



## Formerly known as the Global Prayer Digest

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## MAY

### ■ 1 Wolof in Senegal

The Wolof are the dominant tribe of Senegal, West Africa. They follow a complex code of behavior that is based on their social status. Christian believers living to southern Senegal have access to reach out to the Wolof, but the Wolof people have not been open to the gospel.

Psalm 90:1 | *Lord, through all the generations You have been our home!*

- Pray that today's people group will make the Lord their "home" forever.
- Pray for spiritual openness that will lead Wolof gate keepers to Christ.
- Pray for the Wolof tribes to have adequate health care and educational opportunities.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among the Wolof people.

### ■ 2 Ginukh in Russia

Go to the Caucasus mountains where Georgia, Russia (Dagestan region), and Azerbaijan come together. Then you are in the vicinity of the Ginukh people. They live mainly in one large village speaking their own language. When the Ginukh need to communicate with their neighbors they speak in Russian. Like other Muslim people groups in the Caucasus Mountains, the Ginukh are suspicious of outsiders. Before you can even think of getting to their homeland, you would have to get past Russian authorities.

Psalm 90:12 | *Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.*

- Pray that this knowledge will lead many from today's people group to seek the Savior.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in their community.
- Pray for Ginukh leaders to allow entry for Christ's ambassadors.

### ■ 3 Zaza-Dimli in Turkey

Dimli means "of Dailam," and they have traditionally been fierce warriors, focused on conquest. They have a distinct dialect, and are seen as heretics by the Kurds, who are Sunnis. The Dimli follow Alevi Shia religious traditions. There is a need for Scripture and other language-based resources in the language of the Zaza-Dimli.

Psalm 91:1 | *Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

- Pray that this people group will be drawn to the unending love of the Lord, our eternal Heavenly Father.
- Pray for many from today's people group to find rest in their relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for Scripture and radio broadcasts in their language.
- Pray that Zaza-Dimli believers will be well grounded in Scripture and will be zealous to grow in the faith.
- Pray for these people to live peaceful lives, establishing good relationships with the Turkish government and other ethnic groups.



#### ■ 4 Gilaki in Iran

The inhabitants of the Gilan Province have often been the source of resistance and reform movements within Iran. For example, after World War I, the Gilaki demanded national reform and independence for their region. The Apostle Bartholomew may have spent time evangelizing this area of the world around 50 A.D. Although Christianity was once a strong presence here, now it is extremely weak. Today, the Gilaki are virtually all Muslim.

Psalm 95:1–2 | *Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him.*

- Pray that many from today's people group will sing joyfully to the Lord, the rock of their salvation!
- Pray the Gilaki people will increasingly hunger to know forgiveness for their sin, forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can offer.
- Pray that Scripture and other teaching resources will become available to them.

#### ■ 5 Dungan in Kyrgyzstan

The Dungan people are a mixture of Chinese, Muslim and Russian cultures. They are a proud, hospitable, nationalistic, and conservative people. The older people strictly observe Islamic law, but the younger Dungan are somewhat unconcerned about religion.

Psalm 96:1–2 | *Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves.*

- Let many from today's people group sing a new song of praise to the Lord.
- Pray for peace and prosperity in Kyrgyzstan, and for a stable, effective and just government.
- The JESUS Film and portions of scripture are available in the Dungan language. Pray for workers to carry these resources to the people.
- Pray the few followers of Christ who may be among the Dungan will fellowship together and hear the call to share the gospel with their neighbors.

#### ■ 6 Malay in Malaysia

In Malaysia, people are classified as Malay by the federal constitution if they speak their national language, Malay, practice Malay customs, and are Muslim. The Malay people are seen in all levels of Malaysian society.

Psalm 97:6 | *The heavens proclaim His righteousness; every nation sees His glory.*

- Pray that this will be the year when today's nation sees His righteousness and glory.
- Pray that each Malay person would have the opportunity to hear the good news in an understandable way.
- Pray that Malay Bibles get into the hands of seeking Malays.
- Pray that Christians living in Malaysia would share the gospel with Malays no matter what the cost.
- Ask the Lord to raise up a Disciple Making Movement among the Malay people in this decade.

