**Praying for Countries Receiving Diaspora Peoples**

Countries are listed by the most recent estimates of international migrant populations (UN DESA, 2019). Please click on the name of the country to see its most recent diaspora prayer profile. Some prayer points were found in Operation World.

[Argentina](#Argentina) – 2.2 million, 30th

[Australia](#Australia) – 7.5 million, 9th

[Austria](#Austria) – 1.8 million, 37th

[Bangladesh](#Bangladesh) – 2.2 million, 31st

Belgium – 2.0 million, 34th

[Canada](#Canada) – 8.0 million, 8th

[Côte d’Ivoire](#CotedIvoire) – 2.5 million, 25th

[France](#France) – 8.3 million, 7th

[Germany](#Germany) – 13.1 million, 2nd

[Hong Kong, China](#HK) – 2.9 million, 22nd

[India](#India) – 5.2 million, 13th

[Iran](#Iran) – 2.7 million, 23rd

[Israel](#Israel) – 2.0 million, 35th

[Italy](#Italy) – 6.3 million, 10th

[Japan](#Japan) – 2.5 million, 26th

[Jordan](#Jordan) – 3.3 million, 19th

[Kazakhstan](#Kazakhstan) – 3.7 million, 16th

[Kuwait](#Kuwait) – 3.0 million, 21st

[Lebanon](#Lebanon) – 1.9 million, 36th

[Malaysia](#Malaysia) – 3.4 million, 18th

[Netherlands](#Netherlands) – 2.3 million, 28th

[Oman](#Oman) – 2.3 million, 27th

[Pakistan](#Pakistan) – 3.3 million, 20th

[Qatar](#Qatar) – 2.2 million, 29th

[Russia](#Russia) – 11.6 million, 4th

[Saudi Arabia](#Saudi) – 13.1 million, 3rd

[Singapore](#Singapore) – 2.2 million, 32nd

[South Africa](#SAfrica) – 4.2 million, 15th

[Spain](#Spain) – 6.1 million, 11th

[Sweden](#Sweden) – 2.0 million, 33rd

[Switzerland](#Switzerland) – 2.6 million, 24th

[Thailand](#Thailand) – 3.6 million, 17th

[Turkey](#Turkey) – 5.9 million, 12th

[Uganda](#Uganda) 1.7 million, 38th

[UAE](#UAE) – 8.6 million, 6th

[UK](#UK) – 9.6 million, 5th

[USA](#USA) – 50.7 million, 1st

[Ukraine](#Ukraine) – 5.0 million, 14th

[Venezuela](#Venezuela) – 1.4 million, 39th

1. The United States is by far the leading recipient of diaspora peoples.  All (or very nearly all) other countries are represented in the US – as tourists, workers, foreign students, refugees, missionaries and so on.

Praise God for gathering people from every nation in a country where the good news of Jesus Christ may be freely proclaimed.  Pray that the Church in the US will experience revival and lift up her eyes to see the harvest fields.  Ask God to transform consumerist tendencies into wise, sacrificial giving of financial and human resources.  Pray for thousands of African-Americans to be mobilized and equipped for cross-cultural ministry.  Pray for culturally meaningful expressions of following Christ to flourish among every ethnicity. (May 2014)

2. About 1 in 7 people living in Germany are migrants, but closer to 1 in 5 people -- and 1 in 3 young children -- are either migrants themselves or have at least one migrant parent.  Along with being the country with the third largest migrant population, Germany also hosts the third largest number of international students.  Only about 2% of youth in Germany follow Jesus and suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people.  While there has been rapid church growth among diaspora groups, many regions of Germany are effectively unevangelized or without personal evangelical witness.

Praise God for our brothers and sisters in Germany who are standing firm in Christ.  May the Lord protect, strengthen and encourage them so that they may bear witness to the Truth with increasing effectiveness.  Pray that followers of Jesus from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds will have and display God-given unity and fellowship.  Ask the Spirit to guide His people on how to respond to the needs – spiritual and otherwise – of children, youth and international students in Germany.  Pray for the thousands of Messianic Jews to boldly proclaim the message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.  Ask God to send forth more laborers to reach out to the 3.6 Muslims from over 40 nations. (March 2014)

3. Over 3 in 10 people in Saudi Arabia are migrants, including over 3 million from South Asia and around 600,000 from the Philippines, face many restrictions regarding employment and social interactions.  Migrants who follow Christ are also under surveillance, as group meetings of Christians even in homes are forbidden.  Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam, is considered the center of global Islamic missionary efforts and in printing the Qu’ran for worldwide distribution.  Every year, over two million Muslims from around the world make the pilgrimage to Mecca; five times each day, countless Muslims turn towards Mecca as they pray.

