

## JOIN US IN PRAYER – SEPTEMBER 2023

Week 1: SEPTEMBER 1 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN SPAIN	
<b>FRI 1</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the Inspira 2023 evangelistic event being held today in the bullring in Algeciras, Spain. This is a partnership between a group of evangelical churches and ministries, including Radio Vida. Ask God to bring many people to the event. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the attendees through the music and live testimonies they hear.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 2-3</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Somali</b> <b>Country:</b> Somalia   <b>Population:</b> 13,875,000   <b>Language:</b> Somali   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.01% The Somali people originated around 1200 in the Ethiopian highlands before growing in numbers and migrating south to Somalia. They consist of four main clans. The Somali are warriors and camel herders, and the overwhelming majority are Sunni Muslims. In recent times, Somalia has been plagued by droughts, famines, wars, malnutrition, and limited healthcare. The Somali language was not written down until 1972, and as such, most adults cannot read or write. Ask God to raise up missionary teachers and healthcare workers to demonstrate Christ's love to the Somali. Pray the Gospel would be broadcast throughout Somalia in a faithful, culturally effective manner. Pray for God to soften their hearts towards the Good News.
Week 2: SEPTEMBER 4-8 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	
<b>MON 4</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Robert and his faithful ministry in the North Africa/Middle East region. Ask God to give him rest and encouragement as he takes some well-deserved time at home in Sweden in September and October.
<b>TUE 5</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God that building suppliers can safely transport critical construction materials to the Mbingo Baptist Hospital radiotherapy building site. Please continue to pray for an end to the civil conflict in Cameroon.
<b>WED 6</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for His work in the heart of a young believer in The Ephraim Project. The Holy Spirit convicted him of lying. Going against cultural norms, he confessed it to the team. This beautifully demonstrates the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
<b>THU 7</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for the volunteers of The Ephraim Project who are working tirelessly with some very hard-to-reach people. Ask God to grant each volunteer strength, wisdom, energy, and creativity.
<b>FRI 8</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for God to touch the hearts of people He would choose to join us in the North Africa/Middle East region. Praise God and pray for one young lady who will be joining the team for three months starting in October.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 9-10</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Mazanderani</b> <b>Country:</b> Iran   <b>Population:</b> 2,568,000   <b>Language:</b> Mazandarani   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 1.67% The Mazanderani live in northern Iran along the Caspian Sea coast, a region of marshy plains that give way to highlands farther inland. The region has been invaded multiple times throughout the centuries. They are an ethnic mix of Turkic tribes, Armenians, and Russian immigrants. Although closely connected to Farsi, the Mazandarani language has never been put into written form, creating a roadblock to cultural and spiritual growth. Many Mazanderani raise crops and cattle. They are famous for their Arabian horses. Pray for doors to open to Christian teachers to serve this people group. Ask God to open the hearts of Iran's government leaders to allow access to the Gospel. Pray for the completion of an audio Mazandarani Bible.
Week 3: SEPTEMBER 11-15 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND MISSIONARIES AND STAFF	
<b>MON 11</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Dan and Sheryl Shedd as they both have stage four cancer. Sheryl started treatment in late August for her brain metastasis, and Dan was placed on hormone therapy to try to slow his cancer growth. Pray for successful treatments and encouragement and for God to be glorified through their situation.
<b>TUE 12</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for bringing Mary to the Sub-Saharan Africa team. Her life was greatly impacted by Reach Beyond's radio ministry, and she wants to give to others through her own radio skills. Pray for more like her to join the team.
<b>WED 13</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a missionary family who has moved to a remote part of a sensitive country in Europe/Eurasia to begin a medical work among unreached people. Pray they would know the right people to engage and the best ministry opportunities to pursue.
<b>THU 14</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for Brad and Naomi who retired from Reach Beyond this month. They moved to the Europe/Eurasia region 10 years ago and opened our ministry for many laborers to follow. Thank the Lord for their faithfulness, vision, and servant attitude among the unreached.
<b>FRI 15</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Janice as she cares for her brother while managing radio training trips and her own health. Ask for God's wisdom and provision in this situation and healing for Janice.