#### ■ 7 Northern Yemeni Arabs in Yemen

The northern tribes of Yemen may be referred to as the Sanaani Arabs. They reside in the northern mountains and deserts, as well as around the capital city of Sana'a. The growing of "qat", a drug, has become their mainstay, and nearly half of the national economy is involved in qat.

Psalm 100:4 | *Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name.*

- Pray for this people group to enter His courts with joyful praise!
- Pray for a movement to Jesus to multiply among the families and communities of the northern tribes of Yemen.
- Pray that Yemeni families will increasingly experience the righteousness and forgiveness found only in the person and work of Jesus Christ.





## ■ 8 Kabyle Berbers in Algeria

The Kabyle name derives from the name of the mountainous region in the north of Algeria, which they traditionally inhabit. Their traditional economy is based on olive orchards, tapestry and pottery. Their homeland is difficult to access.

Psalm 103:1 | *Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His holy name.*

- Pray that the Lord will raise up many from this people group who will worship Him with their whole hearts.
- Pray for gospel television and radio to reach all Berber peoples of North Africa.
- Pray that followers of Jesus among the Kabyle Berbers will live a life worthy of their calling in Christ.
- Pray for Kabyle Berbers to have an increasing desire for the One who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” Pray the Spirit of Christ will satisfy their spiritual desire.

## ■ 9 Karakalpak in Uzbekistan

The name “Karakalpak” comes from two words: “Kara” meaning black, and “Kalpak” meaning hat. They most likely adopted Islam between the 10th and 13th centuries. Karakalpaks are well known for their devotion to their religion as expressed by their zealous Dervish orders.

Ps 33:22 | *Let Your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone.*

*He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.*

Psalm 103:3

- Pray that this people group will flee to the Lord who alone can forgive sin.
- Pray the Lord will open the hearts of the Karakalpak people to desire God’s blessings through a movement of family-based Discovery Bible Studies.
- Pray they make schooling a priority. Pray for employment opportunities.

## ■ 10 Rahanweyn in Somalia

The Somalis are not a united people group; they are divided by language and clan affiliations such as the Digil-Rahanweyn. The Digil and Rahanweyn clans retain much of their historic nomadic, pastoral culture primarily centered around camels with a few cattle and goats. They are virtually all Muslim.

Psalm 103:12 | *He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*

- Pray for this people group to find forgiveness and relationship with the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for laborers to sow God’s Word to persons and households of peace, which will in turn catalyze movements to Christ among the Rahanweyn people.
- Pray for the Digil-Rahanweyn people living in the harsh environment of Somalia to be able to care adequately for their families. Pray for sufficient rain for their livestock.

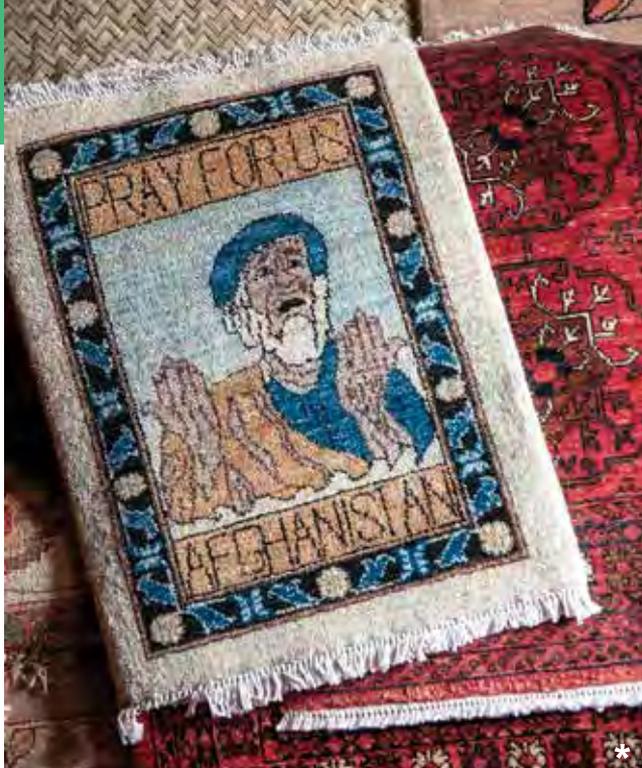
## ■ 11 Soninke in Mali

Due to the influence of a large nomadic tribe known as the Fulani, the Soninke have become farmers and herdsman. The Soninke have one of the highest rates of labor migration in West Africa. Much of the male population is absent from the home doing migrant work.