Praise God for the opportunity Christ-following migrants have to serve the Lord in Saudi Arabia.  Pray that God will remove the obstacles to their spiritual growth and by His own hand strengthen and encourage them.  Pray that despite language and social barriers, migrant Christ-followers will find creative ways to bless Saudis.  Pray for Muslims who have recently been on the hajj or who are preparing to go on the hajj to have dreams and visions of Isa al-Masih.  Pray for devoutly religious Saudis to have life-changing encounters with the God of Abraham. (February 2014)

4. The largest country geographically, Russia has close to 12 million migrants.  The Soviet Union’s collapse brought an end to much of the severe persecution the Church in Russia faced and a huge increase in religious activity.  Nearly 20% of the population are not ethnic Russians, but there is an intense nationalistic desire to “Russify” everyone.

May many Russians put their trust in the One who holds lasting hope and a good future for them.  Pray for the Russian Orthodox Church to experience Spirit-led refining and revival.  Pray that the Lord will push aside the tensions preventing complete unity of all Christ-followers in Russia.  Pray for perseverance in the ongoing efforts to translate and distribute Scripture in the 100 minority languages.  Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth more workers among Central Asian migrants, the 1 million Chinese migrants and 78 unreached ethnic minorities. (April 2014)

5. In the United Kingdom, 6-7 million international migrants make up over 10 percent of population.  Immigration is expected to account for most of the net population growth over the next couple decades; moreover, a quarter of all babies are born to immigrants.  Many migrants from South Asia, Somalia, the Middle East and North Africa now have potentially greater access to hearing the good news of Jesus Christ than in their homelands.  About 1500 migrants are missionaries who have been sent to the UK’s harvest field.

Praise God for the spiritual vitality among some immigrant groups in the UK.  Pray that the Lord will use these brothers and sisters to bring forth revival across the nation.  Pray that there will be more cross-cultural training available for more effective ministry to less- reached groups, like the 100,000 Somalis.  Ask God to call out people to be trained as religious educators in schools so that even children in ethnic-specific enclaves might always know a caring Christ-follower.  May each of the 400,000 international students encounter the Living God before they return. (December 2013)

6. Over 8 out of every 10 people in United Arab Emirates is an international migrant.  Not only is UAE a regional hub for international students, it is also a growing tourist destination.  Many migrant workers from places such as India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines, and the Middle East are employed in areas such as construction and domestic services.

Praise God that Christ-followers in the United Arab Emirates have been able to gather together and worship; pray that these freedoms would continue.  Pray for increased opportunities, resources and training for discipleship so that people from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds may be able to mature in Christ.  May the desire to honor the Creator and Sustainer of all life overtake the love of money in the hearts of those in UAE.  May migrant workers work in such a way that their employers are blessed and may their employers act justly and with compassion. (September 2014)

7. Over 10% of France’s population are international migrants.  There is great diversity in countries of origin for the over 6.6 million migrants; many are from Francophone countries in North, West and Central Africa, the Caribbean, and Southeast Asia but others come from other European Union members.  France is also the most popular tourist destination in the world with over 83 million visitors in 2012 alone.

In France, over 80% of the people have never even touched a Bible.  Pray for the spiritual hunger in France to be satisfied with the Word of God in a variety of languages through the printed Bible and other literature, radio and TV programs, and Internet resources.  Pray for the approximate 660,000 French Jews, the third largest Jewish population in the world, to recognize the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  Many North Africans, including Arab and Berber groups, often face poverty and discrimination, contributing to much tension and anger especially among the youth.  Ask God to reveal Himself as their loving Father and the Prince of Peace.  Pray for vibrant Central African churches to cooperate and take the lead in reaching out to West Africans.  Ask God to provide more pastors and other workers for the Chinese, Korean and Southeast Asian communities. (October 2013)

8. Canada’s immigration policy has led to the country welcoming over 7.2 million migrants, over 20% of the population.  Canada has large Chinese and South Asian populations and growing numbers of Muslim people groups such as the Middle East, Central Asia, East Africa and Southeast Asia.  This amazing opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with people of so many different ethnicities comes at a time when less than 8% of Canadians are evangelical.

Pray for spiritual revival and renewal across all parts of Canadian society.  Pray for the growth and multiplying of churches reflecting First Nation cultures.  Ask God to call forth Francophone immigrants to Quebec to plant 3,000 churches.  Pray for the Church to cooperate in mobilizing, equipping and sending out brothers and sisters to reach the 5.4 million immigrants in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.  Pray for some migrant Christ-followers to bring the message of God’s reconciliation to their homelands. (January 2014)

9. About 1 in 4 people living in Australia are international migrants.  While about a fifth of migrants in Australia are from the UK, there are also significant numbers of people from Lebanon, Turkey, China, Vietnam, and southern and eastern Europe.

