

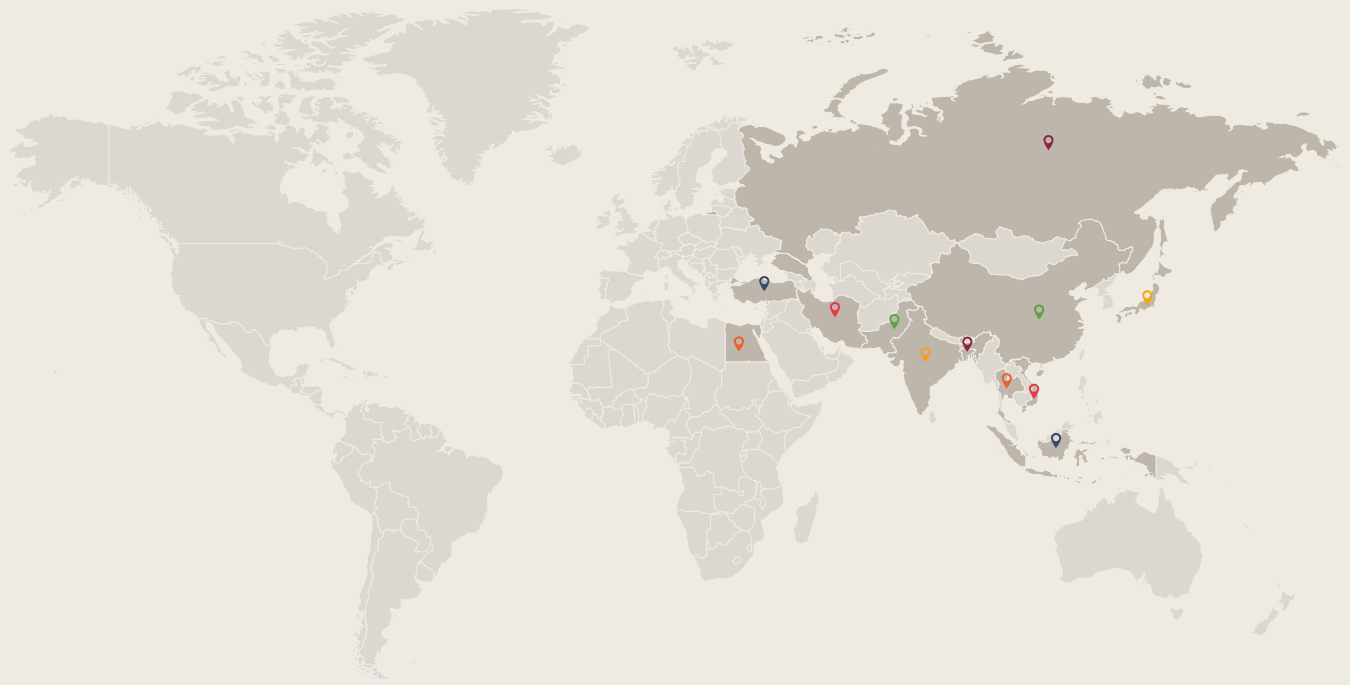
Family Guide

November 2023
Thailand



"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession."

— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995



A One-Year Prayer Adventure!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries in 2023—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

WELCOME TO Thailand!



People across Thailand will celebrate Loy Krathong Festival this month by launching decorative floating baskets onto rivers and lakes, and releasing lanterns into the air. Many believe they can send away negative emotions and honor water spirits through this tradition. Pray that Thai people will find true hope and peace in the One who made the waters and who removes their sins as far as the east is from the west.



Fun Facts About Thailand



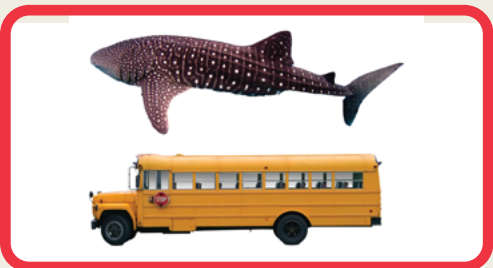
Thailand is about three times the size of the state of Florida in the USA!



