27. China (1)
Pray for Chinese families who cannot attend their church as it has been closed. Pray also for families who face the ban on any "under 18 year old" entering a church. Pray that they can teach their own children, be able to pray and worship together and that young people across China will have a renewed curiosity and hunger for what the government is trying to deny them. Pray also for teachers in some areas who are being "encouraged" to have no religious affiliation, as a sign of being a good teacher. (Chinese Church Support Ministries)

28. Cambodia
There are currently 16 million people in Cambodia. Close to 2% of the population are Muslims with most of those being Sunni Muslims. One group of people are the Cham or Khmer Islam. These are people that have remained within their own communities with little of the gospel reaching their villages. The Cham believe in the power of magic and sorcery, and they attach great importance to magical practices in order to avoid sickness or violent death. They believe in many supernatural powers, so we need to pray that God would encounter them with His supernatural power. Cambodia Action has a number of associates that are trying to work with the Cham, looking for opportunities to share the love of God. Pray for an effective door of witness among the Cham, that Jesus will become known to them. (Cambodia Action)

29. Southeast Asia
In a country in mainland Southeast Asia, growing opium is a major problem for the Yam* community. One young man said, 'I’m addicted to opium. I don’t like God. That’s why I don’t go to church anymore.’ But lives are been changed through the sharing of Bible stories in several languages throughout this country. Pray for freedom from addiction for these individuals and freedom for their community. Pray that they will see the church as a place where they can meet with a loving and healing God and that God would provide alternative crops, like coffee, for them to grow. *name changed for security reasons (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

30. China (2)
March is when China's population settle back to "normal life" after the Chinese New Year. Last year at this time saw an increase in persecution and surveillance. What is the "new normal"? We have heard of students who have been advised that continuing as Christians could jeopardise their degree result, which would be a serious repercussion. Education is highly regarded in China. Should Christian students keep quiet about their faith? Should they be open and trust that God will protect them? Please pray for wisdom and protection for these students. How can they meet together for fellowship, Bible study and prayer? Pray that they will know God's leading and guiding. (Chinese Church Support Ministries)

31. Vietnam
The number of Christians in Vietnam has doubled in the last 10 years, yet the church remains small. To help the church keep growing there’s a need for new leaders and more Christian resources. Older pastors carry a heavy burden of responsibility and would like to hand some of these over to new leaders, but there are relatively few Christians willing to make the sacrifices needed to enter the ministry. Pray for wisdom for these older leaders and for God to raise up the next generation of pastors for the Vietnamese church. Pray, too, for more Bible commentaries, theological study materials and resources for children to be translated or, even better, written by and for Vietnamese Christians to build up the church. (OMF International UK)
Audacity of my Prayers

Is my lack of trust in God’s ability to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20) a real limitation to the audacity of my prayers?

Perhaps, like me, your prayer life is so often manoeuvred around the immediate, the obvious, the possible. We begin our dialogue with the Lord, and we bring to him the things that are happening right now, we ask for his intervention in the scenarios that we are facing directly, and make suggestions for God to do things that we know are possible. We whisper safe prayers into the wind and feel glad that we took a moment to take something to God.

One of the things that burns on my heart most fiercely is my desire to see my family come to faith in Jesus. Over the years I have argued, wept, discussed, and despaired, while my faith in Jesus. Over the years I have argued, I’m not naturally a person with a great audacity of my prayers?

Lord, let there be no hindrance to the audacity of my prayers, because I know that you can do immeasurably more than all I could ask or imagine.

Let him work on your ability to trust in his ability to do immeasurably more than you could ask or imagine. Take a moment to imagine an individual and what they might look like with their life turned completely upside-down. Take a second to imagine a nation transformed by the love of Jesus spreading like wildfire. Let the Lord extend the horizon of your sight. Then pray.

Lord, let there be no hindrance to the audacity of my prayers, because I know that you can do immeasurably more than all I could ask or imagine.

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Mission Operations, Global Connections

22. Pakistan (1)
Female human rights defenders in Pakistan regularly face harassment and online bullying both for their work defending the rights of others and because of their gender. Pray that the government would create safe spaces in which they can work, and that God would protect them and bless them with much needed resources.

(Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

23. Bangladesh
The IFES movement in Bangladesh is holding four regional camps in March-June. The theme for each is “Be Shining – Isaiah 60v1”. Pray that each Christian student would shine on their campus, that their friends would turn to Christ and that this would bring glory to God in Bangladeshi universities. It is a complex place to share Christ, so the movement also ask for prayer for protection for their country “from political complexity and violence. Also please pray for security, economic development, and political stability.” (IFES)

24. Pakistan (2)
Churches in Pakistan’s Punjab province have been instructed to put security measures in place by the provincial government because of fears of an attack. The authorities issued a notification to close or seal churches in the province if adequate measures were not taken. Please pray for those Christians in Punjab province amid this latest threat of attack. Christians in Pakistan feel particularly vulnerable after the hardliner reaction to the acquittal of Christian prisoner Asia Bibi. Asia, who was falsely accused of blasphemy, spent ten years behind bars, eight of which were on death row. (Release International)