Pray for the Church in Australia to be mobilized and equipped to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the over 500,000 Muslims from over 70 nations and with the over 100,000 Jews.  Ask God to call forth Aboriginal Christ-followers to work cross-culturally among non-Western diaspora people groups, building bridges using their unique heritage and history.  Pray that through student ministries, including the opportunities to provide religious instruction at schools, many young immigrants and children of immigrants will encounter the Lord Jesus. (August 2013)

10. The message of salvation through Jesus Christ first arrived in Italy in the first century and Rome became a leading center for the Church.  But today most Italians do not have an active relationship with Christ; of those who pray, less than 10% pray to Jesus.  Christ-followers from eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Philippines have brought new life to the Italian churches.  A major challenge facing Italy is dealing with the tens of thousands of migrants from Syria, Eritrea, other African and Middle East nations, and even Pakistan who attempt to enter Italy by crossing the Mediterranean Sea.

Praise God for using diaspora peoples to strengthen the Church in Italy.  Pray for Italy to experience Spirit-led revival in all sectors of society and in all denominations.  Ask God for the sake of His name to remove hindrances to fellowship and cooperation between churches so that more Italians may know the Living God.  Pray that the Lord will cause a hunger for His Word and that more non-literature-based resources will become available.  Pray for the desperate migrants trying to cross the sea to know Christ, who calms the wind and waves and who gives everlasting peace. (June 2014)

11. Spain is a major destination for migrants, having somewhere between 6 and 7 million immigrants.  Because of Spain’s official language, the first language of over 340 million people worldwide, it has a large number of Latin American migrants. Because of its location, Spain also has significant African populations (especially Moroccan and Senegalese).

Ask God to bring a revival in Spain, one which will reach across the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.  Praise God for starting many new churches through Latin Americans.  May these churches grow in maturity and multiply among the nations.  Many of the evangelicals living in Spain are living in diaspora -- Romani, Latin American, Eastern European and African.  Pray for some of these brothers and sisters to intentionally identify more fully with Spanish culture – even the specific regional culture -- so as to present the gospel to Spanish nationals in a non-foreign way.  Pray for Muslims from Morocco and other African countries to encounter the Living God through dreams, Scriptures, and Christ-followers.  Pray for the existing Chinese churches to cooperate in sharing the Truth among the nearly 100,000 Chinese migrants. (November 2013)

12. A leading destination for international migrants, Turkey is also a major travel hub. Turkey sees migrants from the Middle East, Africa and Asia seeking to enter Europe and would-be jihadists from Europe and North America seeking to join ISIS/Daesh. The president of Turkey’s swift, ongoing response to July’s failed attempted coup seems to be positioning the officially secular country to legally shift to a more Islamic nation.

Pray that Turkey’s open door will not be shut, so that the good news may be shared not only among Turks but also among Central Asians, Iranians, Kurds, Romanis and the many travelers passing through. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Turkey to be strengthened; may they patiently endure persecution and prove to be conquerors (see Rev. 2-3). Pray that the startling recent events will lead many to build their lives upon the firm foundation of Christ. (August 2016)

13. Well over 5 million international migrants live in India, the world’s most ethnically diverse country.  Most of these migrants come from neighboring countries, including nearly 3 million are from Bangladesh, another million are from Pakistan and about half a million are from Nepal.  A significant number of migrants from Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates and Malaysia also live in India.  India’s tourism industry is also growing, with about six million visitors each year.

Praise God for the growth of cross-cultural outreach agencies in India.  Ask the Lord to equip and send forth Indian Christ-followers to present the good news of Jesus with truth and love to Muslim and Buddhist immigrants.  Of the 1.2 million children involved in prostitution in India, many are Nepali or Bangladeshi.  Praise God for the ministries taking a holistic approach to helping these children.  Ask the Lord to reveal Himself as the Heavenly Father and to rescue these boys and girls from their dark circumstances.  Pray that God will give His people wisdom and creativity to use India’s tourism for His glory, as the Israeli Massah teams have done. (September 2013)

14. A leading migrant destination country, Ukraine has over 5.2 million international migrants out of a total population of about 45 million people.  Most of these migrants come from former Soviet republics, with the majority being from Russia but a significant number from Central Asian countries.

Praise God for Ukraine’s strong spiritual legacy, including God’s use of African leaders to start new churches and the responsiveness of Jews to accepting Jesus as Messiah.  Pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to welcome international migrants, especially foreign students, with the love of Christ and the testimony of His power today.  Pray for unity among Christ-followers from diverse backgrounds, which may itself be a witness to the reconciliation found in Christ. (July 2013)

15. South Africa has freedom of religion, one of Africa's largest economies and a functioning democracy. Its stability and growing tourism industry help make it a top destination (temporary and permanent) for international migrants. The ongoing effects of apartheid, extreme poverty and high HIV/AIDS rates present major challenges for the country. One of the most influential people of the last century, Mohandas Gandhi, was once a migrant in South Africa.

