



2026 ASIAN CITIES LENT PRAYER GUIDE



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Anchored in the Father's Vision

Welcome to this Lenten prayer journey!

As we join with teams from across Asian cities, our focus is on the Father's end vision — His plan to heal and restore all creation to relationship with Him. This season invites us to move from brokenness toward the world God has always wanted.

In this period leading up to Easter, we invite you to seek a renewed vision of the Father and His heart for our cities.

How to Use This Guide

You can follow the sections in order, or move between them as the Spirit leads. The city profiles, in particular, can be spread throughout your Lent season rather than read all at once.

Whether you use this individually or as a team, we pray the Father will draw you deeper into His story — and show you what He is inviting you into next in your harvest field.

– *The Urban Wheat Project Support Team*

The Journey Ahead

This guide is arranged in six parts:

- **Father's Vision** — What is God's end goal?
- **Live It** — How do we personally and practically join with His vision?
- **Spread It** — How does it overflow to others?
- **Asian Cities** — Praying for teams across the region
- **Passion Week** — Jesus and the turning point of God's story
- **Launching Forward** — Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost — and our next steps where God has placed us

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Every story has a starting point, and every journey needs a destination. Before we consider Christ and the cross, or even look at our own lives and the needs of our cities, we must first look at the Father's heart. His vision is the anchor for everything we do—an unfolding plan to heal the brokenness of our world and restore all of creation to Himself.

FATHER'S VISION

Devotional 1

Read: Genesis 12:1-3

Long ago, before there were big cities, God made a promise. He chose one man named Abraham. God did not choose him just to give good things for himself. He chose Abraham to share blessing with others. Through Abraham, all the families on earth would be blessed.

This is where the story begins. God did not plan to bless only a few people. From the start, He wanted to reach everyone. The Father's dream has always been for the whole world. Every family. Every person.

What kind of God makes a promise like this? A God who wants to give, not hold back. A God who thinks about the future. A God whose plan includes everyone.

Reflect:

- What does this promise in Genesis show us about what God wants for the world?
- How does this change the way you see your city and the people around you?

Devotional 2

Read: Isaiah 11:1-10

A tree has been cut down. It looks dead. But then a new shoot grows from the stump. Isaiah sees a future king filled with God's Spirit. This king has wisdom and understanding. He does not judge by how things look. He brings justice to the poor. He rules with fairness.

Then the picture gets bigger. Under this king, all of creation changes. Animals that used to fight now live together in peace. A child can play safely. The whole earth is filled with knowing God — like water fills the sea.

This is what God wants. A world made whole. Not just a little better, but completely changed. Peace in creation. Justice for those who have less. Everyone knowing God. The Father does not want only part of creation to be fixed. He wants it all.

Reflect:

- What does this passage show us about the kind of world God wants?
- Where in your city do you wish you could see this happen?
- How does the picture of new life from a dead stump give you hope?

Devotional 3

Read: Psalm 65:1-8

The writer of this psalm tells us many things about God. God answers prayer. He forgives our wrongs. He gives us good things. He calms the wild seas. From sunrise to sunset, people see what He does and are amazed.

But look at how big this is. God is not just for one group of people. He is called “the hope of all the ends of the earth.” His care reaches to the farthest places. Every part of creation matters to Him.

God wants to be known. Not as someone far away, but as someone close. Someone who listens. Someone who acts. The Father wants everyone to find their hope in Him. He satisfies. He answers. He brings calm. And He does this for all who turn to Him.

Reflect:

- What does this psalm show us about how God wants people to know Him?
- How does it change your prayers to know that God is the hope of the whole earth?

Devotional 4

Read: Ezekiel 47:1-12

Water starts to flow from under the temple door. At first it is very shallow — only up to the ankles. But as the river flows further, it gets deeper. Up to the knees. Up to the waist. Soon it is too deep to walk through. And everywhere this river goes, things come alive.

Ezekiel sees the Dead Sea become fresh water. Fish fill it. Trees grow along the banks. They give fruit every month. Their leaves bring healing. What was empty and dead becomes full of life.

This is what God wants. Life that grows and spreads. Healing that reaches the driest places. Good things that keep increasing. And it all flows from God’s presence. What starts small becomes powerful because of where it comes from. The Father does not give just a little. He pours out more than enough.

Reflect:

- What does this vision show us about the future God wants for creation?
- Where in your harvest field do you feel the need for this river of life?
- How does it encourage you that the river starts small?



Devotional 5

Read: John 4:21-24

Jesus is sitting by a well. He is talking with a Samaritan woman about worship. She asks an old question that Jews and Samaritans argued about: which place is the right place to worship? But Jesus changes the topic completely. He says a time is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Then Jesus says something surprising. The Father is looking for people like this to worship Him.

This is not a God who waits for people to find Him. This is a God who searches. The Father does not just want worship. He goes looking for people who will know Him for real — not through religious rules or special places, but through spirit and truth.

What kind of God looks for worshippers? One who wants to be known. One who wants closeness, not distance. The Father is not hiding behind walls, hoping a few will get in. He is out searching.

Reflect:

- What does it tell us about God that He looks for worshippers instead of just waiting?
- What might it look like to worship “in spirit and truth” in your daily life?
- Who around you might be surprised to learn that God is looking for them?

