

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 Turkey 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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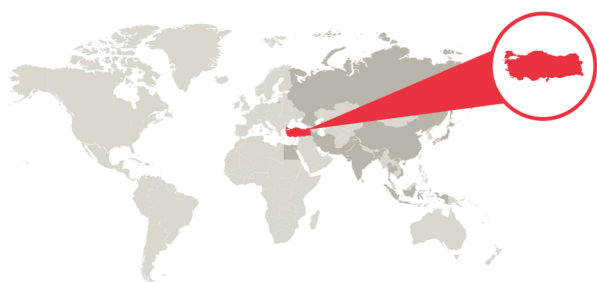
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Nearly

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 Turkey!



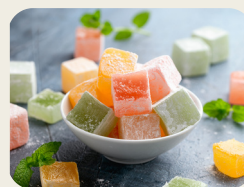
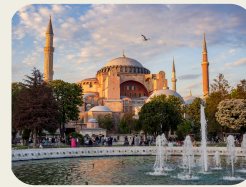
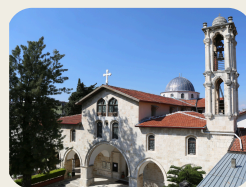
This month we are focusing on Turkey—the land where followers of Jesus were first called Christians (see Acts 11:26). Turkey is known for its natural wonders, from sandy beaches to beautiful mountain ranges. It also has many unique shops, called bazaars, where hundreds of thousands of people shop every day.



Turkey is a vibrant country that seamlessly blends ancient history with modernity. From the bustling streets of Istanbul to the breathtaking landscapes of Cappadocia, Turkey offers a rich tapestry of experiences for people to explore.

Did you know?

- ▶ Turkey's Mount Ararat, a dormant volcano, is the country's highest peak at 16,860 feet (5,137 meters). Local legends tie it to the biblical story of Noah's Ark, which some believe landed there. Its majestic presence inspires wonder and reflection.
- ▶ Turkey produces over 70% of the world's hazelnuts, especially along the Black Sea coast. These nuts are a staple in global treats like chocolate spreads. The harvest reflects the hard work of local farmers and their global impact.
- ▶ The Turkish language uses a unique alphabet (*Türk alfabesi*) introduced in 1928 to promote literacy. Unlike its Arabic-script predecessor, it is based on Latin letters with special characters like "ğ" and "ş."
- ▶ Turkish coffee, known for its thick, strong brew, is prepared in a special pot called a *cezve*. The grounds settle at the bottom, creating a unique texture enjoyed in small sips. The ritual of sharing coffee highlights Turkey's hospitality and community spirit.
- ▶ The ancient Lycian Way, a 335-mile (540-kilometer) hiking trail along Turkey's southern coast, passes ruins, beaches and villages. Named after the Lycian civilization, it offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean. The trail reflects Turkey's blend of adventure and history.



Praying for Turkey

Turkey has several extremely intense roller coasters known for their aggressive forces and smooth rides. Would you ride one? I wouldn't. Maybe getting stuck on one for hours as a teenager left a lasting impression on me. The rest of my family loves roller coasters: the anticipation, the thrill, the speed—sometimes the unknown—creates a fun experience for them.

Real-life ups and downs, twists and turns or the unknown can create stress, fear or anxiety in our lives. Is what's happening in your life causing you to feel out of control?

I find that focusing on the Lord, especially by thinking about how awesome He is (praise), or taking time to list the many things I'm thankful for, can help me break through my swirling emotions. Consider being old-fashioned and write these verses on notecards, or simply on the note app in your phone so you can pull them out when your life starts to twist and turn. As you stop to praise Him and thank Him, let the presence of God bring you peace.

"Lord, the God of our ancestors, are You not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in Your Hand, and no one can withstand You."
— 2 Chronicles 20:6, New International Version

"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

May our daily prayers cause God to open up Turkish hearts and minds to surrender to Jesus and receive His love.

Thank you for praying with us.

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Week 1

*"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 1 Requests



☐ Day 1

More than 75% of Turkey's population lives in urban areas. Pray that the gospel will spread through the major cities throughout Turkey: Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Bursa, Adana, Gaziantep, Konya, Antalya, Kayseri and Mersin.

☐ Day 2

Ask God to bless and strengthen those serving behind the scenes to support Turkish Christian ministries. May they not grow weary in doing good and may they honor the Lord through their efforts to strengthen and expand their ministries.

☐ Day 3

Pray that Turkish Christians who want to share their faith find people who want to hear. Pray they can use natural opportunities to meet, like social clubs, associations and social media groups to build relationships and begin to share God's love.

☐ Day 4

Praise God for college students in Turkey who already know Jesus! Pray that God would give them a longing and boldness to proclaim the good news of Jesus and to help younger believers grow in their faith.

☐ Day 5

Social media ads and Christian websites draw those who are interested in learning more about the God of the Bible and seek to connect them with mentors.

Pray for more volunteers to mentor those who are seeking to learn more about God.

☐ Day 6

Pray this for every Christian in Turkey:

"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 7

Turks living in earthquake zones have expressed how their lives have been deeply touched by the consistent sacrifices made by local believers who minister to them. Pray that they would be open to hearing the testimonies of these believers and be powerfully drawn to the gospel.