Praise God for the ways the Church has grown in South Africa, is training new leaders and sending forth missionaries. Pray that South Africa will experience Christ’s healing power in cross-cultural reconciliation, strengthening godly social structures and assisting the vulnerable. Pray for the Spirit to move among Zimbabweans, Congolese, Nigerians and other African immigrants, that the entire continent may be impacted. Ask God for increased opportunities to proclaim the kingdom among Jews, Greeks, Cape Malay Muslims, South Asians, East Asians, and Portuguese. (November 2015)

16. Kazakhstan, one of the countries receiving the most migrants, is a major hub for trade and migration in Europe and Central Asia.  In addition to being rich in natural resources, there is large cultural and religious diversity with many people groups. The government’s Kazakhstan 2050 Strategy is designed to push the country to become one of the top developed nations and this month negotiations will be finalized for stronger ties with the European Union.

Praise God for the amazing growth of the Church since the breakup of the Soviet Union, the completion of the translation of the Bible into Kazakh and training of Kazakhstan nationals to be sent out.  Pray that more Bibles and other resources will be available for those who are hungry for God’s Word.  Pray for changed perspectives about the place of religion in Kazakh identity and for culturally specific expressions of following Christ.  Ask God to bring many migrants in Kazakhstan into His kingdom. (October 2014)

17. In recent weeks, the discovery of mass graves in Thailand has drawn attention to trafficking rings which target Rohingya and other groups attempting to flee from nearby countries such as Burma (Myanmar). Thailand is one of the countries with the largest number of international migrants and also a top tourist destination, with Bangkok being named the world’s most visited city in 2013. Religious freedom and stability in Thailand has allowed a consistent evangelical presence for hundreds of years but the vast majority of Thais still describe the gospel as “unintelligible.”

Praise God for the availability of Bible colleges, seminaries and other leadership training opportunities in Thailand. Pray that Thai churches will express their faith in ways that are distinctly Thai so that the good news of Jesus Christ may be clearly conveyed. Praise God for ministries bringing healing to prostitutes, street children, those with HIV/AIDS and refugees. Pray against spiritual forces of evil which seek to destroy lives and communities. Ask the Spirit of the Lord to bring hope and lasting freedom across Thailand and to Thais living in diaspora. (May 2015)

18. Malaysia is a leading destination for international migrants, drawing especially from Indonesia but also from across the region from Pakistan all the way to New Zealand. Among the Indonesian migrants are some of the least-evangelized peoples, including many Acehnese and Miningkabau. Islam is the official religion; existing freedoms for religious minorities are increasingly threatened by radical Islamic groups. Last year, Malaysia’s highest court ruled that non-Muslims cannot use the word “Allah” to refer to God.

Praise God for the growth of the Church in Malaysia, for increasing cooperation among Christ-followers for kingdom work and for their increasing missions vision. Pray for these brothers and sisters to be strengthened in faith and to be raised up and trained as servant-leaders. Pray for Malaysian churches to welcome international migrants and demonstrate the unity possible through Christ. Ask God to give them love, wisdom and boldness to convey Christ’s love to all Muslim peoples living there. Pray for the Church to effectively engage the large numbers of Rohingya and to become family for the unaccompanied minors. (August 2015)

19. With migrant workers from places such as the Middle East, China, Indonesia and South Asia, Jordan has been one of the top diaspora receiving countries. Its location has also made it the new home for many refugees. King Abdullah recently remarked that there are now around 1.4 million Syrian refugees in his country, or about 20% of the entire population. Before the turmoil in Syria, Jordan welcomed many Iraqis, Kuwaitis and Palestinians. Amman is also a popular destination for those seeking to learn Arabic, including many Christ-following workers.

Praise God for Jordan’s relative stability and religious freedom which have drawn the nations to its borders. Pray for its leaders to act justly and make wise decisions regarding its resources so that it may continue to enjoy peace. Praise God for the reports of many Syrian refugees recognizing and desiring to see themselves the power of prayer in the name of Jesus. Pray that this move of the Holy Spirit will grow and spread among all peoples in Jordan. Pray for churches and Christ-centered ministries in Jordan to seek to meet the physical and spiritual needs of refugees, to spread the good news of Christ in creative ways, to effectively disciple new believers from various backgrounds and to train immigrant believers in cross-cultural ministry. (November 2014)

20. Pakistan has about 4 million international migrants, including about 1.5 million Afghans, the second-largest refugee population in the world. Along with the world’s second largest Muslim population, Pakistan has the second largest concentration of unreached, unengaged people groups. Much of the country’s financial resources are spent battling Islamic fundamentalists, which leaves little for improving infrastructure and education.

Please pray that the spirit of fear would be broken and that the Holy Spirit would move across Pakistan. Pray for children and youth to have safe access to quality education and that the influence of madrassas would decline. Most Christ-followers in Pakistan come from Hindu backgrounds; pray that they would be equipped to reach out to and disciple people from Muslim backgrounds. Pray for Afghan refugees who have come to Christ to be strengthened in their faith. Ask God to send forth many more long-term laborers to dwell among the Pakistanis who have never heard of Jesus. (June 2015)

21. About 6 out of every 10 people in Kuwait are foreign-born. Whether from Egypt, South Asia, the Philippines, Indonesia, China , Korea or elsewhere, these migrants make up most of the workforce. Some religious tolerance exists, but it is illegal to evangelize Muslims.