Thailand is home to the bumblebee bat, which is the smallest mammal in the world. It weighs 2 grams which is only 0.07 ounces. Can you find a small paperclip? That is how little the bumblebee bat weighs!



The national flower of Thailand is the orchid. If you love exotic flowers, you'll be pleased to know that 1,500 orchid species can be found growing wild in the Thai forest. What is your state or country's most common flower?



The Whale Shark is the largest species of fish in the world. Many visit the waters around Thailand. It can be over 40 feet long. Do you have a tape measure? Measure out 40 feet to see how big a whale shark is.



Thailand is home to some of the oldest dinosaur fossils that were ever found in Southeast Asia! What is your favorite type of dinosaur?

Ready to pray for the people of Thailand?

We get to pray for Thailand this month. This country in Southeast Asia is made up of over 1,400 islands! Most of those islands are not inhabitable, which means people cannot live on them. Just under 72 million people live in Thailand. Even though we don't know each person, we can still pray for everyone. God knows each of them by name.

This month we are continuing through the ACTS prayer method, which guides us through different kinds of prayer with each letter in the word. In October we learned about "Adoration" or what I call "Celebrating God." In September we focused on "Confession": which is turning to God for forgiveness. This month our focus is on the letter "T" which stands for "Thanksgiving." Thanksgiving is when we stop and thank God for specific things.

*"Give thanks to the Lord because He is good.
His love continues forever.
Give thanks to the God over all gods.
His love continues forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of all lords.
His love continues forever."*

Psalm 136:1-3, International Children's Bible

Can you think of two times during your day where you can stop and give thanks to God? Here are some ideas: before mealtimes, when you wake up, when you go to bed, when you spend time reading the Bible or when you are riding in the car.

Your 2023 Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. I'd love to hear from you!
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Week 1: November 1–7, 2023

“All the earth should worship the Lord. The whole world should fear Him.”

– Psalm 33:8, International Children’s Bible



Week 1 Prayers



■ Day 1

Most Thai people worship a god who is not the Bible’s living God. Pray Jesus would draw people to follow Him just as the two fishermen brothers Peter and Andrew did in the New Testament.

■ Day 2

When Jesus followers work as police officers or in other jobs that protect the people of Thailand, they sometimes get to tell others about God’s great love for them. That can help people feel safe too. Pray that many Jesus followers choose jobs in which they can protect people and comfort them with His love.

■ Day 3

Do you know anyone who speaks a language other than yours? Think about this: In Thailand, there are more than 70 groups of people who each speak a different language! Pray that every person in each group receives the message of Jesus in their heart language.

■ Day 4

Pray that Jesus followers across Thailand will love and obey Jesus every day. Ask God to help them grow in joy, coming together as a united family of believers.

■ Day 5

So many people use computers and cellphones that it just makes sense to find ways to share about Jesus using technology. Pray that God will bring partners together to create ways for people to learn about Jesus online.

■ Day 6

Pray that Thai people who do not yet know Jesus would recognize Him for who He is and see their need for Him.