<b>SAT &amp; SUN 16-17</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Bhoi</b> <b>Country:</b> India   <b>Population:</b> 5,941,000   <b>Language:</b> Hindi   <b>Main Religion:</b> Hinduism   <b>Evangelical:</b> Unknown The Bhoi, also known as the Kewat, hold many common positions in Indian society. While not from the highest castes, they can still own farmland, work in Hindu temples, and own businesses. Many Bhoi own restaurants, fabric shops, and food stalls, while others work as teachers, craftsmen, or transportation professionals. Some have even become politicians. Many Bhoi have an altar to Manasamata and images of other Hindu gods and goddesses in their homes. Few have responded positively to the Gospel. Pray that Christians living near the Bhoi would have a good witness to their neighbors. Pray the Bhoi will be able to see the difference between true disciples of Christ and those who are only nominal Christians. Pray that God will deliver families and communities within the Bhoi people from fears that hinder them from embracing His blessings.
<b>Week 4:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 18-22 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN EUROPE/EURASIA</b>
<b>MON 18</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our media ministries in Russia. Financial pressure and production issues are increasing. Pray for those who continuously proclaim the Truth through digital broadcasts, shortwave, and FM radio amidst an unusual environment.
<b>TUE 19</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for peace and an end to the war in Ukraine. The conflict has made some ministry opportunities very difficult to pursue. Pray for unity among Ukrainian and Russian believers in the region.
<b>WED 20</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our partners in Greece who are providing medical care and other community services to refugees and displaced people. Many of these people do not know their destination or how long they will be in the country. Ask God to provide our missionaries and partners with many opportunities to share Christ with them as they minister to their needs.
<b>THU 21</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our Croatian partner's TV productions. Pray the Holy Spirit will use their programs to exponentially impact viewers' lives. Pray also that new TV stations in the Balkans would accept and broadcast these programs.
<b>FRI 22</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for our ministries in the region that need many new workers in the harvest. Pray earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into places like Central Asia.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 23-24</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Czech</b> <b>Country:</b> Czechia   <b>Population:</b> 10,089,000   <b>Language:</b> Czech   <b>Main Religion:</b> Non-religious   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.70% After Czechoslovakia broke apart in the 1900s, the Czech people formed the Czech Republic, now called Czechia, a landlocked country in Central Europe. The Czech are a Slavic people who trace their ethnic heritage back to the Migration Period of the 6th Century, when they were known as Bohemians. Key leaders of the Protestant church were Czechs, such as Jan Huss and Count von Zinzendorf. While once a Christian nation, most Czechs now identify as non-religious, and many participate in occult practices, such as astrology and fortune telling. The rest identify as Catholics or Protestants, but most are nominal Christians. Pray for a spiritual re-awakening among the Czechs. Pray that faithful Christians would be a beacon of light to nominal Christians and that many would give their lives to Jesus. Ask God to grant believers wisdom and creativity in reaching their fellow Czechs.
<b>Week 5:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 25-29 – PRAY FOR MINISTRIES IN ASIA PACIFIC</b>
<b>MON 25</b>	<b>PRAY</b> that God would guide plans for the Asia Pacific combined retreat and planning meeting. This retreat will be the first of its kind in many years, allowing missionaries and country office personnel in the region to meet with and encourage one another.
<b>TUE 26</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for God's guidance and enabling as we help national partners in the region to grow their capacity for training. We are looking for more opportunities to help radio stations develop in strategic ways and become more self-sustaining.
<b>WED 27</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for Sam, a short-term worker coming to Thailand. With Sam's help, Trevor hopes to set up the new workshop and make it more functional. Pray their combined efforts and experience will benefit the many stations they hope to visit during Sam's stay.
<b>THU 28</b>	<b>PRAY</b> for a key national partner in the Asia Pacific region suffering from significant health challenges. Ask God to give him strength and grace as he labors alongside Reach Beyond missionaries. Ask for physical healing and relief.
<b>FRI 29</b>	<b>PRAISE</b> God for the many people in the Asia Pacific region who have come to faith through the radio programs. Pray that the teaching they hear would increase their understanding and deepen their faith.
<b>SAT &amp; SUN 30-1</b>	<b>WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS   Malay</b> <b>Country:</b> Malaysia   <b>Population:</b> 13,951,000   <b>Language:</b> Malay   <b>Main Religion:</b> Islam   <b>Evangelical:</b> 0.08% Traditionally, the Malay are a seagoing people with a strong reputation as coastal traders. Their traditional homelands in Malaysia, Indonesia, and other nearby countries placed them strategically along sea routes between India and China. The Malay are found throughout Southeast Asia and Australia. They are proud of their language and heritage, and despite lingering Hindu influences, all Malays receive a lifelong Muslim identity at birth, no matter where they live. In Malaysia, it is illegal to evangelize Malays and for Malays to convert to other religions. Reaching the Malay is much less difficult in countries with religious freedom, such as Australia. Pray that God would soften the hearts of Malaysia's rulers toward the Gospel. Ask Him to open doors to boldly proclaim the Gospel to Malay living in other countries. Pray that Malay Christians would be a light in the darkness to family and friends.

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