25. Nepal
Imagine, being a woman in Nepal and once a month, turned out of the family home and sent to live in a dilapidated shed for five days. In the summer it is ferociously hot and you risk heat stroke, while in the winter it is desperately cold. You cannot wash yourself or your clothes, you cannot get clean drinking water, and what food you have is far from nutritious: no meat, fruit, or dairy products. This is chhaupadi, a traditional practice which continues in some rural parts of Nepal, despite being illegal. Woman have died as a result of smoke inhalation after lighting a fire to keep warm. Others have been killed by snakes or wild animals. Pray for an end to this practice which persists because of both poverty and superstition. (International Nepal Fellowship)
17. Peru

“None of us came to Bible study to change... We came because it was something to do. But we’ve all changed, you can see that.” These are the words of a Texan prison inmate to a representative of Walking in Liberty, based in Lima. The ministry is currently building relationships with English-speaking women in two prisons, spending time with them talking, praying, singing and studying the Bible. Pray that their work would bear fruit that lasts in the lives of each of the women they meet with, and for wisdom, energy and healthy boundaries for the ministry. (Church Mission Society)

18. Chile/Argentina

IFES movement in Chile recently employed Pablo as staff in Punta Arenas to support student ministry there and, working with the Argentinian movement, to pioneer across Patagonia. In January, Pablo and a team travelled 4000km around Argentinian Patagonia, making contact with many believers, including Matias, soon starting university in Comodoro who is keen to start a group there. He organised a meeting to encourage believers to start Christian groups on campus, and his friend’s non-believing girlfriend came. Pablo writes: “It wasn’t the most appropriate place, maybe it wasn’t the most appropriate talk for a non-believer, but that young guest gave her life to Jesus. It was not within our plans, but God is full of grace.” Ask God to continue to draw students to him across Patagonia. (IFES)

19. Chile

Over the last two years Chile has received immigrants from different parts of Latin America and Africa. Regrettably some of these immigrants have faced discrimination and prejudice. Several churches and Christian organisations are starting Spanish courses and offering legal advice and advocacy. Pray that the Lord will touch the lives of the immigrants through the preaching and testimony of the church, and that he will challenge the prejudices and xenophobic attitudes in sections of the wider population. (Latin Link)

20. Mexico

Mexico’s new government took office in December. Pray that the newly elected officials would act with integrity and wisdom to uphold the country’s secular constitution, and to ensure justice for all citizens regardless of their religion or belief. The last time Mexico underwent its peer review of human rights at the UN, in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Member States made several recommendations for Mexico to improve its human rights situation. Pray today that the government would act on these recommendations. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

21. Colombia

Pray the Colombian government would recognise the rights of indigenous peoples and put in place legislation that will protect the right to freedom of religion or belief for all Colombians, including those living on indigenous lands. Pray for lasting peace in Colombia. “Move in power in the hearts of the government and the leaders of the illegal armed groups; protect those who are working for peace and justice in the country and bless their efforts richly.” (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

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1. Egypt (1)

At least seven people were killed and eleven injured in a terrorist attack on 2 November 2018, when attackers opened fire on a bus taking Christians to visit a monastery in Minya, Upper Egypt. The Coptic community has been the target of numerous attacks in recent years. Pray for God’s hand of protection and blessing over them. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

2. Iran

Political opposition members, human rights activists and journalists continue to be arrested on spurious grounds. At least 746 people are detained on account of their religion or belief. Pray for divine protection and provision for everyone who is in prison because of their beliefs or because they spoke out against oppression. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

3. Syria

A medical clinic for Syrian refugees in Jordan is helping a new network of families. People feel able to talk about their circumstances to the team and are willing to be prayed for. This has brought up issues of domestic violence, broken marriages, and trauma from the violence of the Syrian war. Pray for healing in these areas and discernment for the team in following up with people. May there be open hearts ready to receive from and respond to the Lord. (AWM Pioneers)

4. Egypt (2)

On the very edge of Cairo is a crowded slum area where a Christian community called the Zabaleen scrape a living by collecting rubbish. Within these difficult conditions, Embrace’s partner, the Salaam Centre, provides a medical clinic, a school, legal advice and programmes tackling a range of social issues such as domestic violence, addiction and hepatitis C prevention. Pray for community projects among Egypt’s poorest people. (Embrace the Middle East)

5. Palestinian Territories

Embrace’s partner, the East Jerusalem YMCA, helps people who are marginalised because of disability or because they have experienced the trauma of displacement or illegal detention under the Israeli occupation. EJYMCA provides much-needed counselling services and works with the Palestinian community to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities and vulnerable ex-detainees. Pray for survivors of political violence in Palestine. (Embrace the Middle East)
6. United Kingdom (1)
Pray for the people across the UK who are responding to Torch’s Sight Loss Friendly church project. This project aims to enable people with sight loss to be fully integrated into their church communities, supporting them alongside their churches to achieve accessibility and inclusion on a huge scale. Pray for everyone who has sight loss in the UK, that they might receive the support they need to feel that no aspects of community are out of their reach. (Torch Trust)