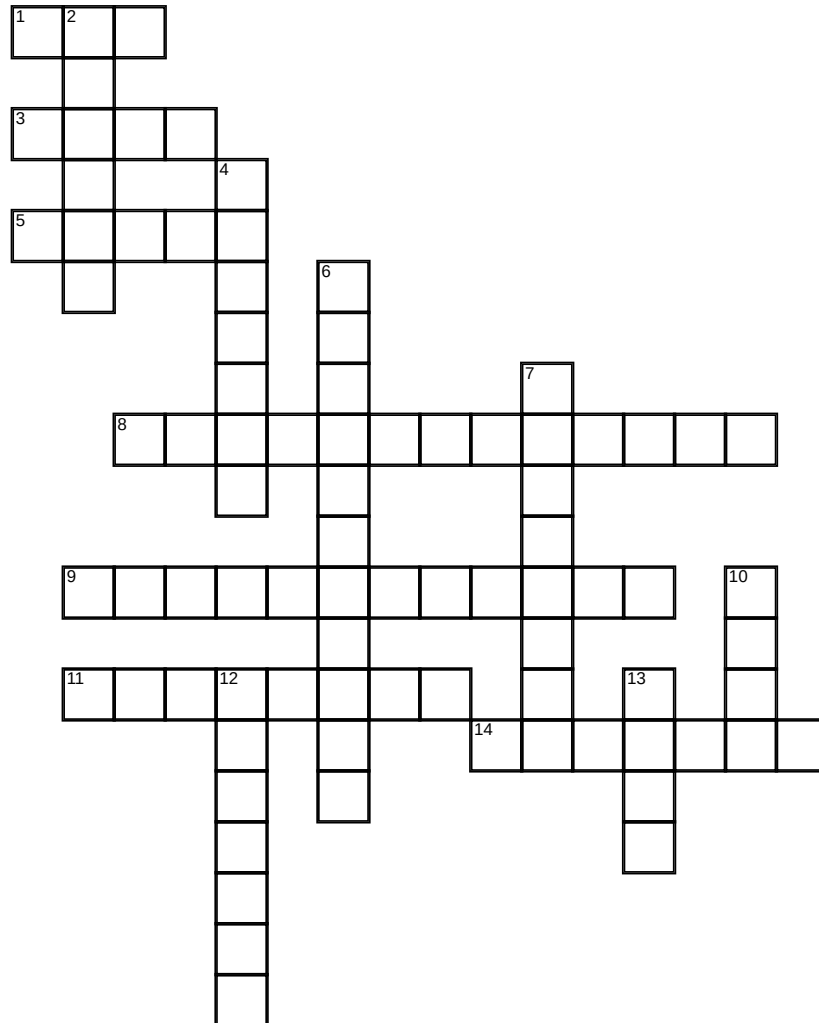
“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through Me.’”

– John 14:6, ICB

■ Day 7

Churches sometimes work together with other churches or groups to get a job done. That makes them partners. They’re working together in what we call partnerships. Working together helps Christians do a lot more than they could by themselves. Pray that Christian churches and groups will build good partnerships to get God’s work done.

Week 1 Activity: Crossword



Across

- 1 Who do we give thanks to when we pray?
- 3 We are studying the _ prayer method
- 5 We learn about God by reading the _
- 8 Smallest mammal in the world
- 9 In the ACTS prayer, "T" stands for _
- 11 This month's country
- 14 Thailand is three times the size of this U.S. State

Down

- 2 National flower of Thailand
- 4 A good time of day to stop and give thanks
- 6 Largest fish in the world
- 7 Thailand will celebrate Loy Krathong _ this month
- 10 Give thanks to the Lord because He is _
- 12 Thailand is made up of over 1,400 _
- 13 Each day we get to _ for a request

WORD LIST:

ACTS
BEDTIME
BIBLE
BUMBLEBEE_BAT

FESTIVAL
FLORIDA
GOD
GOOD

ISLANDS
ORCHID
PRAY
THAILAND

THANKSGIVING
WHALE_SHARK

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Week 2: November 8-14, 2023

“For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. God gave His Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, ICB



Week 2 Prayers



■ Day 8

People from other countries like to go on vacation in Thailand. COVID-19 stopped people from visiting Thailand, causing many Thais who helped vacationers enjoy Thailand to lose their jobs. Pray more tourists will come back to Thailand and ask the Lord to provide for the people working in hotels, restaurants and tour companies.

■ Day 9

Thank you, Jesus, for sending your gospel message to certain people groups of Thailand many years ago! Today, young people in these groups might like to have the Bible and other gospel tools in their own heart language. Pray these heart-language tools will be created soon and that young people will be just as excited about the good news of Jesus as their great grandparents were.

■ Day 10

Using Scripture is a great way to pray for yourself, your family and friends—not just for people far away. Pray this for the people in your life and for every Christian in Thailand:

“You were raised from death with Christ. So aim at what is in heaven, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Think only about the things in heaven, not the things on earth.” — Colossians 3:1-2, ICB

■ Day 11

God sometimes allows suffering, and while it can be painful, we know that suffering can draw people closer to God. May people in Thailand who are suffering from illnesses seek help from God and get the care they need.