Psalm 103:17 | *But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear Him.*

- Pray that this people group will understand that they can enjoy the eternal love of the Lord.
- Pray for believers to reach the men while they are in migrant camps. The JESUS Film and Global Recordings materials can be useful. Those who are spiritually open can join Bible studies and discipleship groups.
- Pray for emotional and spiritual protection for Soninke families.
- Ask the Lord to bring forth a vigorous Soninke Church Planting Movement for the glory of His name!





■ 12 Southeast Pashayi in Afghanistan

The Southeastern Pashayi value masculinity and honor more than anything else. The ideal man among them is one who is a proud warrior, loyal to his family, dangerous to his enemies, and always prepared for a feud. The Pashayi converted to Sunni Islam in the late sixteenth century. Spiritual opposition to the gospel among them is intense but can be overcome by prayer.

Psalm 104:13-14

*You send rain on the mountains from Your heavenly home, and You fill the earth with the fruit of Your labor. You cause grass to grow for the livestock and plants for people to use.*

- Pray for this people group to be amazed at His abundant blessings!
- Pray for a faithful prayer team for the Pashayi peoples.
- Pray for peace in Afghanistan, and for increasing freedom for all the peoples to improve their lot in life.
- Pray they will understand the importance of seeking education for their children.



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■ 13 Koreans in North Korea

If God were to provide a stark spiritual and economic contrast for the world to see, it would be the Koreans. The south has one of the world's most robust economies and one of the most mission-minded churches worldwide. The communist north, by contrast, has been the leading persecutors of believers for at least 17 years, and the church is entirely underground. Their economy is in shambles.

Psalm 104:24

*O Lord, what a variety of things You have made! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your creatures.*

- Pray for God to speak to the hearts of members of this people group through the many wonders of nature.
- Pray for the physical and spiritual needs of the North Korean people to be met.
- Pray for the 2020s to be the decade when there is a movement to Christ.

■ 14 Domari Romani in Afghanistan

The Romani originated in northern India and fled to what is now Afghanistan to escape Muslim invaders, but later they became Muslims themselves! In general, men make goods and women sell them; it is a matriarchal society. They marry young. They adopt the religion of the nearby majority people. Few have Afghan citizenship due to prejudice and cultural differences, and they cannot own property.

Psalm 106:2

*Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever praise Him enough?*

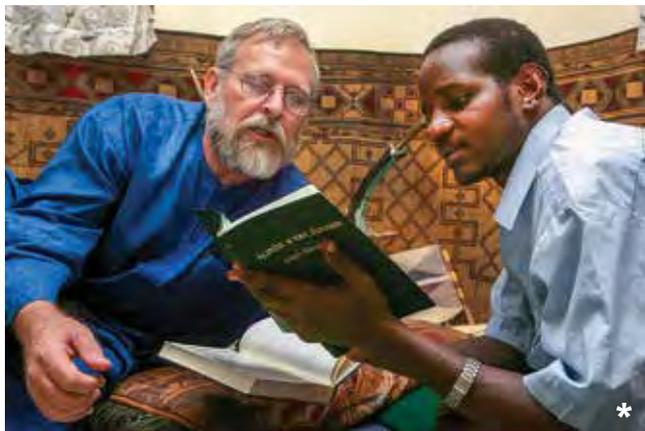
- May many from this people group not be able to praise Him enough!
- Pray that the Afghan government's refusal to recognize them with citizenship will open them to Kingdom citizenship.
- Pray that God would send them dreams and visions that will lead to movements toward Christ.

■ 15 Arabic-speaking Algerians in Algeria

How do you define a people who are a hybrid of Arab, Berber, Bedouin, and Moor? Hassiniya designates a distinct Arabic language spoken by certain Berber and Bedouin tribes. Those speaking it are known as Moors; they have partial cultural affinity with four other ethnic clusters, but they don't fit into any one of them. Although the roots of this language is in Yemen, the people live in southwest Algeria.