Devotional 6

Read: Galatians 3:23–4:7

Paul writes that before faith came, we were like prisoners under the law. But now things have changed. Through Jesus, something new has started. We are no longer under a guard. We have entered a different kind of life.

The old ways of dividing people lose their power. Jew and non-Jew. Slave and free. Male and female. These things no longer decide who belongs. Everyone who is in Christ is part of Abraham’s family. Everyone is an heir.

Then Paul makes it even more personal. We are not slaves. We are children. We can call God “Abba” — Father. This is what God wants. Not scared servants trying to earn His approval. But children who belong. The Father’s dream is a family that welcomes those who were left out. A family where the good things are shared. A family where freedom replaces fear.

Reflect:

- What does this passage show us about the kind of family God wants to build?
- How does it change things to think of yourself as a child instead of a slave?
- Who in your city needs to hear that they are included in this family?

Devotional 7

Read: Revelation 21:1-8

We finish where the story finishes. But “finish” is not the best word. Rather, this is arrival. This is where everything has been heading.

John sees a new heaven and a new earth. The old things are gone. Then comes the most amazing part: a city comes down from heaven. God makes His home with people. He will be with them. They will be His people. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. No more death. No more sadness. No more crying. No more pain.

Then the one on the throne speaks: “I am making everything new.”

This is what the Father wants most of all. Not people escaping a broken world. But God coming to live with us. Not small fixes. But everything made new. The dream is presence — God with His people, face to face, in a world free from everything that hurts and destroys. This is where history is going. This is why we do what we do.



Reflect:

- What does it show about God that His plan is to come and live with us?
- How does knowing where things are heading change how you live today?
- As you start this Lent season, what stirs in you when you think about the Father’s vision?



The Father's
vision is not just
something to look
at from far away.

It is an invitation
to step in.
And we step
in through
relationship:
with God, with
ourselves, with
each other, and
with people who
do not yet know
they are invited.

LIVE IT

Devotional 8: Live It - With God and His Story

Read: John 15:1-11

We are shaped by stories. Every day, different voices tell us who we are and what matters. These voices come through education, family, media, and city life. Most of the time we do not even notice them. We just react to whatever story is loudest.

Jesus invites us into a different way of living. “Stay in me,” He says, “and I will stay in you.” This is not about joining a group or ticking a box. It is alive. It is ongoing. It is about relationship. The picture of the vine and branches is natural — life flows from being connected, not from trying harder.

And look at what grows from this: joy. Not fake joy. Not joy we try to create. But joy that grows naturally from being joined to Jesus. As we soak in God’s story — the true story of where the world is going and who we are — we start to change. The other voices get quieter. We start to live with a renewed mind.

Reflect:

- What stories are shaping your sense of who you are right now?
- What does it look like for you to “stay” in Jesus during your normal week?
- Where have you seen joy grow as fruit rather than something you tried to make happen?

Devotional 9: Live It - With Me

Read: Psalm 139:1-18

There is nowhere to hide from God — and that turns out to be good news.

The psalm writer is amazed by how completely God knows him. God has searched him and knows him. Every thought. Every movement. Every word before he says it. This could feel scary. But instead, the writer lands in wonder: “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Here is the starting point for being honest with ourselves. God sees everything — our good parts and our broken parts, our beauty and our wounds — and He does not look away. In His eyes, we find both honesty and safety. We do not need to hide anymore.

This frees us from two traps. The first is pretending we have everything together. The second is believing that our mistakes determine who we are. We are on a journey. Change is real, but it is often slower than we want. Being healthy does not mean being perfect. It is learning to walk honestly with a God who already knows us completely and calls us wonderful.

Reflect:

- What parts of yourself are hardest to bring into the open — with God or with yourself?
- How does it change things to know God sees your brokenness and your beauty?
- Where might you be stuck in pretending or in being too hard on yourself?

Devotional 10: Live It - With Us

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

The freedom we find with God and within ourselves is not meant to stay private. It spills into how we relate to each other. Paul paints a picture of community: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience. Bearing with one another. Forgiving as the Lord forgave. And over all of this, love — holding everything together. This is not a community of perfect people. It is a community of people learning to stay in the room.

In cities, it is easy to “leave”. When relationships get hard, we can hide in our phones, fill our schedules, or just disappear. But communities where faith grows and spreads are marked by people who stay — through discomfort, through hard talks, through the slow work of growing together. They know they will hurt each other. They also know they are committed to each other’s good.

The result is joy-filled belonging: faces lighting up when we see each other, meals shared, laughter — along with the hard conversations that show the relationship is real. This is where we learn to be broken and beautiful together.

Reflect:

- What makes it hard for you to stay when community gets uncomfortable?
- Where have you experienced both warmth and honesty together?
- How might you give others the same freedom to be “broken and beautiful” that God gives you?

Devotional 11: Live It - With Others

Read: 1 Peter 2:9-12

What we experience with God, with ourselves, and in community is not meant to stay inside. It overflows.

Peter writes to believers living among people who do not share their faith. His instruction is not to argue or sell or perform. It is simply to live. Live such good lives among them that, even when they do not understand or say bad things, they cannot help but see something real. And in seeing, they may praise God.

This is not about acting perfect. It is about the natural overflow of a life built on God’s story. When we have tasted real relationship — with God, with ourselves, with each other — we carry something that others are hungry for. Cities are full of people wanting personal change and genuine community but not knowing how to find it. They are not looking for religious products. They are looking for lives that work.