Praise God for the opportunity Christ-followers have to live and worship in Kuwait. Pray for the unity of believers, both within and across cultural groups. Pray for forgiving hearts among currently divided congregations. Most migrants have short-term contracts; pray that God will provide ways for long-term, fruitful work. Praise God that many more Kuwaitis have come in contact with the good news message in some way; pray for effective, personal follow up with those interested in learning more.

Please pray that the migrant Church in Kuwait will cover strategic people and places in prayer. Pray that nannies and maids who care for Kuwaiti children and households will be godly influences on their employers. Pray that the stateless Bidoon will know the love that the Father has lavished upon His children through the Lord Jesus. (January 2016)

22. Hong Kong, a major global city, is a center for finance and a hub for migration. Well over two million migrant workers and tourists from mainland China are in Hong Kong, which since 1997 has been a Special Administrative Region of China. As displayed in the mass protests a few

months ago, some Hong Kong residents are concerned about the evolving relationship with the

mainland and possible restrictions on freedoms in the future.

Praise God for blessing Hong Kong with media ministries such as publishers and radio broadcasts as well as Bible colleges and training centers. We also thank God for our Hong Kong brothers and sisters who have taken hold of their unique position in order to provide support to

the Church in mainland China and its mission efforts; may these partnerships bear much fruit.

Pray for our Heavenly Father to provide fellowship and protection for the many Filipino and

Indonesian domestic workers. Ask God to call forth His people to reach out in love to South

Asians and Middle Easterners. (January 2015)

23. From ancient times, Iran has played a very influential role in the region. Since the 1979 Revolution, Iran has effectively been ruled by the powerful Islamic leaders and persecution of non-Muslims has increased. Besides having significant numbers of Jews, Zoroastrians, Assyrians and Armenians, Iran is also home to the largest population of Azerbaijanis in the world and around one million refugees from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Praise God for the growth of the Church since 1979; may our brothers and sisters be strengthened and may the hostility of their persecutors be brought to an end. Pray that many more Iranians will follow Christ and grow in maturity through dreams, visions, Bibles and Bible-based literature, and radio, TV and internet material. Please pray for the governmental and Shia religious leaders to humbly acknowledge that their authority is given by the Creator and to rule with justice and integrity as a result.  Praise God for the growth of the Church among the Iranian diaspora. Pray for the Spirit to move in mighty ways as scattered Iranian Christ-followers share their faith with loved ones in Iran. Pray for refugees in Iran to encounter Christ, who was also once a refugee and understands their suffering. Praise God for the Azeri translations of the Bible; pray that the Word of God would be honored and spread rapidly among Azeris in Iran. (July 2015)

24. Over 1 in 5 residents in Switzerland are foreign-born, from over 100 nations. Switzerland, one of the wealthiest countries, faces the challenges of an aging Swiss population and the social changes related to high levels of immigration.

Praise God for the unity of Christ-followers in Switzerland across denominations, languages and cultural backgrounds. Praise God for Latino and African congregations who are actively involved in Kingdom outreach.

Ask the Spirit to send renewal among all the churches. Pray for the people of Switzerland to realize the limits of worldly wealth and to pursue treasures that cannot be destroyed or stolen. Pray for youth to find satisfaction in God’s Word. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers among diaspora groups, especially Turks, Kurds and Albanians. (February 2016)

25. Cote d’Ivoire has one of the largest international migrant populations in the world and the largest one in Africa.  Many different West African peoples from surrounding nations, with an estimated 70% from Muslim backgrounds, have settled there.  The capital of Abidjan has rapidly become a major metropolitan area and a key city for outreach not only for Cote d’Ivoire but also for Mali and Burkina Faso.  Unity and stability is challenged by one region being dominated by Muslims and another by Christians; a strong animistic worldview pervades both.

Praise God for His plan in bringing millions of migrants to Cote d’Ivoire.  Pray that the Church will bring forth the whole gospel to address the deeply rooted areas of fear and ungodly devotion.  Ask God to send forth more Ivoirians to minister cross-culturally among the unreached and migrants.  Pray for Bible translation work, audio Scripture projects, and Christ-centered music recordings to bear much fruit throughout West Africa.  May the Lord of the harvest plant churches among every tribe in Cote d’Ivoire. (April 2015)

26. Japan is a major receiving country for diaspora peoples and has one of the largest economies. With a high life expectancy and a low birth rate, Japan's overall population is aging rapidly. Most Japanese do not believe in the existence of a personal God. Out of 100 people in Japan, only one or two would not be ethnically Japanese.

