

# **Prayer This Week**

Our focus this week is: **God's World**

**A. God, I pray this week for Your world:**

1. Where there is conflict & war:

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2. Where there is disaster & need:

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3. Where there is poverty:

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**B. God, I pray this week for your Church in the world:**

1. Where there is revival & growth:

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2. Where there is oppression & suffering:

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3. Where there is ambivalence & laziness

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**C. The Cry of my heart this morning for Your church today is:**

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**D. Praying for one another:**

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# Nation we are in prayer for this week

## Afghanistan - Asia



### Geography

Area: 652,225 sq km  
Dry and mountainous

but with fertile valleys. This strategic land has been fought over by rival foreign empires for nearly three thousand years.

### Religion

Religion	Pop	%	Ann Gr
<a href="#">Christians</a>	14,559	0.05	14.6
<a href="#">Evangelicals</a>	8,442	0.00	16.7
Muslim	29,074,395	99.85	

Population: 29,117,489    Annual Growth: 3.51%    Capital: Kabul

## Answer to Prayer

**Christian media** have been developed in many formats – audio/MP3, mobile phone memory, radio, video, literature and the Internet – for evangelism and discipleship. This is an area of real growth and excitement.

## Challenge for Prayer

**Afghanistan is one of the least reached countries in the world.** There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. Pray for the 70 unreached peoples of this land, especially for the following groups:

- a) Pashtuns.** They number over 40% of the Afghan population and are politically dominant. Pashtun on both sides of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border comprise what has been called the largest Muslim tribal society in the world – as many as 46 million people in over 30 major sub-tribes. Christians among them remain few, though urban, educated Pashtuns in exile have shown some response. Pray that multitudes might be released from fear, prejudice, the strongholds of Islam and pride in pashtunwali (their tribal code of honour); there is evidence of an intense spiritual battle for breakthrough among this people.
- b) Tajiks** in the northeast. Speaking Dari (a form of Persian), they are closely related to the Pashtuns. Some Tajik groups were among the last people to resist the Taliban, yet they remain over 99% Muslim. Pray for their spiritual freedom.
- c) Hazaras,** Shi'a Muslims of Mongol descent. Being a Shi'a group, they have been severely persecuted through the years and were even massacred by the Sunni Taliban. They have demonstrated greater openness to the gospel in recent years.
- d) Uzbeks and Turkmen** of the north have shown encouraging responsiveness as refugees in other lands, but as in their namesake countries, only a tiny proportion are believers.
- e) The six Aimaq tribes** of the west, of nomadic background, and the Baloch and Brahui of the south. There are very few if any believers from these isolated groups.