Our growth matters beyond ourselves. The healthier we become, the more life we bring to those around us. This is responsibility, yes. But it is also invitation. We are not selling anything. We are living in a way that lets others taste and see the goodness of God and His Kingdom.

Reflect:

- Who in your life is watching how you live — even if they would never go to a religious place?
- What would it look like to bring this real way of relating into your normal day this week?
- How does knowing your growth affects others push you to keep growing?





This real way of relating is not meant to stay within our groups. As we live it out — with God, with ourselves, with each other — something spills over. Others start to see and taste what they are hungry for.

SPREAD IT

Devotional 12: What Others Taste and Smell

Read: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Paul uses a strong picture: we are the smell of Christ. Not a sales talk. Not a program. A smell — something that is sensed just by being there.

This is what happens when real relationship overflows. People around us — workmates, neighbours, the faces we see every day — start to notice something. They may not be able to name it, but they sense it. They see lives with purpose and meaning, connected to a story bigger than work or comfort. They see groups where people are honest about their weaknesses but also valued for their strengths. They meet people who have both humility and confidence — people who seem to know themselves without being full of themselves.

Cities are full of hunger for these things. Real change. Real community. Real honesty. Most people do not know how to find them. But when they smell the fragrance, something stirs inside. We are not recruiting. We are simply there — and being present carries weight.

Reflect:

- What might people “smell” as they meet you in daily life?
- Which do you think people around you are most hungry for — purpose, community, or personal honesty?
- How does the picture of “fragrance” change how you think about your presence where you live and work?

Devotional 13: What Is God Doing?

Read: Acts 17:24-28

God has chosen the times and places where every person lives — so they might reach out for Him and find Him. This is an amazing claim. It means God put us where we are on purpose. And it means everyone around us has been put there on purpose too, so they might seek Him.

If this is true, then God is already at work all around us. Our job is not to bring God into our area. Our job is to see what He is already doing and join Him there.

One helpful way to grow this awareness is to map the people God has put in your life. Think about the different places you spend time — work, neighbourhood, family, hobbies. Write down the names of people in each place. Then sit with those names before the Father and ask: “What are you doing? Where are you working?” If a name or situation catches your attention, stay with it. Pray about it. Then act — maybe through more prayer, maybe through a conversation, maybe just by being present. Over time, this practice makes us more aware of others and more sensitive to what the Father is doing.

Reflect:

- What would it mean to believe that everyone around you has been put there by God so they might reach for Him?
- Who comes to mind when you think of the people God has put in your life?
- How could you make the question “What are you doing, Father?” part of your regular prayer?



Devotional 14: What Are People Hungry For?

Read: Matthew 5:3-12

The Beatitudes are a map of human hunger. Poor in spirit. Sad. Humble. Hungry for what is right. Needing mercy. Wanting peace. Treated badly for doing good. Jesus looks at these hungers and says: the Kingdom of God is for you.

Every community has its own brokenness and its own desire for things to be whole. The shape of that hunger will be different — it looks different among young workers than among migrants, different in one neighbourhood than another. But the nature of the hunger is the same everywhere. People want things to work. They want good relationships. They want life to mean something. Where God's love and authority are trusted, His Kingdom is welcomed and things grow well. Everyone wants that, even if they never use the word "Kingdom."

As we listen to the people God has placed us among, we notice how they respond to their hunger. Some shut it down — they see the brokenness but choose to look away. Some are stuck — they face the need every day but cannot see a way forward. And some lean in — they accept the challenge and do what they can, even when they need help themselves.

This last group of people are often the people God is preparing. They are already moving toward the Kingdom without knowing its name.



Reflect:

- What hungers do you see in the community God has put you in?
- Who around you seems to be "leaning in" to the brokenness rather than shutting down or staying stuck?
- How might the Beatitudes help you see Kingdom hunger in surprising places?

Devotional 15: Serving Kingdom Hunger

Read: Luke 10:1-9

Jesus sends His followers into towns and villages with a certain way of being. They travel light. They look for homes that welcome them — people of peace. They eat whatever is given to them, heal the sick, and say that the Kingdom of God has come near. They do not force their way in. They look for where the welcome is and serve there.

This sending pattern gives us wisdom for how to serve the hunger we find. We are not called to push our solutions from outside. We are not called to act like we alone can fix what is broken. We are called to see what God is already doing and join Him — working with His Spirit, not against Him.

This means asking good questions. Is the hunger we want to serve really felt by the community — or just by us? Do we have what it takes to keep going with what we start? Have we asked for blessing from the leaders God has put in place there? Does our help create space for real relationship, or are we helping from a distance? Do we know when and how our help might end, so we do not create unhealthy need?

These questions are not blockers. They are paths to serving well — honouring both God and the people He loves.

Reflect:

- Which of the above questions most challenges how you currently serve your community?
- Where might you need to slow down and listen more before acting?
- Who could you work with to serve the hunger you are seeing?





The Father's vision is not just an idea. It is being worked out in real places, among real people, through teams He is raising up. Across Asia, workers are learning to see what God is doing in their cities and joining Him there. In this section, we turn our attention to some of these cities and the people who carry a burden for them.

