



GO PRAY



# *A Clarion Call to* **Pray for SOUTH ASIA**

**27 Cities of SOUTH ASIA - OVERVIEW**

**These are cities that are ripe for the harvest!**

## **110 CITIES GLOBAL CANOPY OF PRAYER AND PRAYER WALKING INITIATIVE**

**BIG VISION** – Together the global Church of Christ will advance God's Kingdom through a unified prayer covering that will contend with powers of evil and darkness, especially in the most significant unreached cities in the South Asia region. Our fervent hope is that prayer will be the catalyst that can help ignite a rapid spread of the Gospel. Let us commit as a body of Christ in South Asia to mobilise millions of hours of prayers to take teams on a prayer walk and possess the unfortified cities. We'll pray for millions to respond in faith bringing new movements of multiplying churches that can transform nations.

**FAITH GOAL** – To prayer walk in the strategic cities and raise the canopy of prayer for the city, from the city and from all across India and worldwide.

**PRAYER** -- "God, may your great name and your Son be exalted among the nations of the earth. Your eternal Kingdom will be made up of people from every nation, from all tribes, peoples and languages. You have invited us to join in this work. Lord, will you give me the grace to lead a prayer walking team in 2022?"

# 27 Cities of SOUTH ASIA - PRAYER GUIDE



The PRAY110 Canopy of Prayer initiative is covering 110 strategic cities across the world with prayer during 2022.

## These are cities that are ripe for the harvest!

### PRINCIPLES AND PRAYER WALKING VERSES

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4*

#### ◆ PRAYING TOGETHER AS "WATCHMEN" OVER 110 CITIES

##### ASPECTS OF WATCHMAN PRAYER

**PROPHETIC INTERCESSION** is waiting before God in order to hear or receive His burden (a word, concern, warning, condition, vision, promise), and then responding back to God with prayerful petition what you hear or see by revelation. This revelation must be tested and confirmed by God's written Word and others on your prayer team. We only see in part, but the Holy Spirit will help us pray according to God's will for specific people, places, times, and situations (Romans 8). Let's Pray 'in the Spirit' listening to his prompting, waiting on him for revelation and being led by him, praying 'according to his will'.

##### **BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER – Engaging in Intercessory Warfare Prayer**

Spiritual warfare is real. Satan is mentioned over 50 times in the New Testament. In a city, region, or mission field, where Kingdom workers labor in proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel, make disciples, engage in transformational prayer, and work together for Kingdom impact, the enemy will press back.

Scripture is clear that Jesus delegated authority to his disciples to act as His ambassadors and to do the works of ministry he did. This included authority

over all the 'power of the enemy,' (Luke 10:19), authority to act on matters of church discipline (Matt. 18:15-20), authority to be ambassadors of reconciliation in evangelism and discipleship (Matt. 28:19, 2 Cor. 5:18-20) and authority in teaching gospel truth (Titus 2:15).

*"And take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel" Ephesians 6:17-19 (NKJV)*

*"Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Matthew 4:10 (NKJV)*

## ◆ **WIELDING GOD'S WORD IN PRAYER OVER EVERY CITY**

### **PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER OVER EVERY CITY. (MATTHEW 6:9-10)**

- May the Father's name and reputation be praised, and treasured in each city on earth as it is in heaven. May his name be revealed that it might be received and revered!
- May God Act as King in every sphere of society in every city - Kingdom Come!
- May God's will be done, his good pleasure be fulfilled in each city as it is in heaven!
- Be our provider – petitioning for specific needs in the city (daily bread).
- Forgive us and those who have sinned against us.
- Lead us and Deliver us from the evil one!

### **DECLARE AND PRAY FOR THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST OVER EVERY CITY!**

### **PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME IN EVERY CITY!**

### **ASK GOD TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT OVER EVERY CITY AND BRING CONVICTION OF SIN!**

### **ASK THE FATHER TO GIVE HIS SON THE NATIONS AS HIS INHERITANCE!**

### **ASK GOD TO SEND FORTH LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST FIELDS!**

### **ASK GOD TO OPEN A DOOR FOR THE GOSPEL IN EVERY CITY!**

### **ASK GOD TO REMOVE THE BLINDNESS OVER THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS.**

### **ASK JESUS TO BIND THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS OF DARKNESS.**



# INDIAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Ahmedabad

Number of People Groups 451  
Unreached People Groups 427  
Total Population 8,472,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.7 %  
Hindu 82.9 %  
Muslim 12.4 %  
Sikh 0.2 %  
Other Religions 3.8 %