■ Day 12

A great majority of Thai people use websites like YouTube and Facebook. Pray that many will see what Christians post there. Pray more people can discover who Jesus really is and want to know more about Him.

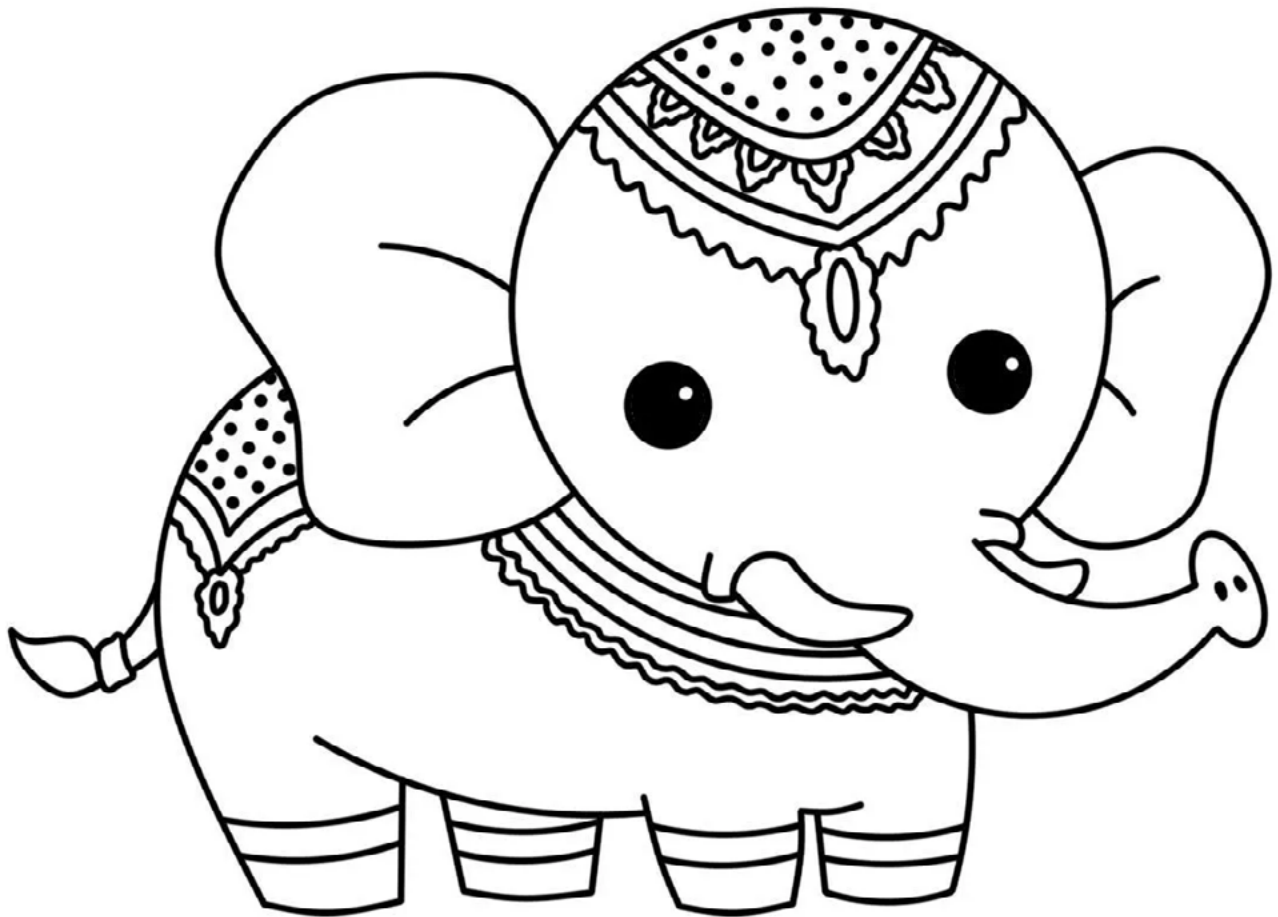
■ Day 13

Not all students have the opportunity to train to do the jobs they want to do. But it’s still important to study and do well in school. Pray for students to invite Jesus to be their Savior and Lord. As they obey Him and learn to walk in His ways, He will guide them in what they are to do with their lives. God first makes us part of His family, and then He makes us partners in His work around the world.