Praise God for wide open opportunities for spreading the gospel in Japan. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give specific cultural insights and much creativity to those working cross-culturally among the Japanese so that Jesus Christ will no longer be seen as a foreigner but as Immanuel - "God with us." Praise God for the church planting work in Japan among Koreans and Chinese; may this make a long-lasting and far-reaching impact on the growth of the Kingdom. Ask the Lord to rescue and restore women and children who have been trafficked from Thailand and the Philippines. Ask God to strengthen missionaries already working in Japan and to call forth more laborers, including some to work among the elderly and among Muslim migrants. (October 2015)

27. Nearly half of all people living in Oman are international migrants. Most foreign workers are from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, with smaller but significant numbers from Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Other migrants include people from across the Middle East and East Africa. The government’s policy of “Omanization” is an effort to reduce Omani unemployment by limiting the types of jobs expatriates can hold.

Praise the Lord that worshipping at churches and changing religious affiliations are technically permitted by law in Oman. We boldly pray that more Christ-centered places of worship will be established and that prayer and worship in the name of Jesus will be made legal in more places. Please ask God to protect migrants in Oman from harsh or unjust treatment and from all sorts of deception. Pray that those who follow Christ would be filled with the Holy Spirit in their words and actions. Pray for increased opportunities to share the good news of Christ through radio, social media and phone-based apps in Omani Arabic and other key languages. (September 2016)

28. The Netherlands is famous for its permissive, strongly secular society, including being the first to legalize euthanasia. Over 1 in 10 people in this densely populated country are international migrants who come from a wide variety of places around the world. For a glimpse of the diversity, there are significant numbers from Turkey, Morocco, Suriname and Indonesia. Nearly half of those living in the Netherlands do not identify with any religion and many church buildings have either been destroyed or are no longer being used by churches.

Praise God for bringing Christ-followers from around the world to the Netherlands as salt and light. Pray that diaspora churches will continue to grow stronger and that they will walk in greater unity with each other and with Dutch churches. Pray that the Lord will revive His people in the Netherlands and pray that the Church will once again be a clear, prophetic voice in the nation. Ask God to raise up bold leaders to shepherd and teach in all the churches. Pray that many Dutch people will rediscover the Word of God and draw close to the Lord.

Praise God for the many people groups in the Netherlands. Pray that every person in the Netherlands who has not yet heard the good news of Jesus Christ will develop a friendship with someone who loves the Lord. Ask God to pour out His Spirit onto Amsterdam, whose population is around half immigrant; pray that many people will enter His kingdom through dreams, visions, hearing the proclamation of the Word and observing the fruit of the Spirit. Pray for spiritual breakthroughs among Muslims in search of peace and acceptance. May the Lord of the harvest send forth more workers so that there might be witnesses among every diaspora people group in the Netherlands. (July 2016)

29. About 65% of the population of Qatar are migrants. The largest numbers are from India, followed by significant numbers from other South Asian countries, the Philippines and Egypt, but there are many nations represented in Qatar. There is some religious freedom for expatriate Christ-followers, although outreach to Muslims is forbidden. Qatar has been criticized for the treatment of migrant laborers, especially regarding construction in preparation for the FIFA World Cup in 2022. The working and living conditions as well as the visa and wage payment system have often been denounced as modern-day slavery. Government leaders have promised certain specific reforms, but these have not yet been implemented.

Praise God for the opportunity for many Christ-followers from other countries to work and worship the Lord in Qatar. Thank God for raising up spiritual leaders who are pastors and teachers among those who came to Qatar for economic opportunities. Thank Him for the unity which exists between brothers and sisters from different countries and languages and which can now be displayed in Qatar.

Ask God to increase the love between Filipinos and Sudanese, Lebanese and Indian, Pakistani and British Christ-followers. Pray that more of them will be mobilized and equipped to share the good news of Christ with other migrants as well as with Qataris. Pray that migrants who have not yet entered the Kingdom will come to know the Lord as their provider and protector. Ask God to move the hearts of Qatari employers and government officials to treat migrant workers with respect and dignity. Pray for much spiritual fruit among the Qatari people. (November 2016)

30. According to the UN, about 2 million international migrants live in Argentina, the largest official number in Latin America; the actual number may be twice as high. The Lord has blessed Argentina with many natural resources. The country enjoys considerable religious freedom. Most Argentinians are Catholic, but the occult has widespread, underlying influence.

Praise God for the spiritual hunger in Argentina which has drawn many people to Christ. Pray that Argentinians would increasingly pursue the Lord and be satisfied in Him alone. Ask the Spirit to give unity to the Body. Pray that the chains of spiritual bondage will be broken. Praise God for the many seminaries and Bible schools; pray that God would raise up more spiritual leaders who are committed to discipling others to be leaders and to reaching neglected members of society. Praise the Lord for the widespread distribution of Scripture; pray for the completion of ongoing translation work and pray that every household in Argentina will also have an opportunity to hear from a Christ-follower a personal testimony of God’s work.