- Pray God to open the hearts of the people to be receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray for the Hindu fanatics that are propagating lies against Christianity
- Pray for the Churches to be witnessing Gospel Churches.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Gujar, Varli, and Mundari
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Gujari and Koda

## Amritsar

Number of People Groups 288  
Unreached People Groups 277  
Total Population 3,190,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.4 %  
Hindu 28.2 %  
Muslim 0.4 %  
Sikh 70.8 %  
Other Religions 0.1 %

- Pray for Churches and the congregation members to be effective in Gospel sharing.
- Pray for the people to understand the true living God.
- Pray for the complete Bible to be translated into Bengali, Urdu and Nepali
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Rajasthani macrolanguage

## Asansol

Number of People Groups **NA**  
Unreached People Groups **NA**  
Total Population 1,807,331  
Buddhist 0.05 %  
Christian 0.9 %  
Hindu 75.8 %  
Muslim 21.2 %  
Sikh 1.09 %  
Other Religions 0.95 %

- Pray for the idol worshippers who have been obscured by the lies and witchcraft
- Pray for the Mission organisation and Churches to reach out by the Love of Christ
- Prostitution is another major problem in these areas. The Lord to rescue the vulnerable.
- Pray for the Church planting mission to happen vibrantly. More house churches to be planted.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Punjabi Eastern and Kashmiri
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated Mahali

## Bangalore

Number of People Groups 443  
Unreached People Groups 412  
Total Population 11,203,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 5.2 %  
Hindu 79.9 %  
Muslim 12.6 %  
Sikh 0.1 %  
Other Religions 2.1 %

- Christian Population of 5.2 % to be radical in witness and Gospel sharing
- Modernization, nightlife, live in relationships are rampant. Pray for the Lord to save the young people
- Violence against Christian is increasing day by day. God to make His children strong and bold to live a meaningful Christian life.
- More house Churches to grow rampantly
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Kodava, Lambadi, and Khasi
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Apatani



# INDIAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Bhopal

Number of People Groups 483  
Unreached People Groups 455  
Total Population 2,829,000  
Buddhist 0.9 %  
Christian 0.5 %  
Hindu 76.0 %  
Muslim 20.8 %  
Sikh 0.4 %  
Other Religions 1.4 %

- Bhopal is closed to Gospel. Pray the Lord to open their hearts to the Gospel.
- Pray for the Churches and denominations to stay united and support each other.
- House Churches to grow.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Korku, Mundari, Adi, and Karbi
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Bareli, Palya

## Delhi

Number of People Groups 769  
Unreached People Groups 711  
Total Population 21,515,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.7 %  
Hindu 82.3 %  
Muslim 12.1 %  
Sikh 3.1 %  
Other Religions 1.4 %

- Pray for the national capital to advocate to practice freedom of religion
- Pray for the President, PM and other dignitaries.
- Modernization and night life has ruined the life of young people. Pray that the Lord will protect the young people from being wasted in the sins.
- Women and girls are unsafe in this city. Pray for the safety of all.
- Churches to exist in unity and be a model
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Gujari and KokBorok
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Naga, Southern Rengma, Gangte and Anal

## Hyderabad

Number of People Groups 472  
Unreached People Groups 432  
Total Population 4,464,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 2.2 %  
Hindu 55.1 %  
Muslim 41.4 %  
Sikh 0.2 %  
Other Religions 1.1 %

- For the advancement of missionary organizations' work among Tribal people in the state.
- For the welfare of all the poor, downtrodden, destitute and orphans and the organizations which work for the welfare of those people.
- For the Believers to sincerely pray for a Revival in their State.
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Kom

## Jaipur

Number of People Groups 421  
Unreached People Groups 411  
Total Population 8,565,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.1 %  
Hindu 88.6 %  
Muslim 9.5 %  
Sikh 0.3 %  
Other Religions 1.5 %

- Protection of God's people, since the ratio is very feeble
- The city to be free from the strongholds of the devil, especially against idol worship.
- Against Hindu extremists who remain a potential threat for the Christians
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Kumaoni
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Gujari



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## Kanpur

Number of People Groups 470  
Unreached People Groups 457  
Total Population 6,248,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.3 %  
Hindu 84.4 %  
Muslim 14.6 %  
Sikh 0.6 %  
Other Religions 0.1 %

- Pray that all Christian outreach in this area will result in a stronger program to reach the multitude of souls from all different religions.
- Pray that militant Hindus will not successfully interfere with efforts to draw others to Jesus.
- Pray for India to find a way to live in peace with its religious and cultural diversity, with all religions denouncing violence and working together for the good of their nation.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Arabic, Mesopotamian (Iraqi)
- Pray for the Jesus film to be translated into Sanskrit