■ Day 14

We can learn a lot from each other. For example, when a person learns a new way to grow vegetables that may be better (such as organic vegetables) and they share what they know with someone else, then both people can grow vegetables that are better for the land and the people eating them. Pray that people who have skills and resources to help others farm organically go and share it with Thai farmers who want to do it too.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring



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Week 3: November 15–21, 2023

“The Lord is not slow in doing what He promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life.”

— 2 Peter 3:9, ICB



Week 3 Prayers



■ Day 15

There are millions of people living in Thailand, and many of those people are younger than 14 years old! Many of these young people don't know about Jesus. Someone needs to tell them so that they can learn what makes Him so special. Lord Jesus, bring many Thai kids to Your churches, Christian schools, kids programs and outreaches where they can hear about You. Help them grow into strong lifelong Jesus followers.

■ Day 16

Did you know that when a person puts his trust in Jesus and learns to walk in His ways, he is changed from the inside out?

A person who is anxious can feel peaceful. Anger can be replaced by calm. A dislike of someone can turn to love and understanding. A lying person can be more truthful. A careless person becomes more responsible. A foolish person becomes more teachable and wise. An unkind person becomes kinder. A person who's been treated badly can forgive.

God's Spirit lives inside His followers. The Holy Spirit is also called "the Helper" because He can empower God's followers to obey Him. Pray for Thai Christians to experience the power of the Holy Spirit changing their hearts. And pray that they would show others what God has done for them.

■ Day 17

Pray for the people working on making Bibles, videos and other gospel tools in the heart languages of Thai people groups.

■ Day 18

God wants every Thai person to understand what Jesus did for them. For this to happen, we need Christians to go tell them. Let's pray for that.

“But before people can trust in the Lord for help, they must believe in Him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about Him. And for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. And before someone can go and tell them, he must be sent. It is written, ‘How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.’” — Romans 10:14–15, ICB

■ Day 19

Every country, including Thailand, has people who need a lot of help and care. Those who are hungry, homeless, orphans or sick are examples of people in need. Pray for country leaders to find ways to protect and provide for these people. May Thailand's Christians bring praise to God by becoming the best they can be at caring for people.

■ Day 20

In Thailand, some people are forced to work for no pay and do other harmful things. It's a sad thing when a person hurts another person by making them their slave like this. Teachers in Thailand are helping students and others recognize when they see signs of slavery. Pray that Jesus would protect those who are in danger of becoming slaves.

■ Day 21

Pray that Christians and Christian workers are loving but also careful in how they teach and talk about Jesus to people who believe in other gods.

Week 3 Activity: Word Search

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THAILAND

“Come to Me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28, ICB



Week 4 Prayers



■ Day 22

If we were in the same room with 100 Thai people, we would probably meet about 95 who are Buddhist, four who are Muslim, and only one Christian. Pray that God would give all people—no matter what religion they know best—the desire to know the Bible’s God as their God.

■ Day 23

When someone is a slave, or enslaved, his or her life is sad and very hard. Pray for those who are enslaved, that they will get the help they need to get out of slavery. Pray each one will experience God’s love and will trust Him with their future.

■ Day 24

Every person who loves and obeys Jesus has the unique ability to love and act kindly toward everyone. Do you know why? It’s because Jesus gave His Spirit to live inside His followers to help them live rightly. Imagine that! He’s always there, always watching, always available to help them do what is right. You can read about it in John 16:7–10. Pray for Christians in Thailand and everywhere to choose to let Jesus’ helper, His Spirit, help them love and show kindness to everyone even if others are unkind to us, and no matter how different they may be from us.

■ Day 25

Pray that Thai Christians would want to help change and create entertainment (like movies, books, and videos) that are better for their minds and hearts and more honoring to God. Pray that God would draw people away from entertainment that can harm their relationship with Him.

