

PRAYERS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

Dear heavenly Father,

We do not know the nations of the world as you know them. (Ps 66:7, 99:2) We count on your knowledge of each one and of all who live within each. (Ps 139) We ask you to forgive the sins of the nations of the world because you have given Christ as a ransom for all men. (1Ti 2:6) Please count as worthy the blood of your Son who died for the sins of the whole world. (1Jn 2:2) As your priests, we ask you to forgive every sin that is the result of unbelief and rebellion against you. We claim your promise: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* (Jn 3:16-17) According to your will, we ask you for the nations of the world: *Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.* (Ps 2:8)

In obedience to your command, we pray first of all for all those in authority in the nations of the world. (1Ti 2:1) We ask you to establish righteous government and leadership within each nation because you connect good government with the salvation of men. (1Ti 2:2-6) Enable the Church wherever she exists to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness so that by being salt and light the Church may be your means of bringing salvation to many. (1Ti 2:3) Purify the Church throughout the world and send your workers out to reap the harvest you have prepared. (Mt 9:37-38) Open doors for the gospel in every nation and show believers where you are at work so that they may join you. (Col 4:3, Jn 5:19-20) Revive believers so that by the love we show one another all men will know that we are your disciples. (Jn 13:35) Bring us to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Jesus. (Jn 17:23)

We ask you to draw many within each nation to your Son enabling them to believe in him. (Jn 6:44, 65) Convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment through the ministry of the Holy Spirit by the preaching of the gospel. Make known the gospel in dreams and visions, through personal evangelism and preaching, through every kind of media (T. V., movies, magazines, tracts, newspapers, etc.) and in every way possible. For who can call upon the name of the Lord if they have not heard his name? (Ro 10:14, 17) We claim your promise that whoever does call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. (Ac 2:21)

Father, we also believe, because the Scripture tells us so, that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God. (2Cor 4:4) We ask you to have mercy on their blindness! Jesus came to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind and to release the oppressed. (Lk 4:18-19) He is alive at your right hand and lives today and forever to fulfill this same blessed ministry of deliverance! We believe your promise that he has other sheep that are not yet of the sheep pen. Bring them in also. Enable them to listen to the Great Shepherd's voice and to follow him. (Jn 10:27, 16) Make us one flock with one shepherd. (Jn 10:16)

Finally, we know that you saved us who already believe not because of righteous things we had done, but because of your mercy. (Tit 3:4-5) We pray that your mercy may extend to as many as possible for the sake of the glory of your Son who is worthy. (Rev 5:12)

For the glory of Christ,
Amen