Psalm 106:6 | *Like our ancestors, we have sinned. We have done wrong! We have acted wickedly!*

- Pray that many family leaders from this people group will understand that their people are sinful just like the Israelis, and that they need to seek the Lord for forgiveness.
- Pray that the uncertainties of life will open Arabic-speaking Algerians to Jesus as the answer.
- Pray the JESUS Film and audio materials will be used effectively among them.



■ 16 Tamasheq Tuareg in Mauritania

Tuaregs are known for their distinct culture, dress and fine craftsmanship. Though they are Arabized Berbers, their ancestors were once Christian. Their ancestors fiercely rejected Islam until they were won over by Sufi Islamic mysticism. Today, they espouse a mixture of Sunni Islam and folk religion and do not fully practice the “pillars” of Islam, including the month of fasting. Only the men wear veils, and women may have leadership roles. Their indigo clothing colors their skin, so they are known as “blue people.” They speak a distinct dialect of Tuareg.

Psalm 107:2 | *Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.*

- Pray for this people group to call out to the Lord to redeem them from sin, their main enemy.
- Pray that all Tuaregs will be able to safely exit the refugee camps and that they will be safe from health challenges.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to flourish among them in Mauritania.



■ 17 Talysh in Azerbaijan

When political leaders decide where borders lie, they often do not take into account the people who actually live in the land. Most Talysh people reside in southeastern Azerbaijan and northeastern Iran near the Caspian Sea. Smaller groups live in Russia and Kazakhstan. The Talysh are primarily farmers and craftsmen. They are especially known for weaving rugs, making jewelry, and working with silk and felt products.

Psalm 108:3 | *I will thank You, Lord, among all the people. I will sing Your praises among the nations.*

- Pray that God will raise up thankful people from among this people.
- Pray for greater freedom to proclaim the gospel in Azerbaijan.
- Pray that the newly printed Talysh New Testament reaches the right people.
- Pray that each Talysh person will get the opportunity to hear about Jesus and that there will soon be a movement to Christ among them.

■ 18 Hui in Kyrgyzstan

A Chinese proverb states, “A Chinese awake is not the equal of a Hui sleeping.” The Hui people are known as astute businesspersons. They live across the nation of China and in seven other countries in Asia and the Middle East. A small group resides in Kyrgyzstan. The Hui have been Muslims since the time of the Mongols in the 13th century. Islam is part of their cultural identity.

Psalm 111:3 | *Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.*

- Pray for many from this people group to find this God whose righteousness never fails.
- Pray that God will open doors for materials to reach Hui communities.
- Ask God to mobilize the church in Kyrgyzstan toward reaching out to the Hui with the goal of bringing about a Disciple Making Movement.



■ 19 Middle-Eastern Turkmen in Jordan

The Turkish based Ottoman Empire (1299–1923) ruled much of the Middle East and southeastern Europe. Turkmen moved throughout the empire as administrators and civil servants. Some came to what is now the nation of Jordan and stayed after the collapse of the empire. Today, the one thing that distinguishes the Turkish people in Jordan is their use of Turkish rather than Arabic. They often marry into Arab families.

Psalm 111:10 | *Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom.*

- Pray for fear of the Lord and wisdom to come to this people group.
- Ask the Lord to open the spiritual eyes of the Turks living in Jordan to the wonders of Christ, leading to a Disciple Making Movement.
- Pray that God would pour out His blessings on them as they seek to know God’s truth.

■ 20 South Asians in Yemen

South Asian Muslims came to Yemen at one time for jobs. Many would love to flee to a safer place, but they are trapped inside this war zone. The spread of ideas is impeded when there is war, and Yemen is no exception. Even before they get to Yemen, South Asian Muslims believe that they must follow the ways of Islam rather than the ways of Christ.

Psalm 113:3-4 | *Everywhere—from east to west—praise the name of the Lord. For the Lord is high above the nations; His glory is higher than the heavens.*

- Pray for peoples from all over the world to discover His glory and mercy.
- Pray for a moving of the Holy Spirit as a breath of fresh air through Muslim families in Yemen.
- Pray that fellowships of new believers will understand that liberty in Christ make them free, indeed.