ASIAN CITIES

Devotional 16: The Urban Challenge

Read: Jonah 4:10-11

More people live in cities today than ever before. In many places, the number of people in one area has grown very fast. This changes how people connect with each other.

In rural areas, people often know everyone around them. In cities, we are surrounded by thousands of people we will never meet. We can choose who to connect with. But we can also feel very alone. When things get hard, it is easy to move or disappear. Strong, lasting relationships are harder to build.

Cities are complex. There is no simple plan that works everywhere. But God cares deeply about cities. He asked Jonah, "Should I not be concerned about this great city?" The Father sees the millions in our cities. He is at work, and He invites us to join Him — with prayer, curiosity, and a willingness to try new things.

Reflect:

- What challenges do you see in how people connect in your city?
- How does the fact that God cares deeply for cities encourage you?
- What might it look like to approach your city with curiosity and prayer?

Devotional 17: The Asian Challenge

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

The good news about Jesus was first shared in Asia. Jesus gave the Great Commission to His disciples on an Asian hillside. The early church began in Asian cities like Jerusalem and Antioch.

Yet today, Asia is home to more people who have not heard the good news than any other continent. About 4.4 billion people — more than all other continents combined. Only around 8-9% of Asia is Christian. It is the birthplace of every major world religion. And by 2050, over two-thirds of Asia will live in cities.

The task in this continent is huge. But this is the same Asia where Jesus first said, "Go and make disciples of all nations." The commission that began here is still unfinished here. And the same Jesus who gave the command also promised: "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Reflect:

- How does it change your thinking to know the Great Commission was first given in Asia?
- What stirs in you when you consider the 4.4 billion people in Asia who have not yet heard?
- How does Jesus' promise to be "with you always" encourage you for the task ahead?

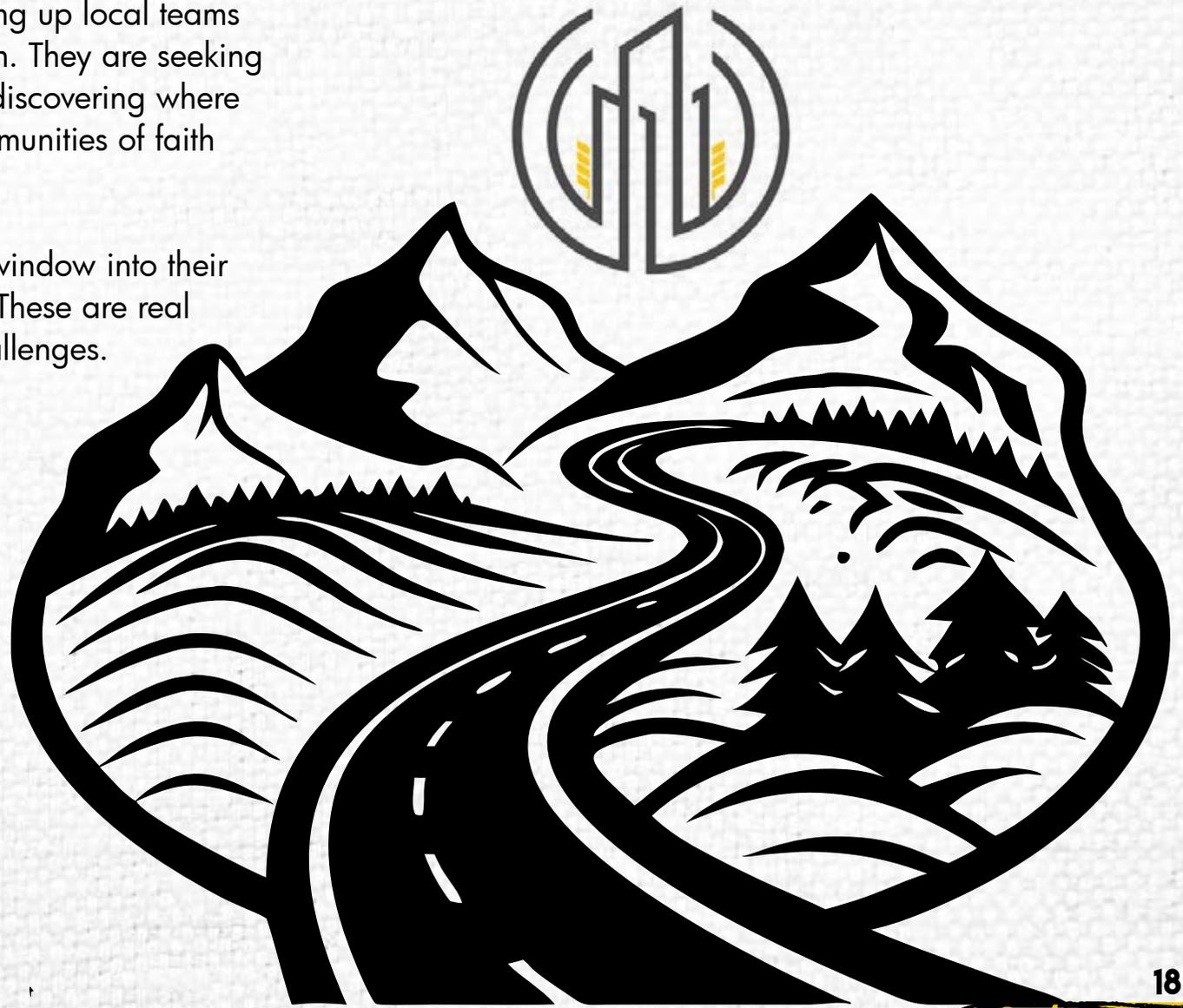


CITY PROFILES

Across the cities of Asia, God is raising up local teams with a burden for their city and nation. They are seeking and listening to the Father. They are discovering where He is at work. They are building communities of faith that can grow and spread.

