, teach Christians in Egypt what You want them to do. May they live by Your truth. Teach them to respect You completely." This is another great verse to pray for yourself, your family and friends.

Day 14

Ask God to encourage many Egyptian Christians to share the story of Jesus with their own people and with people in other countries.

Week 2 Activity: Suez Canal Coloring Page



WEEK 3 REQUESTS



“Lord, all the nations You have made will come and worship You. They will honor You.”

— Psalm 86:9, ICB



□ Day 15

Pray that many Christian Egyptians can be trained to use social media on computers and phones to reach people who haven't met Jesus. Imagine that! We can use our computers and phones to share Jesus.

□ Day 16

Pray for Christians in Egypt to get more opportunities to learn how to help others know God and grow with Him.

□ Day 17

Have you ever played a game and each team was made up of two people? They are partners working together, helping each other get a job done, like getting to the finish line first. In Egypt and other countries, some churches have partners too, like another church or a group of people who want to help in some way. These are called “partnerships.” Pray that churches and their partners will work well together to get jobs done.

□ Day 18

Pray God will help Christians be strong when they face unkind people and hard things. Pray that their strong faith in God will attract others to Jesus' gospel of peace.

□ Day 19

Some Christians in Egypt use their country's holidays to gather with their friends and show them the love of Jesus. Pray that God will make it possible for them to gather together, and that He will lead and protect Christians as they share about Jesus.

□ Day 20

Pray with us that all Egyptian Christians will read the Bible to learn what God wants them to do, then obey His teaching every day.

“So you must fully obey the Lord our God. You must follow all His laws and commands. You must continue to obey in the future as you do now.”

— 1 Kings 8:61, ICB

□ Day 21

People sometimes search for information on their computer or their phone. Some of it is truthful and some information can be false or harmful. Pray for people who want to know about Jesus or the God of the Bible. May God draw them to what is truthful and helpful.

Week 3 Activity: Pyramid Maze



WEEK 4 REQUESTS



“Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God.”

– 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Day 22

In Egypt many things help Christians share the message of Jesus, like social media, videos and Bible studies. We think of them as tools in our toolbox. Pray for God to show Egyptians which tools to use each time they want to help someone understand His message.

Day 23

Ask God to lead many followers of Jesus to be messengers of the gospel in Egypt and in other places where people haven't yet heard.

Day 24

Pray that Egyptian Christian leaders ask for God's wisdom in helping their country fix some very big problems.

Day 25

Pray for Christians around the world to send Bibles to the Egyptian people in their own heart language, wherever they may be—even in faraway places—so everyone can learn that God loves them.

Day 26

Thank the Lord for Jesus followers who go to where poor people live to serve them and show they care. By doing this people can come to know how great God's love is for them.

Day 27

Pray this prayer written by Paul. He was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. Today, we are praying for Christians in Egypt.

“I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that He will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that He has shown you.”

– Ephesians 1:17, ICB

Day 28

Christian workers have a hard job! Taking the message of Jesus to new places may mean they are separated from their families, are around unfamiliar things and need to trust God in new ways. Ask God to provide them with friends, food, clothes and a place to live.

Week 4 Activity: Egypt Word Search

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WORD LIST:

ARABIC	EGYPTIANS	HOLY SPIRIT	PYRAMID
BIBLES	GAZA	HOSEA	ROSETTA STONE
CHURCHES	HELPER	LEAST REACHED	SUEZ CANAL
EGYPT	HIEROGLYPHS	PAPYRUS	

WEEK 5 REQUESTS



□ Day 29

Egyptians, like people everywhere, use their smartphones, apps and websites to find all kinds of information about almost anything. Ask God to lead them to places online that explain the truth of the Bible, and that because of what they read or who they talk to they put their trust in Jesus, who loves them.

□ Day 30

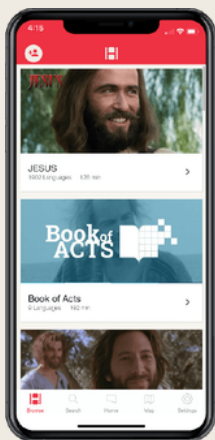
Egyptian churches need people to teach others about the Bible, to show them how to live God's way and how to tell others about their faith. Then, they too can teach and show more people. Ask God to bring many teachers to churches in Egypt.

□ Day 31

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Egypt 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 Egyptian 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 Egypt.
joshuaproject.net/countries/EG
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
prayercast.com/prayer-topic/egypt
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 2,100 languages on our website.
<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short films available.
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