

HOW TO PRAY FOR LATIN AMERICA

A photograph of a woman in traditional Latin American attire, smiling and spinning wool. She is wearing a yellow headscarf with colorful embroidery and a red and white patterned shawl. The background shows a rustic interior with colorful fabrics hanging on the wall.

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Thank you for praying for Latin America! As you read through this guide, you'll learn about Latin America's rich culture and one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. We're excited for you to join us on this prayer journey.

The beauty and diversity of Latin America is an amazing testimony of the love and creativity of our God. There are 22 countries in this region, which stretches from Mexico through the Caribbean down to Chile.

Over 632 million people live here and belong to 1,474 people groups who speak various languages. Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English are the most commonly spoken languages, although there are hundreds of indigenous ones as well.

Roughly half of Latin Americans profess the Catholic faith, but this number can be misleading. Many of these people practice Catholicism mixed with indigenous practices and superstitions and are actually hostile towards Gospel evangelization.



Latin Americans who aren't Catholic often practice other religions such as animism or are completely secular. Islam and Mormonism are also on the rise.

23% of Latin Americans are evangelical believers. Many are passionate about serving as native missionaries to reach their own communities or nearby unreached tribes with the Gospel. We're proud to support these local believers. With this guide, you're supporting them too!



Part of the vision of ANM is to help local believers reach unreached people groups. Local believers act as native missionaries, using their shared language and culture to share the Gospel with people who live near them but have never encountered Jesus.



Unreached people groups (UPGs) exist all over the world, including in Latin America, and are often indigenous to the place where they live. A people group is considered unreached if less than 2% of their population are professing evangelicals.

One of the largest UPGs in the world is Deaf people. There are roughly 200 million Deaf people around the world, but 98% of them don't know Jesus as their Savior.

Many Deaf people are unreached because they're born into hearing families in developing countries. Formal education is often unavailable in these countries. If it is available, teachers often don't have the resources to teach Deaf people sign language. Without the ability to effectively communicate, Deaf people will never know about Jesus.

81,000 Deaf people live in Honduras with limited access to resources such as formal education, vocational training, and the Gospel. His Love in Action school is changing that.



Carmen Linder founded His Love in Action school over 30 years ago because her daughter was born Deaf. As a native Honduran, she noticed that Deaf people and other people with disabilities in her country lacked the resources they needed to live a full life. They had little to no access to education, jobs, social circles, church, and other opportunities.

His Love in Action provides formal education through the 9th grade, vocational training, and the Gospel to children with disabilities. The school's graduates have started deaf churches, other deaf schools, and helped create Honduran Sign Language. They've also lobbied for legislation to make sure that any disabled child has access to education and other resources.

Native Honduran Leeybi Ruth Chavez Estrada now leads the school since Carmen passed away in 2022. Leeybi previously worked in the Honduran labor court, but as she grew in her walk with God, she wanted to serve Him through her job. God led Leeybi to His Love in Action, where she began working as an administrator in 2017.

She shares, "I love this place; I can not say more than 'Thank God' for giving me the privilege of being in this place."





5 WAYS TO PRAY FOR LATIN AMERICA

1. For churches to reach their communities and step out into missional work outside their communities.
2. For corruption to end, as well as the violence and poverty that accompany it.
3. For stable governments that help eradicate corruption, poverty, and violence.
4. For more workers in the harvest field, especially those who will commit to reaching the unreached no matter the cost.
5. For open doors into unreached areas, including Deaf populations, both geographically and in people's hearts.

PRAY FOR CUBA

While we are passionate about His Love in Action and want to pray for Deaf people, would you also pray for another area of great need – Cuba?



There have been widespread protests due to the communist government's inability to care for its citizens with basic food, medicine, and other necessities. The power grid has completely shut down on two separate occasions recently, leaving the entire country in darkness.

This physical darkness mirrors the spiritual darkness that prevails as the government discourages organized religion. The family unit is fracturing due to government programs such as forced boarding schools, which indoctrinate children into communism and against religion. Throughout the island, groups larger than 14 are not supposed to gather, even in homes. In spite of this, native missionaries are planting churches and many people are coming to Christ.

How to Pray:

- 1.** For those who need food, water, and shelter, especially the elderly and disabled, that they will find provision in the name of Jesus.
- 2.** For Gospel workers and church planters to rise up and reach the harvest fields of Cuba.
- 3.** For corruption at all levels of government to end.
- 4.** For wisdom, provision, and protection for those who are sharing the Gospel in a difficult environment.
- 5.** For workers to have access to Bibles and other resources they need to share the Gospel.

ANM is a global missions organization delivering the Gospel to those who still need to hear the Good News of Jesus in 100+ countries.

We're a little different from the traditional missions organizations you may be familiar with. Instead of sending missionaries to other countries where they have to learn a new language, adapt to new ways of living, and make substantial cultural adjustments, we support missionaries sharing the Gospel in their own countries.

These native missionaries are impacting the kingdom tremendously – *you can help.*

Learn more at advancingnativemissions.com

Thank you for praying!