## Kolkata

Number of People Groups 469  
Unreached People Groups 415  
Total Population 5,801,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.7 %  
Hindu 74.4 %  
Muslim 23.9 %  
Sikh 0.3 %  
Other Religions 0.7 %

- Pray that as the Muslim community seeks safety and acceptance, they would find it in Christ and the fellowship of believers.
- Hindus are dedicated to the goddess of destruction and death – Kali. Pray for the revelation of Jesus' life and power to break through the darkness.
- Kolkata has a very small population of Christians. There are a very small number of churches for the population size. Pray for the Christian believers to be strong.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Mundari
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Naga, Nocte

## Lucknow

Number of People Groups 458  
Unreached People Groups 442  
Total Population 6,522,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.3 %  
Hindu 78.9 %  
Muslim 20.2 %  
Sikh 0.5 %  
Other Religions 0.1 %

- Spike in persecution of Christians and Muslims over the recent years
- Domestic violence and social taboos highly prevalent in the rural areas of Lucknow
- Lucknow is not a safe place for women. It tops the list of major cities in India when it comes to crime against women
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Nepali and Kumaoni
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Sanskrit

## Mumbai

Number of People Groups 566  
Unreached People Groups 518  
Total Population 3,873,000  
Buddhist 3.9 %  
Christian 2.7 %  
Hindu 62.6 %  
Muslim 23.3 %  
Sikh 0.4 %  
Other Religions 7.1 %

- Mumbai has the most famous red-light area in Asia housing a staggering number of sex workers, most of whom live in squalor.
- Mumbai ranks fifth in crimes among the 19 cities in India.
- Although Mumbai is the commercial centre and the largest economy in India, roughly 60% of its population live in slums. Notably, Mumbai has the world's largest slum, Dharavi.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Urdo, Kannada, and Adi
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Kodava and Kaikadi



# INDIAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Patna

Number of People Groups 382  
Unreached People Groups 360  
Total Population 7,498,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.2 %  
Hindu 92.7 %  
Muslim 7.0 %  
Sikh 0.1 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- Patna's health system is poor with many hospitals lacking operating theatres for emergency surgeries, ICU and blood bank.
- Illegal mining is a frequent issue. Pray to stop all kinds of illegal activities.
- Pray that the free supply of drugs to minors and children will stop.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Kharia
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Rajasthani macrolanguage

## Srinagar

Number of People Groups 146  
Unreached People Groups 140  
Total Population 1,480,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.2 %  
Hindu 3.8 %  
Muslim 95.1 %  
Sikh 0.9 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- There are very few Christians in Srinagar. Christians are the least talked about and most neglected group
- Long history of political instability and recent political suppression by the Hindu government has resulted in an angered and frustrated civil society
- Owing to India and Pakistan's territorial dispute over Kashmir, threats of insurgency and terror make Srinagar unsafe place to live or visit
- Pray for the complete Bible to be translated into Odia and Gujarati
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Gujarati

## Prayagraj

Number of People Groups 421  
Unreached People Groups 405  
Total Population 8,383,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.2 %  
Hindu 87.7 %  
Muslim 12.0 %  
Sikh 0.1 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- It is the most important pilgrimage centre for Hindu religion. Its many temples and shrines are a stronghold of the devil.
- Poor air quality: It is ranked worst among the state cities in India for air quality
- Prayagraj has been witnessing increasing crime rate including rape in the recent past
- Pray for Bible to be translated into Kashmiri and Meitei
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Sanskrit

## Surat

Number of People Groups 388  
Unreached People Groups 369  
Total Population 7,083,000  
Buddhist 0.2 %  
Christian 0.4 %  
Hindu 86.9 %  
Muslim 10.4 %  
Sikh 0.1 %  
Other Religions 2.0 %

- Frequent attacks are occurring against churches and mosques and violence against Christians and Muslims
- Surat is vulnerable to climate change including flooding
- Surat registers highest domestic violence across the state with a significant spike in the last one year
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Kashmiri, Purik, and Lambadi
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Shina and Pashto, Central and Pahari-Potwari



# INDIAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Siliguri

Number of People Groups 372

Unreached People Groups 338

Total Population 2,762,000

Buddhist 0.9 %

Christian 3.2 %

Hindu 80.0 %

Muslim 15.2 %

Sikh 0.0 %

Other Religions 0.7 %

- Christians are involved in various social activities providing help to the destitute, but the Gospel movement is progressing slowly.
- Bad condition of the roads, poor waste management and abject civic neglect marks out Siliguri as one of the worst cities in the country.
- Pray for the complete Bible to be translated into Chhattisgarhi, Naga, Chokri, Karbi, Kinnauri, Lepcha, and Limbu
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Mahali

