

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 Thailand 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 Thailand!



Thailand is a beautiful country with a unique history and rich cultural background. Even as its neighboring countries were colonized by Western nations, Thailand remained an independent country. Formerly known as Siam, Thailand adopted its new name, meaning "land of the free," in 1949.

Today, Thailand is home to many languages, cultural practices and religions. Let's pray that every Thai person will experience the true freedom and joy found in Jesus.



Did you know?

- ▶ Thailand's floating markets are reminders of when waterways were the main trade routes in Thailand. Vendors sell everything from souvenirs to colorful fruits, vegetables and freshly grilled seafood on traditional longtail boats.
- ▶ It's said that Christian missionaries who first arrived in Thailand in the early 1800s helped greatly advance education and healthcare.
- ▶ The vast majority of Thai people follow Theravada Buddhism, a form of Buddhism that encourages participants to strictly adhere to ancient Buddhist teachings and traditions.
- ▶ The median age in Thailand is 40 years old—one of the highest in Southeast Asia. This is due to declining birth rates and increased life expectancy.
- ▶ The Thai Elephant is the national animal of Thailand. Buddhists revere elephants for their strength, and what they perceive as wisdom and patience.



Praying for Thailand

Have you ever wondered if God really hears us when we pray? In Psalm 66:19 we read: “...but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer” (New International Version). Knowing that God listens is very encouraging to me. It makes me want to talk with Him more.

While we can be sure that God hears our prayers, it’s also normal to wonder if He answers our requests. When we ask a friend a question, we can get one of three main answers: yes, maybe or no. It’s the same when we ask something in prayer. God hears us, and in His infinite wisdom, He answers with what is best for us. Sometimes, it’s not the answer we want, but the Bible clearly teaches this in Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (NIV).

Often, when we pray for people far away like we do using this packet, we don’t get to hear answers to our specific prayers. I believe God will show us how our prayers worked when we are with Him in heaven. Until then, it is a privilege to pray, even if we don’t find out the answers until heaven.

Thank you for praying with us.



Week 1



“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him.”

— Psalm 33:8, NIV

Week 1 Requests



Day 1 Most Thai people follow a regional religion. Pray that they would see the love and kindness of Jesus, understand that He is the only hope, and that they would respond positively to this good news. Pray for God's Spirit to give them a growing awareness of their need for Christ.

Day 2 Thailand is home to over 70 unique languages. Pray that every Thai person hears the good news of Jesus in his or her heart language. Pray for accurate translations of the many Christian materials in progress.

Day 3 Pray for churches in Thailand to flourish and for good relationships between Christians across the nation to grow.

Day 4 Pray for more partners to commit to fulfilling the Great Commission using online resources. Pray for partners to connect and follow up with those seeking to know more about God through online channels.

Day 5 Pray for anti-trafficking organizations across the country that work closely with local and national governments to fight against human trafficking in Thailand. Pray for Christian nationals to step into social work, law enforcement, judicial positions and every sector of society to rid Thailand of this form of modern-day slavery.

Day 6 Pray for Thai people who do not yet know Jesus to recognize Him for who He is and to see their need for Him.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" – John 14:6, NIV

Day 7 Pray ministry partners will build good teams, raise more leaders and collaborate well to do God's work in Thailand.



Week 2

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, NIV

Week 2 Requests



Day 8

Pray for Thai filmmakers who have been trained to create culturally relevant, locally produced media to spark spiritual interest and conversations through digital media. Pray that these filmmakers will be inspired to create content that will connect with the hearts and minds of Thai people.

Day 9

Sometimes people from different generations struggle to understand one another. Pray that God will bridge any relational gaps between generations so that all Thai people can feel empowered, appreciated and respected, both in the church and throughout Thai society.

Day 10

Most of the population in Thailand uses social media like Facebook and YouTube. Pray that many will see and respond to online ministries and Christian posts that spark their interest in who Jesus really is.

Day 11

Pray for organizations that introduce students from vulnerable communities to leadership training and new career opportunities. Pray that these students will develop godly character and pursue the calling God has placed on their lives. Pray that God would raise up young people to influence every area of society.

Day 12

In some regions of Thailand, many families have known about the gospel for several generations. However, many third- and fourth-generation believers are leaving the faith, showing a lack of interest and involvement. Pray for a revival of the faith within these generations. Pray that God will provide updated ministry resources that will speak to the Thai people in their heart language.