The following pages give us a small window into their hearts and what the Father is doing. These are real people in real places, facing real challenges. They need our prayers.

As you read each profile, ask the Father how He wants you to pray. Join us in giving thanks for what He has done and asking Him to move powerfully in the year ahead.



DELHI INDIA

By an Indian Leader

THANKSGIVING:

The leaders have been identifying the Brokenness through rigorous research conducted by professional researchers. Pastors and leaders have been deeply involved, leading to a greater understanding of their city and a renewed burden and concern for their own regions.

Years of regular and persistent efforts have resulted in greater Unity in the Body of Christ: leaders have come together to address key city issues riding on a strong intergenerational approach.

There is greater efforts and practical engagement in the city for collective witness and blessings.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-  Pray that the next generation leadership emerges with concern for the city and its brokenness to engage to bless it.
-  Pray for the church for the drive and desire to engage with market and public life.
-  Pray for our team to be released fully into discipling so many devotees of Christ who need to reconcile with families and nurture them in their journey as Indian Devotees of Christ.

Scripture for Our City:

Trusting God's purposes
and timing

Jeremiah 28



Population:

~33 million

Largest age group:

15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:

Air pollution; informal housing;
unemployment; water stress

Dominant religion:

Hinduism

DHAKA BANGLADESH

By a Bangladeshi Leader

THANKSGIVING:

In 2025, God has given more beloved cousins to reach out to them and take care of them and continue to follow up with them to make disciples of Jesus in Dhaka.

After the discipleship training, Dhaka teams are working more actively, have unity and more collaboration and work in a more fruitful way.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray for the formation of a new government after the February elections. Ask God to provide good leadership who can lead the Bengali nation with God's peace and can carry His truth.
- 🌿 Pray for the group of believers who are getting more persecution and threat under this government and people. So that God can give them more comfort and more strong faith for His kingdom.
- 🌿 Pray that the teams can have more meetings so that we can have more opportunities to share about our ministry work, get encouragement from each other and work together for God's kingdom in our city.

Scripture for Our City:

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19

also Rev 5:9, 2 Tim 2:2



Population:

~40 million

Largest age group:

15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:

Overcrowding; flooding; poverty; garment worker conditions

Dominant religion:

Islam (Sunni)

JAKARTA INDONESIA

By an Indonesian Leader

THANKSGIVING:

- Since 2025, unlawful government officials have been brought to justice.
- The poor natural conditions causing flooding to occur have been addressed and continued to be followed up.
- Student demonstrations have been handled well and students have chosen to demonstrate peacefully. The Lord's powerful protection is upon them.
- The mapping of the city is being completed and presented to the church at large.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray that the key officials will remain consistent and be protected to carry out justice that benefits the people.
- 🌿 Pray for harvest workers at the "mapping" presentation to share the vision for their regions and grow in collaboration.
- 🌿 Pray for the urban consultation event in February to empower participants to serve and collaborate for the glory of God.
- 🌿 Pray for the the new board members who will be officially appointed in March.

Scripture for Our City:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters."

Psalm 24:1-2



Population:

~42 million

Largest age group:

20 – 39 years old

Major social challenge:

Flooding; traffic congestion; urban poverty; land subsidence

Dominant religion:

Islam

KATHMANDU NEPAL

By a Nepalese Leader

THANKSGIVING:

- City team formed and meeting regularly.
- Growing collaboration and unity among leaders.
- Invitation to God's Movement training.
- A new Model of City Ministry.

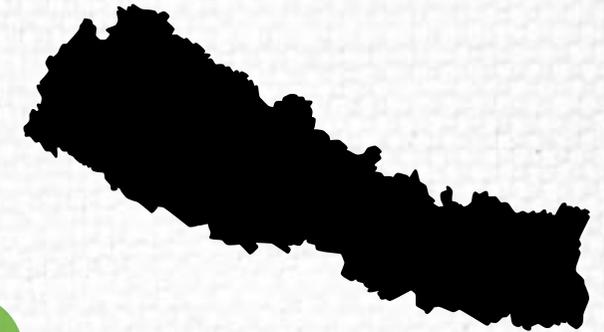
PRAYER REQUESTS:

-  Pray for a strong city team to support and encourage each other.
-  Pray for a gospel breakthrough among unreached people groups.
-  Pray that we can identify and engage with different affinity group and share the gospel and acts of love.

Scripture for Our City:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18



Population:

~3 million

Largest age group:

15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:

Earthquake risk; unemployment; air pollution

Dominant religion:

Hinduism

KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIA

By a Malaysian Leader

THANKSGIVING:

God has begun to raise new disciple makers from his people.

Persons from different churches in KL and Penang who were equipped through our ITGM sessions have begun to take initial steps toward being fishers of men.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray for God to continue to perfect those that have started to be disciple makers: both bringing in the harvest and also raising more workers for the harvest in more cities in our country.



Scripture for Our City:

“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. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.””

