

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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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 China!



The magnificence of China's Great Wall, the beauty and elegance of silk, fundamental innovations like paper, the morally-aware teachings of Confucius, and the vibrant dragons of the Chinese New Year all highlight China's profound history and its immense impact on the world.



Did you know?

- ▶ The Great Wall stretches over 13,000 miles across China. That is more than four times the distance from Los Angeles to New York City by car.
- ▶ The Chinese language is the oldest written language still in use in the world.
- ▶ In China the color red symbolizes happiness. That's why it's so frequently used in festival decorations.
- ▶ Basketball may be China's most popular sport, but Ping-Pong is the country's official national ball game.
- ▶ Every giant panda in the world belongs to China.



Praying for China

At Jesus Film Project®, we want everyone to have access to the message of the gospel in a language they can understand, preferably their heart language—the language they learned as a child and understand best. Heart language is the language we all think, dream and pray in.

Our mission is to translate the *JESUS* film into every heart language around the world and to provide films, short films, tools and strategies in as many languages as possible so that everyone can know Him. Today, *JESUS* is available in more than 2,100 languages.



Scan the QR code to watch [JESUS in Mandarin](#).

If you don't speak Mandarin or a related language, can you understand the dialogue? This is a real-life example of why it is so important to present materials to others in their heart language.

While the facts on the previous page give you a glimpse at the vastness of China and its diversity, we hope as you read through this guide you'll also get a sense of the Chinese people's need for the gospel, for hope and for a Savior.

Use this prayer guide as a way to pray with us for the people groups in China who have yet to hear Jesus speak their language. Join us as we pray for their physical and spiritual needs, and for the ministry leaders, missionaries and everyday believers working to help them hear the good news.

Thank you for praying with us.

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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 use Sunday schools and youth ministries to train them into the next generation of Christian leaders.

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.

An elderly Asian couple is shown in a close-up, smiling warmly. The man, on the left, has grey hair and is wearing a light blue polo shirt. The woman, on the right, has dark hair with grey streaks and is wearing a pink top. They are both looking down at a small, light blue card held in front of them. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light.

Week 2

*“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 the below 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.

A photograph of two women, one younger and one older, both smiling warmly. They are wearing matching maroon-colored tops. The background is filled with numerous red lanterns, suggesting a festive or cultural event. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a joyful atmosphere.

Week 4

"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 for China's relationships with all countries to be peaceful and diplomatic, benefiting each country and its people. Pray for these positive international relations to bless China and open up new avenues for Christians to share the gospel.

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

- ▶ You can view 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 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 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short videos available. jesusfilm.org/watch
- ▶ For more Jesus Film Project® prayer resources—including access to each month’s family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website: jesusfilm.org/pray



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