## Varanasi

Number of People Groups 435

Unreached People Groups 427

Total Population 4,701,000

Buddhist 0.0 %

Christian 0.2 %

Hindu 85.0 %

Muslim 14.6 %

Sikh 0.1 %

Other Religions 0.1 %

- Ultimate pilgrimage spot for Hindus (Hindus believe that one who is graced to die in Varanasi would receive salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth)
- Horrible air quality: unhealthy for sensitive groups (PM2.5 concentration in Varanasi is currently 2.5 times the WHO annual air quality guideline value)
- Child labor is a prevalent issue with kids supporting their families by working long hours
- Pray for the complete Bible to be translated into Bhojpuri and Meitei
- Pray for the Jesus film to be translated into Sanskrit



# BANGLADESH CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Chittagong

Number of People Groups 213  
Unreached People Groups 194  
Total Population 34,746,000  
Buddhist 2.9 %  
Christian 0.5 %  
Hindu 8.0 %  
Muslim 88.5 %  
Sikh 0.0 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- Religious freedom given by the Constitution is not properly followed with majority of Muslim groups unreached
- Turf war between ethnic groups and long-running communal tensions
- Many homeless families in Chittagong due to the demolition of Chittagong slums
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Pangkhuam, Mahali, and Shendu
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Pangkhua, Mahaliand Shendu

## Dhaka

Number of People Groups 204  
Unreached People Groups 196  
Total Population 13,548,000  
Buddhist 0.1 %  
Christian 0.5 %  
Hindu 6.0 %  
Muslim 93.3 %  
Sikh 0.0 %  
Other Religions 0.1 %

- Gospel is not reaching the Muslim people group effectively
- High rate of prostitution and sex trafficking
- Worst traffic and pollution
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Urdu and Koch
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Koch and Atong

# PAKISTAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Islamabad

Number of People Groups 218  
Unreached People Groups 215  
Total Population 2,364,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 3.3 %  
Hindu 0.0 %  
Muslim 96.7 %  
Sikh 0.0 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- Most of the Christians in Islamabad are in dire socio-economic conditions which facilitate religious discrimination
- Islamabad also witnesses violence against Christians by Muslim extremists
- Poor living conditions of Christians in Islamabad
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Pahari-Potwari
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Pahari-Potwari, Kati, Aimaq, and Hindko, Southern

## Karachi

Number of People Groups 314  
Unreached People Groups 310  
Total Population 3,437,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.6 %  
Hindu 0.5 %  
Muslim 98.8 %  
Sikh 0.0 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- Non-Muslim religious minorities often face discrimination and at times are even subjected to violence
- Poverty, socio-economic injustice and political polarization
- Pray that the Karachi would continue to create wealth and job opportunities for people and that its wealth would be more evenly distributed.
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Balochi, Southern, Aimaq, and Aer
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Aimaq, Aer, and Pashto, Central

## Peshawar

Number of People Groups 232  
Unreached People Groups 229  
Total Population 6,734,000  
Buddhist 0.0 %  
Christian 0.0 %  
Hindu 0.0 %  
Muslim 100.0 %  
Sikh 0.0 %  
Other Religions 0.0 %

- One of the poorest provincial capitals with more than half the population living in slums/under-privileged
- Terrorism and suicide bombers. Violent terrorist attacks have become a frequent issue in Peshawar
- Injustice and unequal rights among girls and women
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Gujariand Aimaq
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Gawri, Dameli, and Chillisso



# PAKISTAN CITIES - OVERVIEW

## Multan

Number of People Groups 252

Unreached People Groups 249

Total Population 5,907,000

Buddhist 0.0 %

Christian 0.8 %

Hindu 0.0 %

Muslim 99.2 %

Sikh 0.0 %

Other Religions 0.0 %

- Pray that discrimination against Pakistani Christians would end and that their rights as citizens of Pakistan would be upheld.
- Pray that human rights of all kinds would be protected in the city and that extremists would not have the power to damage them.
- Pray that terrorism would continue to fall and that those caught up in terrorism would turn from their ways and repent.
- Pray against the curse of drug addiction which has so many Pakistani men, women and children in its cruel grip. Pray that they would have freedom from this evil.