■ 21 Southern Oromo in Somalia

Today the 64,000 Southern Oromo people reside Somalia. They exhibit group-oriented culture with authoritarian fathers and a male warrior tradition. Most live in rural areas where they make a living mainly from raising animals and farming. The majority of Oromo people are Muslim; however, their traditional animistic religion is still practiced by most of the population. Their main language is Borana-Arsi-Guji Oromo, in which the entire Bible, various audio recordings, and The JESUS Film are available. Pray for these resources to become easily available to them.

Psalm 117:1 | *Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people of the earth.*

- Pray that some from this people group will praise Him this year.
- Pray for workers to somehow become salt and light to Oromo communities in Somalia.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Oromo people in Somalia.



■ 22 Yerwa Kanuri in Cameroon

Kanuri people are tall, with a stately, dignified appearance. This signifies their pride and appreciation for their past as rulers, as well as their present position of leadership and influence. Most Kanuri people are farmers; however, they usually play the role of craftsmen and merchant during the dry season. Towns serve as local markets and administrative centers for the Kanuri. These locations may be the only possibilities for direct contact with Kanuri people to hear and accept the gospel.

Psalm 118:24 | *This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

- Praise the Lord that you have the privilege of praying for others to rejoice in Him.
- Pray that Kanuri people in Cameroon will discover the living Lord through all available sources from radio, internet and personal contacts with Christ followers.



**■ 23 Bambara in Guinea**

In Mali, the Bambara are one of the most influential peoples, but they can also be found throughout West Africa in such countries as Guinea. The Bambara are primarily agricultural, but they also raise livestock and maintain a culture of hunting. The Bambara once held their own traditional beliefs and still hold on to some of them today, but currently they are primarily Muslim.

Psalm 119:105 | *Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

- Pray that many from this people group will discover this to be true for their own communities.
- Pray that God would bless the Bambara – their families, their fields and their animals.
- Pray that their hearts would be like good soil in which a planted seed produces a good harvest.
- Pray for Disciple Making Movements to spread to each of their villages.

**■ 24 Eastern Maninka in Senegal**

Once a trade-based people, the Maninka have become a highly influential people, taking roles as powerful merchants and leaders in both civic and religious arenas. The roots of Maninka greatness and expansion can be traced back to the once great Mali Empire. Many Maninka settled in Senegal. Today the Maninka are primarily agricultural, though they also hunt and raise livestock. Though they are Islamic, they have retained many of their traditional beliefs.

Psalm 127:1 | *Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.*

- Pray that this people group understands that all their efforts are worthless unless they subject them to the Lord.
- Pray that God would bless Maninka villages economically and spiritually.
- Pray that they would receive their invitations to become adopted into His family, and that those who respond would gather others as well.

**■ 25 West Coast Bajau in Malaysia**

For the Bajau people, time flows not by the clock but by when the sun rises and sets. They are masters of the waters, focused on fishing; many are expert deep-sea divers. Due to the increase in competition in the global fish trade, the Bajau are pushed to use more commercial fishing methods.

Psalm 128:1 | *How joyful are those who fear the Lord—all who follow His ways!*

- Pray that many from this people group will have the joy that comes from fearing and following the Lord.
- Pray that they would be able to diversify their economy.
- Pray that followers of Christ in surrounding communities would share Him with the Bajau people.
- Pray that the love of Jesus Christ would touch these masters of the sea in such a way that there would be a spontaneous Church Planting Movement.

**■ 26 Tai Man in Myanmar**

Does death scare you? For the Tai Man of Myanmar, death is not a threat. For those who have done good deeds, death is simply passing from one life to another. The Tai Man people largely rely on agricultural crops such as rice, tea and soybeans. According to estimates, 50 percent of the world's opium is grown in Shan State.

Psalm 130:5 | *I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on Him. I have put my hope in His word.*

- Pray that they will put all their trust in Him alone!
- Pray for unity and mercy in Myanmar.
- Pray for wisdom for the church leaders and that they would rise up to reach out to their Tai Man neighbors and help them to build a network of disciples.