Please ask the Lord to defend and bring joy to the region’s indigenous peoples, such as the Chaco, Quechua and Aymara. Pray that Messianic Jewish assemblies in Buenos Aires will be strengthened and grow in faith and in number. Pray that undocumented migrant workers from other South American countries will know the provision of our Heavenly Father for their families. Ask God to push forward church planting efforts among East Asians. (May 2016)

31. Although it is one of poorest countries, Bangladesh has one of the larger diaspora populations. Some migrants include NGO workers involved in development work. Several hundred thousand Urdu-speaking Biharis have lived in Bangladesh since the partition of India in 1947. Another large, marginalized group is the Rohingya from Myanmar (Burma); about 33,000 are registered as refugees, with between 300,000 and 500,000 more not registered. There are also significant numbers of Chinese and Indonesian migrants. Most of the people in Bangladesh are Muslims; religious minorities are increasingly persecuted.

Praise God for the good plans He has for the people living in Bangladesh. Pray that many will see the Lord’s provision in their daily lives. Pray against the exploitation of children into slavery or prostitution. Ask God to strengthen and unite our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bangladesh. Pray that both personal and Bible stories of God’s activity will spread throughout the country.

Pray that Biharis and Rohingyas will hear and experience the good news of God’s kingdom and His eternal country. Pray that Hindus and Buddhists will find peace and protection through Jesus. (October 2016)

32. Singapore has become a hub for diaspora, helped by its political stability and wealth. About 2 out of every 5 people in Singapore are immigrants, and nearly 100 ethnic groups are present, speaking over 30 languages. The country values strongly its ethnic and religious diversity, outlawing open attempts to persuade someone to change his or her religious beliefs.

Praise God for the growth of the Church in Singapore. Thank Him for His blessings of peace and prosperity which have helped make the country a strategic center for biblical training, mission sending and international ministry.

Pray that Jesus’s humility and material simplicity will be imitated by Singaporean Christ-followers and resonate with the marginalized. Pray that short-term mission participants will pursue life-long support of and direct involvement in the spread of the Kingdom. Ask God to strengthen the ministries which interact with the many migrant workers from across Southeast Asia.

Pray for those who do not currently follow Christ to have repeated dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray that Malays, Indians and mainland Chinese will then initiate discussions with Christ-followers. Ask the Spirit to give to His people bold speech and grace-filled actions so that many will finally encounter the Living God. (March 2016)

33. Migrants from over 200 countries now live in Sweden. Until late 2015, Sweden granted residency and aid to all asylum-seeking or stateless applicants as well as a small number of refugees each year. The large number of recent applicants has strained resources and led Sweden to modify its policy. Sweden is largely secular, with only 23% of the population believing that a personal God exists.

Praise God for the opportunity to freely worship and proclaim Christ in Sweden. Thank God for the growing sense of unity among those who follow Jesus. Ask God to bless Sweden for its strong history of welcoming the vulnerable and the stranger. Pray for the destruction of corrupt

systems of thought and pray against spiritual deceptions. Ask the Holy Spirit to breathe new life

into people across Sweden. Pray that many will have extraordinary personal encounters with the

Living God. Pray for all those who have sought asylum, refuge or a country in Sweden to also find the Lord God, our Shelter and Dwelling Place. Ask God to call forth more laborers to follow Christ’s example of obedience to the Living God among the Muslims of many nations in Sweden. Pray for Mandaean, Yazidi and Zoroastrian migrants to meet the Truth through dreams, visions and the Church. Pray that Thai women who have been trafficked into Sweden would walk in freedom. Ask God to lead people from smaller diaspora people groups to biblical resources in books and music and on TV, radio and the internet. (April 2016)

34. Belgium – Profile coming soon!

35. (For the purposes of this prayer profile, the term Israel includes the autonomously governed areas of Gaza and the West Bank.)

The recent intensification of the conflict over Gaza has brought the country of Israel back into the world’s spotlight.  Whether a new ceasefire will hold or not, it is only through Christ that the hostility may truly end.  Since biblical times through today, Israel has been a center of migration activity.  Today, migrants from nations as diverse as Yemen, Rwanda, Thailand and Kazakhstan make up around 40% of Israel’s population.

We mourn with and intercede for our brothers and sisters in Christ, including the Jewish congregation whose member was an Israeli soldier killed in action and those in Gaza who have suffered from both persecution by Hamas and Israeli operations to end mortar and rocket attacks.  Pray for the unity of Christ-followers throughout Israel and a move of the Spirit as on Pentecost so that the nations in Israel and around the world may see Jesus’s work of reconciliation in action.  Ask God to bring about a lasting peace – through a ceasefire and through turning the hearts of many living in Israel toward Himself. (August 2014)

36. The turmoil in past decades of civil war and conflicts with neighboring nations led a reported 80% of Lebanon’s population to have been at least temporarily displaced at some point. Now relatively politically stable, Lebanon has become a shelter for many refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless peoples, who make up around 1 in 5 people there. Unlike the other nations in the region, Lebanon has religious freedom, including the freedom to legally change one’s religious affiliation.