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

Population:

8.8+ million (Klang Valley)

Largest age group:

25 – 39 years old

Major social challenge:

Income inequality; migrant worker welfare; housing costs

Dominant religion:

Islam



OSAKA

JAPAN

By a Japanese Leader

THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks for many small but lively churches across Osaka that are growing in faithfulness, love, and local impact. We thank God for increased unity and deeper connections within the Body of Christ—churches praying together, serving together, and honouring one another.

We praise God that although growth has often felt slow and small, it has been sure and steady, with regular outreaches among the homeless, the marginalised, and the overlooked.

We thank God for the many nations being touched through tourism—visiting Christian teams and local believers reaching tourists from around the world. We give thanks for emerging connections with influential business leaders, opening doors we could not open ourselves.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray for deeper inroads into Japanese communities—that the gospel would move beyond events into everyday neighbourhood life.
- 🌿 Pray for the raising up of “people of peace” who will become spiritual doorways into families, workplaces, and communities.
- 🌿 Pray that believers would not be discouraged by small numbers, but would carry faith for multiplication, perseverance, and long-term fruit.
- 🌿 Pray for wisdom and discernment as God opens doors through business, hospitality, and social networks.

Scripture for Our City:

“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields—they are ripe for harvest.”

John 4:35



Population:

18.9 million (metropolitan area)

Largest age group:

65+

Major social challenge:

Ageing population; labor shortage; natural disaster risk

Dominant religion:

Shinto/Buddhism

PHNOM PENH CAMBODIA

By a Cambodian Leader

THANKSGIVING:

We thank God for giving us a more faithful and understanding for each other as brothers in the marketplace and share life, living and livelihood together.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-  Pray for the team's clarity and vision.
-  Pray for readiness for the Great Commission.
-  Pray for peace and sustainability in the nation and no war. Pray for those suffering as a result of economic downsize, land dispute, displacement from home.
-  Pray that God would transform every person whom He allowed our team to come across so they would know their life's purpose on this earth and forward to eternity and be salt and light in their marketplace.
-  Pray for the many families that are broken due to livelihood matters post-Covid and now war, fathers who are struggling with their role and with disappointment. Pray that we can walk alongside them to fight a good fight for their families and communities.

Scripture for Our City:

"Then saith he unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.""

Matthew 9:37-38 KJV



Population:

2.35 – 2.43 million

Largest age group:

15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:

Urban poverty; land rights; labour exploitation, war and economic challenges

Dominant religion:

Buddhism (Theravada)

RAIPUR INDIA

By an Indian Leader

THANKSGIVING:

God answered our prayer we build a team for Raipur urban ministry to reach communities with gospel.

God helps us to identify people groups, mega segment in urban area.

We got vision for Raipur city to reach and have a burden for lost souls with a team.

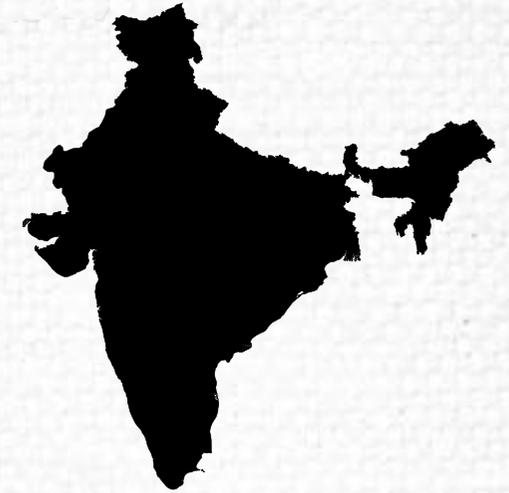
PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray for the upcoming ITGM 1 training with the Raipur team.
- 🌿 Pray for resources we need for run this things.
- 🌿 Pray for wisdom God give us to reach urban community.
- 🌿 Pray for unity and spirit filled for God's work, hunger.

Scripture for Our City:

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Jeremiah 29:7



Population:

1.9 – 1.97 million

Largest age group:

15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:

Slum growth; tribal marginalization; unemployment

Dominant religion:

Hinduism

RAWALPINDI-ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN By a Pakistani Leader

THANKSGIVING:

We are seeing an increased hunger for the Lord and openness especially among the younger generation. The younger leaders in the church are more serious about unity within the Body of Christ and are more Kingdom focused.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 We are praying for starting a community of believers focused on fellowship and bringing God's kingdom in the city. Please pray for the right people to become part of it.
- 🌿 Our team is working among disciples of Jesus who are refugees from a neighbouring country. The government has made it hard for refugees to live legally in the city and many of them have been dispersed to other parts of the country. Please pray for strong faith for these believers and team so they can stand with them.

Scripture for Our City:

"LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

Habakkuk 3:2



Population:
5.7 million

Largest age group:
15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:
Youth unemployment; housing;
political instability

Dominant religion:
Islam (Sunni)

SINGAPORE SINGAPORE

By a Singaporean Leader

THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks for Singapore as a city under God's gracious hand. In the past year, we have seen prayers answered in quiet but powerful ways—stability amid global turbulence, unity in a diverse society, and wisdom among leaders navigating an uncertain world.

When many nations wrestled with fragmentation and fear, God has preserved peace here. Jobs were sustained, families were provided for, and the vulnerable were not forgotten.

