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■ 1 Adyge in Syria

Fleeing Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, the Muslim Adyge people left the northern Russian Caucasus Mountains for Syria prior to World War II. There are still five locations where they live in northern Syria. Today they are experiencing a renaissance of self-identification.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 | *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.*

- Make this your prayer for this people group.
- Pray that the churches in Syria would grow spiritually and numerically and serve Christ by thrusting out workers to the Adyge people.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Adyge people in Syria and Russia.
- Pray that the Adyge would come to seek their identity in Christ and learn to obey Him.

■ 2 Levantine Bedouin in Syria

Most of the Levantine Bedouin are semi-nomadic, living in the desert during the rainy season and along its edges the rest of the year, raising sheep, goats and camels. Those who have become farmers are no longer called Bedouin. Their patriarchal life has changed little in hundreds of years.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 | *May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.*

- May today's people group find full understanding of the love of God.
- Pray for Christian medical workers to work among them because their health needs are great.
- Pray that those in Israel would be won to follow Christ and carry the gospel to their kinsmen in Syria and Lebanon.

■ 3 Alawite in Syria

The Alawis are divided into four main tribes. They are a closed society, and they see themselves as a persecuted and despised people who actually are the chosen people of God, the only ones to have seen the light in a world of darkness. The Alawis have survived as a distinct group in spite of repeated persecution. Ironically, Syria's president is Alawite.

2 Timothy 2:2 | *...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

- Use this verse to pray for a disciple making movement among this people group.
- Pray the Lord would use turmoil in the Middle East to point people in that region towards Jesus the Prince of Peace, Immanuel God with us.

■ 4 Druze in Syria

"Druze" is a word derived from el-Drzi, the name of one of the early propagandists of the Druze religion. The religion of the Druze began in the 9th century as a sect of Islam. Druze hold the Koran to be sacred, but look upon it as an outer shell, holding an "inner, esoteric meaning." They can be found in Israel, Lebanon, and Syria, where they follow a lifestyle of isolation.

2 Timothy 2:25–26 | *Correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

- Pray for new believers to have mercy and love for those who are abusive.
- Pray that they will intercede in prayer for them.
- Pray each individual in the Druze community would soon become persuaded that Jesus is truly the only way to God and would place their faith in His finished work on the cross.
- Pray for hundreds of disciples among the Druze.



■ 5 Kabardian in Syria

The name looks Armenian, but it isn't. Originally from Russia, some Kabardian people live in northern Syria. Their life code values both hospitality and blood revenge: hospitality to guests and blood revenge to their enemies. Their youth are becoming radicalized by Muslim militants.

Titus 1:5 | *This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—*

- Pray for the Lord to raise up elders to lead this people group into all truth.
- Pray that the "tree of life" motif (see Revelation 2:7, 22:1-3) in their culture would become a "bridge of God" to open the door in their communities to the one who gives abundant life.
- Pray that Arab believers would reach out to them with love, compassion, and zeal, leading to a powerful church planting movement.

■ 6 Middle-Eastern Turkmen in Syria

The Turkmen have deep roots in Central Asia, but a small number of them live in Syria. Though most are Sunni Muslims, some are part of the Alawite religion. The Sunnis among them blend in well with the Syrian Arab majority and even marry into their families.

Hebrews 1:1-2 | *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

- Pray that today's people group comes to understand that the one, true God has spoken through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Pray they would have the wisdom to listen to Jesus.
- Pray for the Syrian church to become unified in Christ's purposes so that they can and will go to the Turkmen among them.
- Pray for the Turkmen of Syria to respond to the limited witness and grow disenchanted with Islam.
- Pray that they would see faith in Jesus as an acceptable alternative to the spiritual answers they have embraced for generations.

■ 7 Kerinci in Bahrain

Hot and humid to hot and dry: this is the climate change faced by the Kerinci people who migrated from Indonesia to Bahrain for work. They were a farming people in Sumatra, Indonesia, but farming is not something many people do in Bahrain. Islam is their main religion although the Kerinci retain many animistic beliefs.