Praise God for the freedom and peace which Lebanon currently enjoys. Many Christ-followers left Lebanon during the wars; pray that the Lord will give courage and clear vision to those who remain. Ask God to bring healing across the land and to allow those who follow Christ to lead in extending forgiveness and working towards reconciliation with people from different religious traditions. Pray that the Lord will raise up more pastors and other spiritual leaders so that the Church may be strengthened and grow in maturity. Pray that God’s Word communicated over radio, TV and internet programs will bear fruit among many peoples.

Praise God for the open opportunity to share the good news of Christ with international migrants in Lebanon. Praise Him also for the Bible colleges and seminaries which host students from across the region. Please pray for God’s favor to rest upon our brothers and sisters who are training to become servant-leaders so that the Kingdom may advance. Pray that many Syrians, Iraqis, Kurds and Palestinians will come to know the Creator as their refuge. Pray that the stateless, including children born in Lebanon of refugees and asylum-seekers, will see the Lord’s provision of jobs, healthcare, education and a heavenly country. Pray for the Lord’s protection over 250,000 migrant domestic workers from nations such as Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines; pray that He will bring hope and deliverance to those in dangerous situations. (June 2016)

37. Austria’s global influence can be found through the works of artists such as Mozart and Beethoven. Its capital Vienna hosts the headquarters for OPEC and one of the main offices of the UN, among other international organizations. Around 15% of the workforce in Austria is foreign-born. While most migrants once came from former Communist nations, particularly the former Yugoslavia, most of the over 88,000 asylum seekers in 2015 came from Afghanistan, Syria or Iraq. Last year, Austria sought to limit the number of asylum applicants and border crossers; other policy changes regarding migration are being discussed.

Praise God for the opportunity in Austria to influence the nations. Pray that the Lord will gather peoples in Austria in houses of prayer (see Isaiah 56:7). Ask God to send revival among Austrians, that they may wake up to personal relationships with the Lord and be strengthened (see Revelation 3:2). Pray that the Creator will raise up godly artists to bring forth new works of praise (see Psalm 96:1). Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers forth into Austria so that every people group there might hear the good news of the Kingdom and experience healing from God (see Matthew 9:35-38). Ask God to reveal Himself to those working with international organizations in Vienna for the sake of the knowledge of His glory filling the earth (see Habakkuk 2:14). (January 2017)

38. Uganda has the second largest refugee population, including nearly 800,000 people from South Sudan and 284,000 from DR Congo. While Indians were expelled under Idi Amin, more than 20,000 are in Uganda now; many are economic leaders and some wish to be officially recognized as a tribe. Chinese investment in business and expanding infrastructure has led up to 50,000 Chinese to Uganda. Almost half of the country is under 14 years old.

Praise God for the Church’s strong presence in Uganda; may the Lord give unity among His people. Pray for the Spirit to bring revival in churches and true transformation among nominal believers. Pray for children in Uganda to receive Jesus and become children of God, maturing into men and women after the Father’s own heart. Ask for God’s blessings as Uganda welcomes refugees in ways which reflect that many Ugandans were once sojourners due to conflict. Please pray that every people group in Uganda will hear and declare in their own languages the mighty works of God. (see John 1:12, Exodus 23:9, Acts 2:11) (January 2019)

39. According to [UNHCR](https://www.unhcr.org/venezuela-emergency.html), over 4.5 million Venezuelans live outside of Venezuela. The country’s economic crisis has led to a lack of food, medicine and other supplies previously common, such as toilet paper and electricity. More asylum seekers were from Venezuela than any other country in 2018; many Venezuelans who are likely eligible for refugee status have applied for other legal statuses in hopes of obtaining jobs and healthcare more quickly. Venezuela has one of the lowest church attendance rates in Latin America and foreigners have much difficulty obtaining religious visas. This so-called Venezuelan exodus could give millions of people new opportunities to hear the good news of Christ.

Please pray that many in the Venezuelan diaspora will come to know the Lord as their rock, salvation and fortress (see Psalm 62:2). Pray that they will know the unshakeable faithfulness of the Heavenly Father. Ask the Lord to protect and defend those who are vulnerable to trafficking, violence and exploitation.

Ask God to bless the many nations which are hosting Venezuelans who are fleeing. Pray that the Lord will provide in miraculous ways for the areas of Brazil, Colombia and Peru with large numbers of Venezuelans. Pray for churches to make the most of this gospel opportunity among Venezuelans; pray that through this experience, many Latin American Christ-followers would also be moved to reach out to other immigrants. (January 2020)

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