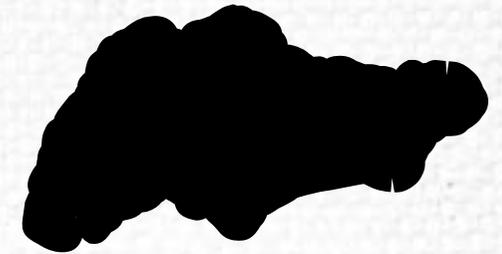
PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray that Singapore will continue to be a place of refuge, integrity, and hope—small in size, yet given an outsized role to bless the region. As Scripture says, "Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." We acknowledge that it is the Lord who watches over Singapore.
- 🌿 Pray that Singaporean Christians would be revived in their love for God and for their neighbours. That they would be compelled by the Love of Christ to move beyond the four walls of their churches and be a blessing to neighbours and co-workers in everyday settings.
- 🌿 Pray for the resources that God has blessed Singapore with to be channeled to be a blessing to the nations. That churches and Singaporean believers will sow generously into kingdom causes beyond the shores of our nation.

Scripture for Our City:

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38 NKJV



Population:
6.11 million

Largest age group:
25 – 54 years old

Major social challenge:
Ageing population; high cost of living; migrant integration

Dominant religion:
No majority
(Buddhism largest)

TASHKENT UZBEKISTAN

By an Uzbek leader



THANKSGIVING:

God mobilizes more believers to start going to streets, workplaces, sports and social clubs to share the Gospel and new disciples.

We see how God is confirming the ministry with signs and wonders.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-  Pray for disciple making movements across Uzbekistan and Central Asia.
-  Pray for supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture for Our City:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.""

Matthew 28:18-20

Population:
2.67 – 3.1 million

Largest age group:
20 – 39 years old

Major social challenge:
Youth employment; housing; migration pressures

Dominant religion:
Islam (Sunni)

YANGON MYANMAR

By a Myanmar leader

THANKSGIVING:

In 2025, there was peaceful compared to previous years. No more fighting, no explosions, and no robbers.

We have electricity more than last year. We can run the ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 🌿 Pray for young people so that they will be safe.
- 🌿 Pray that we can do DMM training at the many bible schools in Yangon. The bible students are future leaders.
- 🌿 Pray for Yangon the biggest city in Myanmar, now there is over 8 million population. We need peace, safe, good business, and good transportation.

Scripture for Our City:

"...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7



Population:
5.81 million

Largest age group:
15 – 29 years old

Major social challenge:
Political instability; poverty;
infrastructure breakdown

Dominant religion:
Buddhism (Theravada)



PASSION WEEK

In Passion Week, we turn to Jesus Himself. From looking at teams labouring for God's end vision in the cities of Asia, we look now to Jesus as he neared the fulfilment of His earthly ministry in one specific Asian city - Jerusalem.

Jesus: the one who lived out everything we have been exploring — fully present with the Father, fully honest about His own heart, deeply connected with His friends, and reaching toward those the world overlooked. His journey to the cross was not an interruption to God's story. It was the turning point. Everything the Father has been working toward — the restoration, the healing, the new creation — flows through what happened in these final days.



Devotional 18: Jesus With the Father and His Story

Read: John 13:1-5

Jesus knew. He knew the hour had come. He knew the Father had put all things in His hands. He knew where He had come from and where He was going.

And knowing all this, He got up, took off His outer garment, and washed His disciples' feet.

This is remarkable. At the most critical moment in history, Jesus was not anxious or distracted. He was grounded. He knew His place in the Father's story. He understood why He had come. And from that place of deep security, He served.

This is what it looks like to live from God's story. Not striving to prove ourselves. Not grasping for control. But knowing who we are, Whose we are, and what the Father is doing — and then acting from that place. Jesus showed us that the deepest service flows from the deepest security.

Reflect:

- What enabled Jesus to serve so freely at such a tense moment?
- How does knowing your place in God's bigger story affect how you live and serve?
- Where do you need to be more grounded in what the Father is doing?

Devotional 19: Jesus With Himself

Read: Matthew 26:36-44

In Gethsemane, we see something surprising. Jesus — the Son of God, who knew the Father's plan — did not pretend to be strong. He told His disciples, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death." He fell on His face and prayed, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me."

Jesus knew what He was called to do. He knew the "right answer." But He did not hide what He was feeling. He brought His full self to the Father — the grief, the struggle, the honest plea. And He did it again and again.

This is what honesty with ourselves looks like. Not pretending. Not performing. Not giving the answer we think we should give. But bringing everything — the parts we are proud of and the parts we wish were different — and laying it before God. Jesus shows us that we can be fully committed to God's will and still be honest about the cost.

Reflect:

- What does it show you that Jesus did not hide His struggle from the Father?
- Where might you be giving "right answers" instead of being honest with yourself and God?
- How does Jesus' example free you to bring your whole self to God?

Devotional 20: Jesus With His Friends

Read: John 17:20-26

On the night before He died, Jesus prayed. Not just for Himself, but for His disciples. And not just for them — for us. “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word.”

He prayed for unity. That we would be one, just as He and the Father are one. He prayed that we would experience the same love the Father has for the Son. He wanted His followers — then and now — to share in the deep connection He knows with the Father.