Hebrews 2:3 | *How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard.*

- Pray that this people group would not ignore good news of salvation announced by the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for God's abundant spiritual and physical blessings for the Kerinci people.
- Pray for those who love the Savior to go to the Kerinci people in Bahrain.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Kerinci people this decade.

■ 8 Ambalavasi in India

The Ambalavasi community lived and worked near Hindu temples, so their name comes from "ambal," which means temple and "vasi," which means inmate. Most consider them Brahmins though their roles are even more complex than the Brahmins. They work in Hindu temples where they often serve as artists. Some are musicians or perform dramas.

Hebrews 2:14 | *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.*

- Pray for today's people group to escape the power of death and the devil and to flee to Jesus Christ.
- Pray the Ambalavasi come to see religion as more than ritual and festivals and that they would long for a personal encounter with God.
- Pray for a movement to Christ this decade among the Ambalavasi people.
- Pray that God would open Ambalavasi hearts and minds to be receptive to scripture and power encounters.

■ 9 Eluthassan in India

The Eluthassan people live in Kerala, one of India's most Christianized states. They speak Malayalam, Kerala's language. These Hindus remain unreached, despite the fact that a high percentage of their neighbors follow the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Hebrews 3:3 *For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.*

- Pray for God to grant this people group the wisdom to know that Jesus' glory far exceeds the glory of any human prophet.
- Pray for the Lord to move on Eluthassan hearts to open the doors of their communities to those who believe in Christ.
- Pray for spiritual openness among the Eluthassan people of India.
- Pray that there would be a Disciple Making Movement among the Eluthassan people this decade.
- Pray for physical and spiritual blessings for this people group.

■ 10 Gujarati in Tanzania

The Gujarati are primarily classified as the inhabitants of the state of Gujarat, western India. Many Gujarati have migrated to other countries such as Tanzania and are often referred to as simply "Gujarati," even though a number of castes and tribes may be represented. The majority of the Gujarati are Hindus, but there may be many Muslims among them. The Gujarati of Tanzania may well have an insular mindset, desiring to protect their culture from those very different cultures around them.

Hebrews 3:18 *And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

- Pray today's people group would enter into God's spiritual rest by trusting in and obeying His Son.
- Pray that each individual in the Gujarati community in Tanzania would have one or more opportunities to hear about the Savior.



■ 11 Gujarati in Australia

The Indian state of Gujarat has long been an important center for trade, and their merchants have been sent all over the world. Today, they are successful in business ventures internationally. Thousands live in Australia. Often people who have material wealth are less open to accepting the abundant life Christ offers. For that reason, there is a very low percentage of Gujarati believers anywhere in the world, including Australia.

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

- Pray for this people group to approach God's throne of grace and receive the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Gujarati businessmen would embrace the Savior and take His name to Gujaratis around the world.
- Pray the Lord would raise a Disciple Making Movement among the Australian Gujaratis.



■ 12 Danuwar Rai in Nepal

If you believed you had Hindu goddesses as ancestors, would it be hard to break away from Hinduism? That is the situation for the Danuwar Rai people of Nepal. Collectively, the Rai are known as a very courageous, daring and fearless people. In recent history, they have won worldwide respect for their bravery in the Royal Nepalese Army. Joining the army is often a way out of enduring economic hardship.

Hebrews 5:9 *And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.*

- Pray for today's people group to obey God and that Jesus to become their source of eternal salvation.
- Pray for a spiritual hunger among the Danuwar Rai people that will leave them dissatisfied with anything short of a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-driven workers to go to the Danuwar Rai people this decade.

■ 13 Srigaud Brahmin in India

The Srigaud Brahmins are almost exclusively Hindu, a truly unreached group! Most Srigaud Brahmin families prefer to be employed in challenging professions such as computer software engineering rather than being a priest. Few know a Christ follower from any Brahmin community.