7. France
Anti-Semitism across France is on the rise. Many Jewish people live in fear of attack and are becoming increasingly marginalised. Last year, following a series of high-profile attacks on Jewish people, a Jewish deputy mayor of one of France’s largest cities stated that ‘the future of the Jewish people in France is hopeless’. However, at Christian Witness to Israel we believe that there is hope for Jewish people in France, home to Europe’s largest Jewish community. Following a large outreach last year, contacts within Paris’ Jewish community were established and our missionary based in Paris has seen some of his Jewish contacts profess faith in Jesus and join believing congregations. Please pray for Jewish people living in Paris as our missionary shares the hope of Jesus with them. (Christian Witness to Israel)

8. United Kingdom (2)
We thank God for the Mission Weeks throughout UK universities that took place in February. We are thankful that many of these had specific events to reach and answer the questions of international students. Pray during March and April that the internationals who have heard the gospel through these events would respond in their hearts and that sufficient follow-up would be in place from the CUs and local churches. (Friends International)

9. Greece
Moria refugee camp in Lesbos, has been described as “the worst refugee camp in the world”. People are living in very difficult crowded conditions and the atmosphere in the camp is highly charged. Living conditions are basic and frustrations bubble over quickly. Moria is a particularly dangerous place for women. There is a closed section for women who are alone, but after 11pm the door is open, and anyone can come in because there is no security guard at night. Safety is a big issue. Pray for a solution to this massive problem and for the Christians working with refugees on Lesbos, that their compassion will bring hope. Pray that they would share God’s love with gentleness and respect. (Reach Beyond)

10. Bosnia and Herzegovina
The post war (1992-1995) socio-economic situation is troubled and recovery is slow. Bosnia and Herzegovina still struggles with poverty. Organised crime syndicates thrive and prohibit the country from joining the EU. The “brain and youth drain” sap Bosnia’s potential; 60% of young people want to leave the country. Pray for economic transformation and for a new generation of Bosnians to stay and help the country to develop. Pray for God to bring deep healing and reconciliation from the hurt and divisions created during the war. Pray for a spiritual awakening – for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ, in a country where only 0.1% of the population are evangelical Christians. Pray for the summer camps 2019, where children and young people will have the opportunity to hear the gospel. (Transform Europe Network)

11. Kenya (1)
The majority of the Weera* people of Kenya are Muslims, and their homeland is unstable. For a few years the Weera people have had the Gospel of Luke in print but not yet in audio. Pray for a breakthrough in this area which does not compromise the team’s safety, and that many will hear God’s word. The team are also looking for a new translator. Pray for God to call the right person to translate his word for the Weera people. Pray too for God to prepare the way for as many Weera people as possible to be able to receive the New Testament, which is hoped to be completed by 2022. *name changed for security reasons. (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

12. Uganda
Emmanuel International partners with the Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu and the Bishop Lee Rayfield Leadership Training Centre in a small rural centre near Pader Town. They train lay church leaders for their local congregations in rural Northern Uganda. As such, they are the “boots on the ground”, sharing the gospel and discipling new believers into Christian maturity. Pray that these pastors will complete their theological training, to be grounded and deeply rooted in biblical truth; and that they would gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the power of the gospel. (Emmanuel International)

13. Kenya (2)
Rift Valley Academy (RVA) is a Christian boarding school established by AIM in central Kenya with over a 100 years of rich history. It serves about 500 missionary children, representing 30 nationalities and 80 mission organisations and churches. Pray for its ministry supporting current mission work, while investing in the next generation of missionaries and gospel-bearers. Pray for the staff and children at RVA, that it would be an environment where children feel supported and cared for, as well as develop their own relationship with Christ. Pray too for the families who send their children to RVA, as they can struggle with the separation too. (AIM International)

14. South Sudan
The Laarim people in South Sudan have started an indigenous church. Last month was the first ever Laarim-led worship service in the village of Yei. It was a service complete with Laarim gospel songs accompanied by a drum, and the telling of a Bible story by a Laarim youth. This is one of numerous little churches sprouting up in different villages throughout Kimotong. Pray for these churches to grow and spread throughout this people group. (AIM International)

15. Central African Republic (CAR)
The ongoing conflict in CAR is both hindering and opening doors for God’s kingdom. Pray for pastors and Bible translators who are unable to move freely and carry out the work God has given them, burdened by threats, actual persecution or fears for family members. Pray that their lives will shine with the light of the gospel in some very dark situations, and that they will be able to reach the people they want to minister to. Pray too for the biblical trauma healing work going on in CAR and that many will come to know God’s healing power through this work. (SIL)

16. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
Ebola continues to spread in DRC. As of December 2018, there have been nearly 500 confirmed cases and 285 lives lost. Malaria has also begun spreading in the same areas. Pray for the medical NCO teams working to treat the sick and contain the spread of the diseases through public health campaigns. Pray especially for the people in North Kivu Province, where the current Ebola outbreak is centred, and where more than a million people have been displaced by ongoing conflict. Pray for healing, comfort and strength for families touched by the disease and an end to the outbreak. (Mission Aviation Fellowship)