## Quetta

Number of People Groups 258

Unreached People Groups 256

Total Population 18,894,000

Buddhist 0.0 %

Christian 0.0 %

Hindu 0.1 %

Muslim 99.8 %

Sikh 0.0 %

Other Religions 0.0 %

- High poverty rate in Quetta staggered by strife. Almost half of the people live in abysmal conditions.
- Gender discrimination and girls not allowed to pursue education
- Frequent terrorist attacks
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Lasi and Kati
- Pray for the Jesus Film to be translated into Lasi and Kati

# NEPAL CITY - OVERVIEW

## Kathmandu

Number of People Groups 179

Unreached People Groups 171

Total Population 1,952,000

Buddhist 15.6 %

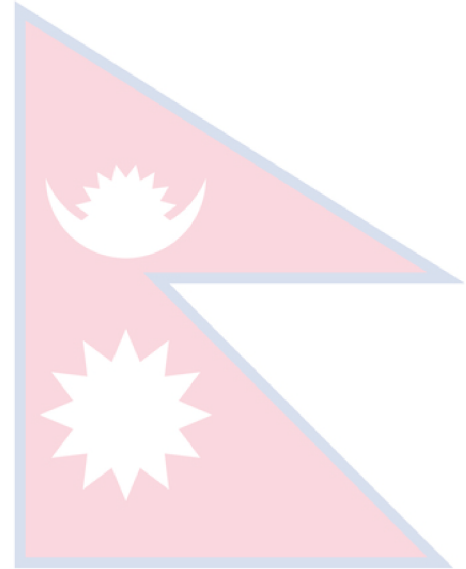
Christian 2.3 %

Hindu 80.0 %

Muslim 1.1 %

Sikh 0.0 %

Other Religions 1.0 %



- Christianity is viewed as a threat to the city's identity and culture.
- Kumari (the tradition of worshipping a chosen virgin as manifestations of the divine) is a particularly prevalent practice in Kathmandu
- Pollution, disorderly urban growth and inadequate basic services
- Pray for 10 Christ-exalting house churches in each of the 107 languages spoken in this city
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Limbu, Kulung, Koi, and Kyerung
- Pray for the Jesus film to be translated into Kulung, Koi, Kyerung, and Raute

# AFGHANISTAN CITY - OVERVIEW

## Kabul

Number of People Groups 70

People Groups Unreached 68 (97.1%)

Total Population 41,002,000

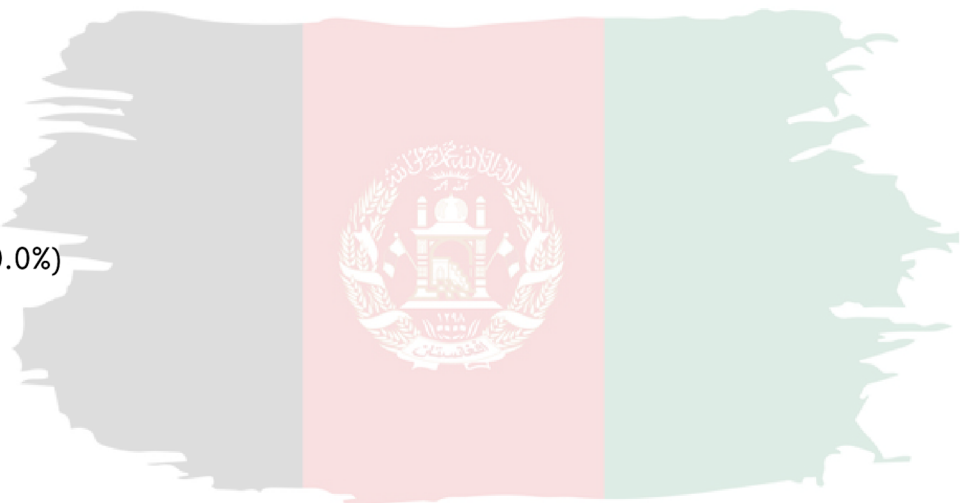
Population in Unreached 41,000,000 (100.0%)

Largest Religion Islam (99.8%)

% Christian Adherent 0.02%

% Evangelical 0.02%

Evangelical Annual Growth Rate 0.0%



- Taliban leadership emphatically suppresses free speech and lacks organized governmental activity
- High rate of extrajudicial killings
- Women's rights under threat: Daily lives of Afghan women marked by fear, anger and lack of freedom
- Sharia courts often impose death penalty on Christian converts
- Pray for the Bible to be translated into Pashai Northwest, Northeast and Aimaq
- Pray for Jesus Film to be translated into Kati, Parya and Aimaq