Hebrews 6:19 | *We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.*

- Pray that the Spirit leads this people group to hope in Christ and that He becomes the trustworthy anchor of their souls.
- Pray that the Church in South India would reach out to the Srigaud Brahmin community.
- Pray that the Srigaud Brahmin community would become dissatisfied with their current situation and begin to seek answers to their questions in the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for spiritual hunger among these Brahmins that will result in a movement to Christ.

■ 14 Chain in India

Caste-consciousness is an obvious obstacle that limits who may evangelize them. This is one of the reasons why those from the more prestigious castes are not reached. It has been the lower castes who have responded to Christ in the past. The Chain people are mainly landowners, so for them to have a fair chance to accept the gospel, they will need to hear from others from their level of society.

Hebrews 7:22 | *This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.*

- Pray that this people group believes in Jesus and embraces the blessings of the New Covenant.
- Pray for the Lord to thrust out His chosen vessels as Christ bearers to the Chain people.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Chain people and other prestigious communities in India.



■ 15 Chhetri in Bhutan

Hundreds of years ago the Chhetri people group was formed by the intermarriage of several people groups that had settled in the mountains of Nepal. Later the Chhetri conquered most of Nepal; the name Chhetri is based on a word for warrior. In 1768, one Chhetri family formed the royal family of Nepal.

Hebrews 8:6 | *But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.*

- Pray for today's people to realize that their works will never make them pleasing to God.
- Pray they trust in the grace of God found only in Christ.
- Pray that believers would lead the Chhetri people in Nepal to Jesus Christ.
- Pray for them to be disciplined in the ways of Jesus Christ and to spread His glory to other communities.

■ 16 Eastern Cham in Vietnam

As a small minority group now overrun with poverty and persecution, one must remember that the Eastern Cham kingdom once reigned in Southeast Asia. The Cham are descendants from what was known as the Champa Kingdom. The Eastern Cham are a mixture of Hindus and Muslims, but they are also highly influenced by ancestor worship and animism.

Hebrews 9:12 | *He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*

- Pray for this people group to come to comprehend that the blood of animals will never get them right with the one, true God.
- Pray that they realize that only the blood of Christ can forgive their sins and gain for them eternal life.
- Pray that followers of Christ from Vietnam will be led by the Lord's Spirit to take Christ to the Eastern Cham.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them.

■ 17 Hindu Bedia in Nepal

One source considers Bedia to be the generic name of a number of vagrant nomadic groups. Traditionally, a large section of the Bedia were reported to be earning a livelihood from prostitution and dancing, however, this has largely been discontinued.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

- Pray that the believers in today's people group would hold fast to the hope they have in Christ.
- Pray for the Bedia people to be delivered from their fear of "Christendom" and to embrace God's blessing through His word for their families and clans.
- Pray the Bedia would make schooling a priority for their children and would be able to improve their standard of living.
- Pray the few followers of Jesus among the Bedia would have pastors and teachers to help them grow to become faithful disciples.

■ 18 Hindu Bairagi in Nepal

The history of the Bairagi commences with Ramanuja, who lived in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and taught in the southern part of India. A proper Bairagi is one whose principal deity is either Vishnu or any of his incarnations like Rama and Krishna. To follow Christ is to risk disturbing community harmony within this Hindu community.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

- Pray for this people group to come to God and understand that He will reward them with His truth.
- Pray the few believers among the Bairagi people would grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and friends.
- Pray that those that the Lord will soon call to Himself will be catalysts for a movement to Christ.
- Pray they would live holy lives that honor Christ.



■ 19 Sikh Arora in India

Arora Sikhs have had to rely on their resilience and determination. This grit has not only brought them through various obstacles, but it has also helped them rise above them. Today, the Arora are prominent figures in many fields. One of them, Dr. Manmohan Singh, was a recent prime minister of India. Though they are known for their religious tolerance, very few Aroras have actually embraced Christ as the only way to salvation.

Hebrews 12:2

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Pray that the believers in this people group keep their spiritual focus on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith.
- Pray for their mental well-being and for all their physical and spiritual needs to be met.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Arora Sikhs this decade.