Jesus was not walking alone toward the cross. Even in His final hours, He was thinking about community. He longs for His people to stay together, to love each other, to reflect the oneness of the Father and Son to a watching world. This was not a side thought. It was central to His heart.

The unity Jesus prayed for is still what the Father wants for His people today — in our teams, in our cities, across Asia and beyond.

Reflect:

- What does it mean to you that Jesus prayed for you on the night before He died?
- How does Jesus’ desire for unity challenge or encourage your experience of community?
- What would it look like for your team or group to reflect the oneness Jesus prayed for?

Devotional 21: Jesus With Those On the Outside

Read: Luke 23:32-43

On the cross, Jesus was surrounded by people who doubted Him. The leaders sneered: “He saved others; let Him save Himself.” The soldiers mocked: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.” Even one of the criminals joined in.

But the other criminal saw something different. In the hours he had spent beside Jesus, watching His physical suffering and being mocked and scorned, he saw something that convinced him. Somehow, in the middle of his own agony, he knew. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

No name. No special qualifications or formal teaching. Just a man who saw the real Jesus and believed.

And Jesus, in His final breaths, turned toward him. “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Even in death, Jesus was attractive to and reaching toward those on the outside. He was still inviting. Still welcoming. Still making room. This is the heart of God — and this is the moment that opened the way for all of us to come in.

Reflect:

- What do you think the criminal saw in Jesus that others missed?
- How does it move you that Jesus’ last recorded conversation was with an outsider?
- Who are the “outsiders” in your life that Jesus might be inviting you to turn toward?



At the cross, Jesus did not simply die. He ushered in a powerful new chapter in God's unfolding story. The barrier between God and humanity was torn open. Death itself was defeated. And what followed — resurrection, ascension, Pentecost — set in motion everything we have been exploring. The Father's vision, the life of deep connection, the spreading of His Kingdom to every city and nation: it all flows from what happened next.

LAUNCHING TOWARDS THE FATHER'S VISION

Devotional 22: Resurrection — Death Defeated

Read: Matthew 28:1-10

The women came to the tomb expecting to encounter death. What they found was an empty grave and an angel with news that changed everything: “He is not here; He has risen.”

This is the turning point of history. Death — the final enemy, the thing that separates and destroys — has been defeated. The barrier that has stood between humanity and God since the garden is torn down. The curse is broken.

Remember the Father’s vision from the beginning of this journey? A world made whole. Tears wiped away. Death and pain gone forever. In the resurrection, we see that this is not just a dream. It has already begun. Jesus walked out of the grave as the first sign of everything the Father plans to do. The end has broken into the present. New creation has started.

And the angel’s instruction? “Go and tell.” The news is too good to keep.

Reflect:

- How does the resurrection connect to the Father’s end vision that we explored at the start of Lent?
- What difference does it make that the defeat of death is not just future hope but has already begun?
- Who might you “go and tell” this Lent season?

Devotional 23: Ascension — Where Is Jesus Going?

Read: Acts 1:6-11

The disciples asked a question many of us would ask: “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom?” They wanted to know: is it finally happening? Is the Father’s vision about to be complete?

Jesus did not give them a timeline. Instead, He gave them a mission and a promise. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” Then He ascended into heaven.

Where was Jesus going? He was returning to the Father — to the place of authority over all creation. The one who washed feet and died on a cross now sits at the right hand of God. All things are being placed under His rule. The Kingdom is not cancelled; it is being extended through His people until He returns.

The angels said, “This same Jesus will come back.” The Father’s vision will be complete. But until then, we are not left waiting passively. We are sent.

Reflect:

- How does knowing where Jesus is now — ruling at the Father’s right hand — affect your confidence in God’s plan?
- What does it mean that the Kingdom is being extended through us until Jesus returns?
- How does the promise of His return shape how you live today?

Devotional 24: Pentecost – The Spirit For All

Read: Acts 2:1-4, 14-18

Before, God’s presence had been in one place — the temple. Then He was present in the Messiah. Now, that presence came to rest on each person in the room. The Spirit was poured out on all of them.

Peter explained what was happening by quoting the prophet Joel: “In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young and your old will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit.”

Remember Ezekiel’s river, flowing from the temple and bringing life wherever it went? At Pentecost, that river began to flow through people. Every disciple became a carrier of God’s presence. The life-giving water was no longer limited to one building or one place. It could now reach every city, every neighbourhood, every relationship.

This is how the Father’s vision spreads. Not through a few special people, but through all who receive His Spirit. The same power and Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in ordinary people like us — empowering us to walk with God and join His mission.



Reflect:

- What does it mean that every believer now carries the presence of God?
- How does the image of the river flowing through you change how you see your role in God’s mission?
- As this Lent season ends, what is the Spirit inviting you to do next? Take a moment to ask Him.



Closing Invitation

As this Lenten journey draws to a close, we return to where we began — the Father’s vision for a world made whole, where He dwells with His people and all things are made new.

That vision is not just something we wait for. Through Jesus’ death, resurrection, ascension, and the gift of the Spirit, we are invited into it now. We are called to live in deep connection with God, to be honest with ourselves, to stay in the room with one another, and to carry the fragrance of Christ to those who are hungry.

Across Asia and around the world, teams are responding to this invitation in their cities. You are part of this same story.

Take a moment now to ask the Father: What are you inviting me to next?

Listen. Trust. Step forward.



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