# HOW TO PRAY FOR AFRICA



#### Thank you for praying for Africa!

This guide is designed to help you pray intentionally for the people of Africa, as well as for the native missionaries striving to bring the hope of Christ to communities that have yet to be reached.



Africa is a continent of extraordinary beauty and remarkable diversity, home to approximately 1.4 billion people that speak over 2,000 languages across 54 nations. Contrasting with its rich historical heritage, vibrant cultural traditions, and expanding Christian movements, Africa faces significant challenges, including a 40% poverty rate in the sub-Saharan region, conflict, and persecution.

There is also an ongoing need for Gospel outreach. Christianity is a dominant religion in some parts of Africa, but Islam is as well. Millions who practice traditional African religions, animism, and other beliefs are completely unreached.

Refugees, nomadic tribes, and communities in war-torn areas are some of the most common unreached people groups. Addressing their concerns will help address the unreached statistics. Praying and advocating for peace and stability, economic growth and basic needs,



and missionaries and churches will empower these communities and others to fully hear and accept the Gospel.



One missionary that you can pray for is Timothy.

He is actively ministering to nomadic tribes in northern Kenya that live in remote areas, such as the Samburu, Rendille, Gabra Borana, and Turkana people. Tribes like these are so small and scattered that it's difficult to know specific unreached statistics.



An unreached people group is any people group with cultural aspects in common and less than 2% believers. While we don't know specific unreached statistics, we do know that the majority of people that missionaries like Timothy interact with have never heard of Jesus.

Many practice animism, which means they believe plants, objects, and natural phenomena like the wind have souls and/or supernatural power. People from these groups that hold to a major world religion mostly follow Islam. They rely on livestock for survival, since they live far from established communities and have little access to modern amenities.

Since they don't have amenities like safe water, Timothy drills wells for them and shares the Gospel during well dedications. Sometimes, well dedications are the very first time that these tribes learn about Jesus, the Living Water.



Timothy also uses the Jesus Film to reach these unreached tribes. The Jesus Film supplies all go into a backpack that he or another missionary can wear while riding a bicycle or motorcycle to reach the remote tribe. People of all ages come to see the Jesus Film and discover their Savior.

As these nomadic tribes learn more about Jesus, Timothy and his ministry plant churches among them. Church plants encourage new believers and make it easier for other people to come learn about Jesus every week.

Timothy's church plants also play another vital role in these communities: they're preschools during the week. Children from nomadic tribes often don't have the education opportunities that other children have, especially for early education like preschool.

Studies show that preschool prepares children for formal schooling and that children who attend preschool learn more when they start formal schooling. They're also more disciplined and more productive, even into adulthood.



Most importantly, church preschools allow Timothy and teachers in his ministry to share Jesus with students all week long. Children are the future of the church and Timothy's ministry is investing in the eternal future of the Samburu, Rendille, Gabra Borana, and Turkana people.

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 Pray for peace in conflict-affected areas like Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Ethiopia.



- Ask God to provide food, clean water, and healthcare for those in need.
- 3. Pray for missionaries working in dangerous and remote regions.
- **4. Ask God to spread the Gospel** among the 1000+ unreached people groups.
- 5. Pray for strong, Bible-centered leaders to disciple new believers.
- Pray for refugees in Uganda's Nakivale camp to experience the love of Christ.
- 7. Ask God to bless church planting efforts in Northern Kenya.



- 8. Pray for Brother Timothy's team as they serve nomadic tribes.
  - 9. Pray for our 14 missionaries in Ethiopia to be protected and fruitful.
  - Ask God to raise up more African missionaries to reach their own people.



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