■ 20 Bhojpuri Bihari in South Africa

During colonial days a large number of people from Bihar region of British India moved to various parts of the world to work as indentured laborers. Some even went to South Africa, where the community found employment and was able to put down roots working in sugarcane, cocoa, rice, and rubber plantations. Now, the Biharis in South Africa have prospered, are well educated, and have a high rate of literacy.

Mark 10:14-15

But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

- Pray for today's people group to show hospitality to those messengers of the gospel who God sends to them.
- Pray for a people movement to Jesus Christ during the 2020s among the Hindu Biharis of South Africa.



■ 21 Balinese in Malaysia

The island of Bali is probably better known than the host country of Indonesia! Bali's beauty, friendly people, exquisite art, and unique culture have made this Indonesian island a favorite destination for millions of tourists. On this "island of the gods" reside the Balinese people. Some Balinese live in Malaysia, a beautiful country near Indonesia.

James 1:5 | *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

- Pray for this people group to begin to seek the wisdom of God that is found in His word.
- Pray for spiritual openness among the Balinese people.
- Pray that as Balinese Hindus embrace Christ, they would forsake all other gods.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Balinese in Malaysia that will spread to their communities in Indonesia and Australia.

■ 22 Highland Bali Baliaga in Indonesia

The culture, language, and religion of the Baliaga differ significantly from that of their Balinese neighbors. They maintain a strong sense of cultural identity and still practice unique rituals found nowhere else. Although they practice the Balinese form of Hinduism, they are also animistic. They worship at various Balinese temples but also practice a form of ancestor worship

James 1:12 | *Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*

- Pray that the believers in today's people group patiently endure their afflictions and share the good news with others.
- Pray for the Baliaga people to hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- Pray for their elders to open the door for their people to embrace the only Savior.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Baliaga people this decade.



■ 23 Sikh Bawaria in India

According to Bawari legends, they were Rajputs and nobles before the coming of the Moghul armies. The Muslims defeated them and banished them to the forests. Today, they are eligible for special government jobs and extra university admissions. Most Bawari Sikhs work in agriculture on land owned by higher caste Indians.

James 1:22 | *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

- Pray for the believers in this people group to become not merely hearers but doers of God's word.
- Pray for workers to develop outreach plans.
- Pray for a desire for spiritual truth that will lead Bawari Sikhs to the spiritual blessings of Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to send dreams and visions of Jesus Christ to the Sikhs.
- Pray for a people movement among Sikhs during the 2020s.

■ 24 Sikh Chhipa in India

A Chhipa can be a Sikh, Hindu, or a Muslim. Confusing? We can only imagine the spiritual confusion caused by three major religions within one people group. Do they view faith in Christ as a fourth "religion" that would add more confusion? Presenting the gospel will be a challenge.

James 2:8 | *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well.*

- Pray for today's people group to obey God's law and love their neighbor as themselves.
- Pray that the Chhipa people would see the futility of their conflicting religions and seek and find the only savior.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint Chhipa families, especially the children and the youth, and to raise up a new generation of fruitful, multiplying witnesses of Jesus Christ's mercy and love.

■ 25 Sikh Jat Dhillon in India

The Dhillon Jats had a large number of kings, royalty and warriors in their history. Some believe the Dhillon Jats founded India's capital city, Delhi. Unfortunately, people with high status are often the least open to the gospel. Christianity got its foothold in India by appealing to backward castes who eagerly welcomed the gospel. It gave them hope, but it also made the Dhillon Jats see faith in Christ as being for "lower status" peoples.

James 4:8 | *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

- Pray that God draws this people group to Himself.
- Pray that their hearts are purified and become completely devoted to Him.
- Pray for Dhillon Jats to put their hope and identity in Christ rather than in their social standing.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Dhillon Jats.

■ 26 Sikh Jat Gil in India

Throughout most of South Asia, the entertainment hub is nicknamed "Bollywood," centered in Mumbai. A number of Shergills are prominent in India's entertainment industry. The Shergill name comes from the Gil Jat clan, and it is one of the largest and most aristocratic of the Jat clans. Historically, they were renowned for their courage, honesty and bravery.