A close-up photograph of a woman wearing a red and black patterned hijab and glasses, smiling warmly at a newborn baby. The baby is being held by a person wearing a white shirt, and the baby is looking up at the woman. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Week 2

"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 2 Requests



☐ Day 8

Ask God to bless a local recording studio that produces Christian radio programs, podcasts and ministry videos. May the gospel be proclaimed broadly in Turkey!

☐ Day 9

Pray for Christian workers to have opportunities to gather together to encourage and learn from one another.

☐ Day 10

Serving as a land bridge between two continents, Turkey is home to several million refugees. Ask the Lord to give the Turkish church a tender heart for the refugees in their midst, and a commitment to reach them with the good news of Jesus.

☐ Day 11

Pray for Christian leaders serving behind the scenes to provide the tools and resources needed to extend the reach of the gospel in Turkey. May God grant them wisdom and guidance as they work.

☐ Day 12

Ask God to encourage and strengthen Christian workers who are sharing about Jesus with students throughout Turkey. There are many barriers to the gospel and few students who express a desire to know Jesus. Pray that God's Spirit would lead these believers, that they would joyfully carry the light of His gospel into dark places, and that God would transform lives and communities.

☐ Day 13


Pray that Christian gatherings in Turkey would follow Paul's instructions from this Bible verse:

"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 14

It can be challenging for Christians from other countries living in Turkey to get stable, long-term visas to continue living and serving in Turkey. Ask God to continue to provide for this need.

Week 3

A woman with dark hair, wearing a green headscarf and a yellow and red striped shirt, is looking down at a black smartphone held in her right hand. She is also holding a brown paper coffee cup in her left hand. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with buildings and a clear sky.

"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, NIV

Week 3 Requests



☐ Day 15

Ask the Lord to protect and strengthen marriages in Turkey, especially within the Turkish church. Pray that believers would deepen their biblical understanding of marriage and their commitment to love their spouses in God-honoring ways.

☐ Day 16

Ask that Christians in Turkey would be joyfully expectant—looking forward in faith for how God will accomplish His will in them and in the nation of Turkey! Pray that believers in Turkey will be aware of God’s guidance through the Holy Spirit and respond reverently to Him.

☐ Day 17

Pray for new Christians in towns and provinces of Turkey where there are few believers and no churches. Pray that God would provide trustworthy mentors to help them grow in their faith and that they would tell their friends and family members about Jesus.

☐ Day 18

Christian workers came years ago from other countries to help begin the work of making disciples, and now the church in Turkey is moving toward all-Turkish leadership. Ask God to continue raising up local leaders and to give wisdom during this transition.

☐ Day 19

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 Turkey would be thankful to God as these verses 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 20

Some Christian leaders specialize in caring for and assisting other Christian workers, helping them be spiritually healthy, well-trained and effective in their ministries. Pray God will grant wisdom to leaders serving in this way, so that they would know how to customize care and assistance for those they serve.

☐ Day 21

Many young people in Turkey are disillusioned and questioning the things they’ve been taught to believe. Pray that they would desire to seek truth and that God would lead them to Christian friends and websites to help answer their questions.



Week 4

*"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 4 Requests



☐ Day 22

When Christians lead others to Christ, and those new Christians in turn lead others, and so forth, we call this spiritual multiplication. Small groups can help each new generation of believers learn and grow in their faith. Pray for believers to start many groups like this in Turkey this year.

☐ Day 23

Pray for behind-the-scenes workers who guide and care for those in face-to-face ministry. Ask God to help them be wise stewards of the resources He provides, including finances and financial policy.

☐ Day 24

Christians can grow weary as they labor to take the gospel to the unreached places of Turkey. Ask that God would renew their vision and passion for the ministry.

☐ Day 25

Praise God for many Turkish subscribers to trustworthy Christian social media channels. Pray that many more people would find these channels and that God's truth would transform lives through the videos posted on them.

☐ Day 26

Young people in Turkey enjoy learning and practicing different languages. Language clubs are a great way for Christian mentors to meet students and build relationships with them. Ask the Lord to continue to use language clubs to connect students who want to learn about Jesus with Christians who can help them.

☐ Day 27

Pray for Turkish 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 28

Ask God to draw Turks who are feeling hopeless to Himself and to give them a hunger for His truth!

Week 5 Requests



☐ Day 29

Access to university campuses remains difficult for Christian workers. Ask the Lord to powerfully open new opportunities, so that these workers can have consistent access to students who are seeking and spiritually open to the gospel.

☐ Day 30

Pray for bold, fearless faith in the lives of believers across Turkey.

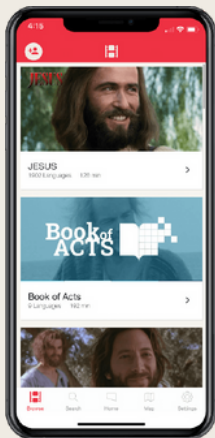
☐ Day 31

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



Resources

- ▶ You can see 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 Turkey. joshuaproject.net/countries/TU
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/turkey
- ▶ 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
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