

Prayer and Fasting
February 2025

Praying for the Nations
Week One

February 2

Nation: Ukraine

Location: eastern Europe – second largest European country after Russia

Population: 33,365,000

Government: Unitary, semi presidential republic

Religious mix:

87.3% Christianity

11.0% No religion

0.8% other

What makes your country unique and special? Ukraine is considered to be Europe's "breadbasket" providing wheat for millions of people globally.

My country's challenges: The greatest challenge is, of course, the continuing war with Russia.

What is it like being a follower of Jesus in your country? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith? Most of the people are of orthodox belief. There is no persecution, but many people are not serious disciples, going to church maybe only several times per year. The orthodox church is built the way that there is no real fellowship or community among Christians.

Do you have a personal experience that you would like to share that would help us best understand your country? I hear that during the war many people in Ukraine turned to God. Please pray for them.

Scripture Support: Psalm 46:9

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Prayer Focus:

Please pray for Ukraine, that the war will end. Please pray for peace and deliverance, and the end of suffering. Pray for those who are believers that there would be a serious commitment to Jesus. Pray for the fellowship and community that is needed. Pray for new believers.

February 3

Nation: Kenya

Location: Africa

Population: 52 Million

Government: Unitary Presidential Republic

Religious Mix:

60.8% Protestant

20.6% Catholic

10.9% Islam

4.1% other

What makes your country unique and special?

It's unique; we have wildlife, different cultures and good food and it where I was born.

My country's challenges:

Challenges are political, poverty and corruption. etc

What't it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith?

It's depends on where u are located In some parts of Kenya it's not easy to be a Christian.

Do you have a personal experience that you would like to share that would help us best understand your country? It's a prayerful nation that loves God. We have a lot of vigils on Fridays in almost every church. Gospel concerts. In all problem the nation has faced, prayers were even droughts.

Scripture Support: Psalm 5:11

"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you."

How can we pray for your country?

Against domestic violence, we are losing women and children. Political instability. Against poverty. For widows, widowers, and orphanages.

February 4

Nation: Venezuela

Location: South America

Population: 30,518,260

Government: Federal presidential republic under an authoritarian dictatorship

Religious Mix:

92.6 Christianity

5.5 no religion

1.1 spiritism

other

What makes your country unique and special?

Venezuela is located in South America. It has around 28 million citizens .

My country's challenges:

There used to be more people, but more than 7 million have fled the country because of the terrible dictatorship the country has been under for 25 years (with everything bad that is included: no freedom of speech, criminality out of control, repression, extreme poverty, fear, kidnappings, one of the highest inflations of the world.

What't it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith?

Churches can openly worship. There are many christians there.

Scripture Support: Isaiah 61:3

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

How can we pray for your country?

Can we please pray that God ends the dictatorship and that hope returns so people can live freely and the country can be rebuilt from the ashes...

February 5

Nation: Cameroon

Location: Africa

Population: 27,000,000

Government: Unitary dominant-party presidential republic under a dictatorship

Religious Mix:

70% Christianity

20% Islam

10% Indigenous

What makes your country unique and special? Cameroon is located in Central Africa. The country has a population of approximately 27 million people. Cameroon is unique for its rich cultural diversity, with over 250 ethnic groups and languages, and is often called "Africa in miniature" because it mirrors the continent's landscapes, climates, and cultures. It has a diverse geography, ranging from tropical rainforests in the south to savannahs in the north, with Mount Cameroon, an active volcano, as its highest point. One of the special aspects of the country is its vibrant music scene, with makossa and bikutsi being internationally recognized music styles.

My country's challenges: However, Cameroon faces several challenges. The country has been dealing with internal conflicts, particularly the Anglophone crisis in the northwest and southwest regions, which has caused significant political instability. Additionally, there is economic inequality, with poverty affecting portions of the population, particularly in rural areas. Despite these challenges, Cameroon remains a nation of resilience, with a strong sense of national pride and cultural richness.

What's it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith? In Cameroon, Christians can openly worship without major restrictions. The country is about 70% Christian, 20% Muslim, and 10% indigenous beliefs. Persecution is rare but exists in the north due to Boko Haram. Most Christians freely practice their faith.

Scripture Support: I Peter 5:10 *"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."*

How can we pray for your country? Peace, stability, economic development.

February 6

Nation: United Kingdom

Location: Northwestern Europe

Population: 69 Million

Government: Unitary Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

Population: 69 Million

Religious Mix: The UK has a population of over 69 million; fewer than half of these people are Christians although Christianity continues to be the largest religious group, followed by the non-religious, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Buddhism and Taoism.

What makes your country unique and special? The UK is a group of islands off the north-west coast of continental Europe. Thanks to the Roman occupation, the gospel arrived there in the second century and by the fourth century missionaries were being sent out. The UK is home to the English language that unites our church and is the lingua franca that connects peoples of many nations worldwide. It is also home to Wycliffe Bible translation (since 1526) that continues to send translators to the ends of the earth. The King or Queen of the UK is the head of the Church of England.

My countries challenges: Its greatest challenge politically and biggest opportunity are the waves of refugees flooding into the country. As people flee, they head for a country where they can speak at least some of the language.

What't it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith?

There is no state-sponsored persecution of believers but the country has become quite secular in response to its increasingly multi-cultural makeup- e.g. Good Friday is no longer a holiday but workers are given a long Easter weekend Sat-Tues. The established Church of England has birthed "fresh expressions" of faith in the setting up of less traditional communities of believers and the "Free Church" - Baptists, Pentecostals - continue and expand their work in "New Frontier" churches. The UK continues to produce strong Christian theologians and worship music leaders.

Scripture Support: Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come wisdom and understanding."

How can we pray for your country?

Pray for the government that has massive challenges in meeting the needs of refugees and native population in the health service, education and general infrastructure.

Pray for the establishing of beneficial alliances following Brexit from Europe.

Pray for the church - that she stays faithful, relevant, active and bold in reaching out with the gospel to all who find themselves in the UK.

February 7

Nation: Indonesia

Location: Southeast Asia

Population: 282 Million

Government: Unitary Presidential Republic

Religious Mix:

87.1 Islam

10.5 Christianity

1.7 Hinduism

.7 Buddhism

What makes your country unique and special? I come from Indonesia, an archipelago country with over 5,000 islands and 260 million population. Indonesia has rich resources and the nature is so beautiful.

My country's challenges: One of the challenges is the diversity and prone to political and religion conflict.

What's it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith? I live in one of the big cities in Indonesia so I don't really feel the persecution as a Christian believer. I can freely practice my Christian believe.

Scripture Support: Psalm 63:7 & 8, "Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely."

How can we pray for your country? Please pray for God's protection and love cover Indonesia.

February 8

Nation: Netherlands

Location: Europe

Population: 18 million people

Government: Unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Religious Mix:

58.0 No Religion

30.0 Christianity

6.0 Islam

6.0 Other

What makes your country unique and special? A very liberal and very small country with many people from very many different nations and cultures. Below sea level. Very industrious big in and export.

My countries challenges: Entertainment industry has great influence.

What't it like being a follower of Jesus? Can churches openly worship? Are Christians persecuted for their faith? Yes, there are many different denominations. The north is the most unchurched area. The influence of church isn't so present in the culture anymore.

Do you have a personal experience that you would like to share that would help us best understand your country? NL from history sailed to many countries are economically very prosperous and covet other countries. I often see in the culture a dominant spirit of covetous and a shallowness.

Scripture Support: John 14:17, "He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

How can we pray for your country? That people repent become more thankful and revival will start. That a spirit of truth will prevail.