1 Peter 1:3 | *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

- Pray that many among this people are born again and become part of God's family.
- Pray for the Gil Jats, even those who work in the entertainment industry, to see their need for Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God to anoint and appoint workers to create relevant, culturally sensitive Christ-centered radio, TV programs, and films that will be appropriate for the Gil Jats of India.

■ 27 Sikh Sidhu Jat in India

Who are the best farmers in India? Some might say they are the Jats. Their success over time allowed them to become prosperous landowners, and to this day they are some of the wealthiest people in India. Currently, many Sidhu Jats have advanced through education to successful professional positions, but there are still a fair number of Sidhu who struggle to maintain their farms to provide for their families. Most Sidhu Jats are a proud people who do not see a reason to change their religious life.

1 Peter 2:2 | *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.*

- Pray that the believers in today's people group would long for the word of God and grow into spiritual maturity.
- Pray that thousands of Sidhu Jats would be open to a personal relationship with God and enter into His kingdom.

■ 28 Sikh Rajput in India

Rajputs are descendants of ruling Hindu warrior classes of North India, but they vary greatly in status from princely lineages to farmers. Due to the influence of Sikhism in the Punjab, a number of Rajput villages in that state converted to Sikhism during the Mughal era. The Rajput influence played a major role in Sikhism by militarizing common Sikhs.

1 Peter 1:24-25 | *For All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

- Pray that as the word of God is shared with this people group and that they see its truth and beauty.
- Pray the Sikh Rajputs would be given the gift of conviction of sin and would deeply feel a need for Jesus as savior.
- Pray that there will soon be a Disciple Making Movement among them in India.



■ 29 Sikh Kumhar in India

If you ever buy anything made from ceramics in India, you will probably be buying from someone from the Kumhar community who can be either Hindu or Sikh. The Sikhs among them live primarily in Punjab, where there is a Sikh majority. They are faithful to the Sikh code of conduct, established by the teaching of ten Sikh gurus. This includes reading or reciting daily prayers as written in their holy book known as the Guru Granth.

1 Peter 2:10 | *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

- Pray for the Lord would to extend His mercy to this people group and that many of them become God's children
- Pray that the Sikh Kumhars would be touched by God's word.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Sikh Kumhars in the 2020s.

■ 30 Sikh Sonar in India

The Sonar community is known for their amazing creativity in the art of designing and producing beautiful gold jewelry. Their very name "Sonar" means goldsmith. Many have done well financially, and some are money lenders or bankers. The younger Sonars are advancing in education, which has given them more professional opportunities in other fields of work. Though most are Hindus, there are also many Sikhs among them.

1 Peter 3:14-15 | *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give His words of wisdom to believers who share their faith to this people group.
- Pray that Sikh Sonars would humble themselves to be open to the Lord. Pray for believers to go to them as Christ bearers.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Sonars in the 2020s.

DECEMBER

■ 1 Gulf-spoken Arabs in Egypt

As the prodigy of the founders of Islam, Gulf Arabs have a strong vested interest in remaining faithful to the Islamic political/religious system. Gulf Arabs are often part of the most conservative forms of Islam. Radio and satellite TV efforts like SAT-7 provide all Arabic speakers with the gospel in the privacy of their own homes.

1 Peter 3:15 | *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

- Pray for today's people group to learn to worship Christ as Lord and King.
- Pray for openness to these messages. Ask the Holy Spirit to thrust out people who are willing to share the love of Christ with the Gulf Arabs in Egypt.
- Pray that a strong church planting movement would be raised up among the Gulf Arabs in Egypt.

■ 2 Baharia in Egypt

Bahariya is the name of an oasis located in north central Egypt. There are many villages in the oasis. There is substantial tourism to the oasis because of antiquities (tombs, mummies and other artifacts have been discovered there), and because of the beautiful surrounding deserts.

1 Peter 4:12 | *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*

- Pray that the hardships that God allows in the lives of believers in this people group do not discourage them.
- Pray for tourists to take Christ to the Baharia people in Egypt.
- Pray this will be the time when there is a movement to Christ among them.

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