■ 27 Burmese in Thailand

Dirty, dangerous and difficult. These three Ds reflect the work of Burmese refugees in Thailand. These people have fled their own country in search of work, education and peace. Unfortunately, they rarely obtain legal status in Thailand, and consequently they are often subject to violence and low wages. The Burmese have left their homeland in pursuit of economic stability. Sadly, they are not finding it.

Psalm 135:5 | *I know the greatness of the Lord—that our Lord is greater than any other god.*

- Pray that they will understand that there is no god as great as God, the one who gives us all we need.
- Pray that the Lord Jesus will give them the kind of stability that lasts forever—peace and assurance of a bright future.
- Pray for a movement to Christ.



■ 28 Thai in Taiwan

Annually, around 25,000 Thai people receive approval to work in Taiwan, many of them becoming household caregivers. It sometimes takes a whole year's work to pay off the placement agency's fees. The Thai workers face pressure and homesickness. They can become susceptible to depression, alcoholism and crime.

Psalm 138:2 | *I bow before Your holy Temple as I worship. I praise Your name for Your unfailing love and faithfulness; for Your promises are backed by all the honor of Your name.*

- Pray that many from this people group will delight in His promises and seek His unfailing love.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to emerge among the Thai in Taiwan.
- Pray for these overseas workers to be receptive to the comfort that the Holy Spirit can provide.
- May He draw individuals to Him so that they can, in turn, tell family back in Thailand about this great God of heaven!

■ 29 Butu-Ningi in Nigeria

The Butu-Ningi are a small people group, and the languages that they had spoken as recently as the 1970s were considered “dead” by the 1990s. The Butu-Ningi have adopted the Hausa language. A people who like to sing, the Butu-Ningi compose new songs for the Gwarma Gom, a thanksgiving festival to the gods. Outreach partners can teach them more new songs—songs of thankfulness to the God who gives life to the full!

Psalm 139:5-6 | *You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!*

- Pray that many from this people group will be in awe of the blessings of the Lord.
- Pray for Holy Spirit-directed workers to go to them.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement among the Butu-Ningi people that will spread to the powerful Hausa people.

■ 30 Baangi in Nigeria

The Baangi people have their own language, but like many ethnic groups in northern Nigeria, they also speak Hausa, the language of the dominant people. Nigerian believers from other tribes can reach the Baangi tribe. The Lela and the Dakakari live close by, and they already have a Christian presence.

Psalm 139:13-14 | *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.*

- Pray that this people group will understand and embrace that they are created by God, and that His ways are marvelous!
- Pray for the Lord to raise up workers from among the Lela and the Dakakari tribes to reach out to these folk Muslims.
- Pray for workers to find “persons of peace” who will give them the opportunity to speak into this people group.
- Pray the Baangi tribe will be given a growing spiritual desire to find truth.

■ 31 Nggwahyi in Nigeria

The Hausa and Fulani have merged to become the most powerful people in Nigeria. Smaller people groups like the Nggwahyi are merging with them, but as that process continues, they are in danger of losing their own language and culture. Young people prefer to speak Hausa and English. No Christian resources are currently available in Nggwahyi.

Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends You and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

- Pray that many from this people group will have the kind of intimacy with the Lord that it takes to purge their lives of anything that offends Him.
- Pray that the Lord sends Holy Spirit-led Nigerian believers to share the gospel with the Nggwahyi.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up a strong Disciple Making Movement.
- Pray for abundant rain for their crops and that they will bless the God of Heaven who provides for their needs.



JUNE



■ 1 Sutradhar in India

Sutradhar means “thread holder”; they are known for crafting beautiful wood doors, windows, boats, etc. Because of their artisanal skill, some of them work for entrepreneurs in cities. Those who are successful can get paid well, but the majority of Sutradhar are novices who struggle financially.

Psalm 141:2

*Accept my prayer as incense offered to You, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.*

- Thank Him for making your prayers as precious as an incense offering. Thank Him that in praise, there is His presence.
- Pray that the Lord would keep them spiritually and physically safe.
- Pray for believers to have a desire to do God’s will and be a light to their community.
- Pray that the Lord would provide competent lay leaders to shepherd believers and train them to begin a Disciple Making Movement.