■ Day 26

Pray that parents in Thailand and in every country will love each other well and raise their children in love.

■ Day 27

The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Himself and to let Him fight for us. The Christians in Thailand need to do this as well, so join me in praying God’s Word for them.

“Control yourselves and be careful! The devil is your enemy. And he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Refuse to give in to the devil. Stand strong in your faith. ...” — 1 Peter 5:8–9, ICB

■ Day 28

Pastors and everyday Christians are learning to use their computers and phones as tools to tell Thai people about the message of Jesus. Pray that people will experience God’s love and care through the messages they see on their phones, and pray that these tools would cause churches to grow.

Week 4 Activity: Recipe

Easy Pad Thai

Equipment

Saucepan; Wok or Large Nonstick Pan

Ingredients

Pad Thai Sauce:

3 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons soy sauce (use Tamari for gluten-free)
1 1/2 tablespoons fish sauce
2 teaspoons chili-garlic sauce

Instructions

1. Cook noodles according to package directions. (Note: Be very careful not to overcook the noodles. They will continue to cook slightly when added to the stir-fry.)
2. Stir together all ingredients for sauce. Taste the sauce and adjust, adding more honey if you'd like it more sweet, more soy sauce or fish sauce if you'd like it more salty. (Tasting and adjusting the sauce at this stage is important; some limes are more sour than others, so you may need to balance it out.) Set aside.
3. Set all of the ingredients near the stove. Put a tablespoon measuring spoon in the sauce so you can add it to the noodles a little at a time.
4. Heat a large nonstick skillet, cast iron skillet, or wok over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil.
5. To heated oil, add tofu / chicken / shrimp and saute. When protein is browned on the outside (but not cooked all the way through), add 2 tablespoons sauce and bell pepper. Continue cooking until sauce coats protein and peppers are nearly tender, 2 to 3 minutes more.



For the Noodles:

6 ounces pad Thai rice noodles
3 tablespoons cooking oil, divided
6 ounces shrimp, chicken, or extra-firm tofu (if using tofu or chicken, chop into pieces)
1 cup finely sliced red bell pepper
1 large egg, whisked
1/4 cup roasted, salted peanuts, roughly chopped
4 green onions, chopped
extra peanuts, lime wedges, bean sprouts, red pepper flakes (optional, for topping)

6. Move protein and peppers to one side of the pan and add 1 tablespoon of oil to the open space in the center. Pour eggs over oil. Scramble gently, 2 to 3 minutes.
7. Add noodles and 2 tablespoons of sauce to the pan and stir until the noodles have absorbed the sauce. (The noodles should loosen up as they cook in the sauce, but add a splash of water if they stick together.)
8. Add all remaining sauce and continue cooking, gently folding everything together until sauce cooks down and coats noodles, 2 to 3 minutes more.
9. Stir in green onions and about half of the peanuts (reserve the rest for sprinkling on top).
10. Divide between bowls and serve with toppings!



Week 5 Prayers



■ Day 29

Do you remember reading or hearing stories from the Bible about Jesus hanging around people who were outcasts—the poor, the homeless, the sick—those who were looked down upon? Many of Jesus' friends were from among these people. He could have spent time with any group as He talked about His heavenly Father, but He often chose these types of people.

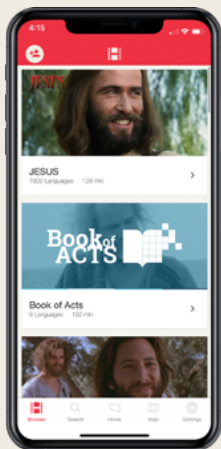
Pray that Christians in Thailand will talk about Jesus with teachers, leaders, neighbors, friends and business people. But pray they don't forget to do the same with the poor, the rejected, or the outcasts. People who need Jesus can be found anywhere.

■ Day 30

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Thailand each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Thai people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give You all honor and praise.

Resources

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Thailand.
<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/TH>
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
<https://www.prayercast.com/thailand.html>
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 2,000 languages on our website.
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