


7 Day Prayer Guide:

Praying for the Buddhist World

PRAYING FOR BUDDHISTS



About 7% of the world identify as Buddhist. Buddhists do not seek eternal life, but they already believe they exist in an endless cycle of death and rebirth. They desire liberation from endless life and suffering produced by attachment to temporal things. They believe if they release their desires, they can avoid suffering. Pray with us for Buddhists.

1 Freedom From Suffering


Buddhists believe they exist in an endless cycle of death and rebirth. They desire liberation from endless life and suffering. Pray that Buddhists would know that Jesus is the only way they can be free from eternal suffering. **Pray Hebrews 9:27.**

2 Leading through Dreams

Dreams are extremely important in Southeast Asia. Many of these dreams lead them toward searching for answers. Pray for Buddhists to have dreams that lead them to Jesus and to Christians who will share about Jesus. **Pray Joel 2:28-29.**

3 Self-Harm

Tibetan Buddhism is known for its dark and dangerous practices, including self-harm dedicated to pleasing spirits, which is clearly demonic. Pray for the many Tibetan monks who believe this is the only way to enlightenment. **Pray Jeremiah 29:13.**



"I was the only white guy on this bus full of Asian people. We were driving down a road that looked like it went on forever. As we drove, I noticed these young men on the side of the road fully prostrating themselves, walking the length they had prostrated, and then bowing down again. I asked the bus driver what was going on as I tried to make sense of what I saw. 'These guys are Tibetans. They believe that they have to prostrate from here to Lhasa (which was about 1,100 miles). They believe if they do this 10,000 times they will reach Nirvana, or the end of suffering.' This sounded horrible and unfathomable to me, and then he said something worse. 'And each trip to Lhasa counts as 1.' I was shocked. I couldn't believe how much work and labor they were doing and all for nothing. Christ had already paid the full cost. But they hadn't heard of him, and so they continued to prostrate their lives away bowing down the road."

-- Former overseas host

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Counting the Cost

Following Jesus could lead to losing jobs and being disowned by family and friends. Even meetings with the intent of sharing the love of Jesus can result in imprisonment. Pray believers would be strong in the face of persecution. **Pray Ephesians 6:13.**

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Bible Translation Need

There are over 180,000 people who speak Marma in Bangladesh, but very few believe in Jesus. The Marma, who practice Buddhism and animism, remain the largest minority language group in Bangladesh without the Bible. **Pray Isaiah 61:1.**

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Return to Buddhism

Many young adults who are interested in Jesus and decide to follow him return back to Buddhism when returning to their hometowns. Pray for young believers to stand strong in their faith and spread the Gospel in their villages. **Pray Romans 1:21-23.**

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Who Will Go?

There are 135 Buddhist people groups over 100,000 people in size. Eighty-six percent of all Buddhists have never spoken with a Christian. Pray God would raise up people to take the gospel to the lost Buddhist peoples. **Pray Romans 10:14-17.**

“We had a friend once who was sick with pneumonia. She went to the monks of the temple, and asked them, ‘What do I do?’ They said ‘At the last New Year’s holiday, you didn’t give enough money so we’re prescribing you to give [a specific amount of] money to the temple and if you do that, you won’t be sick anymore.’ Simultaneously, she was spending time with my wife and asked her, ‘What do I do?’ My wife had been sharing the gospel with her. My wife said “Oh, we don’t believe you can do things to make your sickness go away. We can pray and ask God to heal you. That’s how we view the world. We believe that God has all the power and He created you. We will pray for you that God will heal you.’ So they prayed that God would heal her and she chose not to give the money to the temple. Through taking medicine and getting rest and hydration- the things we do to take care of our body- she was healed and became better. Our friend gave God all the credit for that. That was a part of her salvation experience, seeing God answer practical prayer in her life and rejecting the prescription by the Buddhist monks was the step that she needed for God to really work in her heart. She’s been a Christian for 20 years now since that moment.”

-- OneLink student alumni

