

# WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT PRAYER?

## **Prayer focuses on missions and closed countries**

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## **Pray for all mission work and evangelisation**

A lack of prayer support is one of the reasons why mission organisations make so little progress in many cases. Large expenditure is incurred to arrange evangelisation campaigns and a lot of time and energy is spent on preparations - often with a small number of people surrendering their lives to Christ. A lack of sufficient effective prayer is a large part of the reason why they struggle.

## **Pray for the 10/40 Window**

Since the early 1990's the concept 10/40 Window has become a common term among Christians who are taking the Great Commission of Christ in **Matthew 28:19-20** seriously. The 10/40 Window is an imaginary window between 10 and 40 degrees north latitude from West Africa across the Middle East and Asia to the east coast of Japan. Within this imaginary window there are 62 countries. Of the 6000 groups world-wide that have not been reached by the gospel, more than 97% fall in the 10/40 Window. More than 80% of the World's poorest people live in this belt and the main headquarters of the World's greatest non-Christian religions (Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, etc.) are all situated within this Window.

## **Prayer pointers:**

- Pray for God's protection and favour upon the teams preparing to enter the 10/40 Window during the month of Ramadan.
- Pray for the necessary preparations of the missionaries receiving these prayer teams in closed countries. Ask for protection from suspicion of authorities and that no harm will come to their work in these countries.
- Pray for the breaking of demonic strongholds within the 10/40 Window.
- Pray for more permanent workers to the 10/40 Window.
- Pray for open doors in closed countries and remote areas in the 10/40 Window.

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The 50 most unevangelised cities in the World (less than 3% Christians) fall within the 10/40 Window. Christians all over the world are currently focusing their prayers increasingly on the 10/40 Window. In October 1993 more than 20 million Christians across the world prayed for spiritual breakthrough among the unreached groups. Ever since, this prayer initiative is continued every year. Let us press on and prepare ourselves for this time of prayer that starts tomorrow.

**Prayer pointers for teams:**

- Pray for God's protection and favour upon the teams preparing to enter the 10/40 Window during the month of Ramadan starting tomorrow.
- Pray for the necessary preparations of the missionaries receiving these prayer teams. Ask for protection against suspicion from authorities and that no harm will come to their work in these countries.
- Pray for the large mega and gateway cities within the 10/40 Window to see breakthroughs for the gospel.
- Pray for the 62 countries within the 10/40 Window.
- Pray for the children within the 10/40 Window.
- Pray for the poor and destitute within the 10/40 Window.