Day 13


Using Scripture is a great way to pray for yourself, your family and your friends—not just for people far away. Pray this over your loved ones and for every Christian in Thailand:

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” – Colossians 3:1-2, NIV

Day 14

Pray for organizations that offer training in skills like organic farming to help families obtain a reliable income.

Week 3



“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

— 2 Peter 3:9, NIV

Week 3 Requests



Day 15

Pray that God will use churches, Christian schools, kids' programs, social media and outreach events to bring young people to know Him personally. Ask God to use this generation to dramatically influence the people of Thailand for His glory and honor.

Day 16

Pray that those living in despair right now would experience God's healing power and then go back out into the world to proclaim His name. May Christians reach all of Thailand with the gospel and may Thai believers share about Jesus in neighboring countries.

Day 17

Many spiritual barriers stand in the way of Thai people hearing about and knowing Jesus. Christians and organizations need wisdom to teach about Jesus while communicating with compassion and understanding. Pray Christians will be bold when sharing their testimonies.

Day 18

There are prevention programs that train children, communities and educators about the dangers of human trafficking and the tactics of traffickers. Pray that Jesus would protect vulnerable Thai children from harm.

Day 19

Pray for salvation and hope for the marginalized, hungry, homeless, refugees, widows, orphans, the elderly, the sick and dying, the mentally ill, and the disabled. Pray for Christians to reach out and care for those in need. Pray that God would raise up Thai leaders who strive for reforms that bring justice for all and who will lead the people with wisdom and compassion.

Day 20


"How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" – Romans 10:14-15, NIV

Pray that God will raise up pastors and Christians to take His gospel across the nation of Thailand.

Day 21

Pray for effective collaboration between Bible translation organizations and ask God to multiply their efforts. Pray that printed and digital resources would speak to the Thai people's hearts and minds.

Week 4

An elderly woman with a white towel wrapped around her head like a headscarf. She has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the left. She is wearing a dark-colored short-sleeved shirt with a small, repeating floral pattern. She is holding a small, round, orange-colored piece of food, possibly a cherry tomato, in her right hand. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with some furniture and a person in the distance.

“Come to Me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28, NIV

Week 4 Requests



Day 22 Less than 2% of Thai people claim to be Christian. Pray that God would open the hearts of the people, no matter their religious background, and give them a desire to know Him personally.

Day 23 Pray that God will protect those involved in anti-trafficking work against spiritual attacks. Pray the Lord leads them to victims who will receive the life-giving message of Christ and find freedom.

Day 24 Pray that husbands and wives would have hearts that mutually respect one another and raise their children with biblical values.

Day 25 Pray for trained local Christian filmmakers to create short films and other media to introduce Thai people to Jesus. Ask God to use the tools they create to bring many into a relationship with Him.

Day 26 Pray for transformation in the entertainment industry. Praise God that He has raised up more Christians in the last few decades in this industry. Pray these believers will be people of integrity and influence who share Christ with their co-workers and colleagues. Pray they will have more opportunities to collaborate on creative products that share the gospel and glorify God's name. Pray that students training in various cultural and entertainment outlets will come to know Jesus and commit to following and honoring Him.

Day 27 The Bible teaches us that Christians have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep us from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Himself and to let Him fight for us. The Christians in Thailand need to remember this as well, so let's pray God's Word for them:

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."
— 1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV

Day 28 Pray for Christians in Thailand to love their neighbors of all nationalities.

Week 5 Requests



- Day 29** Pray for many more church communities to form among business people, those in the entertainment and mass media industries, in education and in government, around cultural interests and in families. Pray that Christians in these communities receive training in discipleship and leadership to multiply new churches.

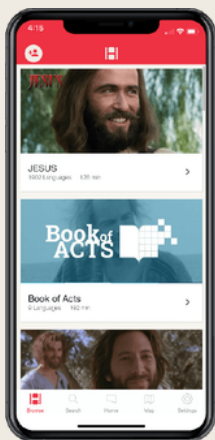
- Day 30** As in many countries, many Thai people are suffering from depression and other mental health issues. Please pray that the Lord will heal them.

- Day 31** Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Thailand 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 Thai 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 Thailand. joshuaproject.net/countries/TH
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/thailand.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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