

#### For the Least Reached

#### **Prayer Guide**



"'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

# Thank you for praying with us!

Welcome to the Vietnam Prayer Guide.
This monthly prayer guide forms part of
For the Least Reached: A Year of
Prayer, our one-year prayer initiative.

Each month we unite with the body of Christ in prayer for one least-reached country around the world. Many of the people in these countries have never heard the message of the gospel, or it's difficult for them to learn about Jesus or worship Him.

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Nestled in Southeast Asia, Vietnam is a land of breathtaking landscapes and a rich tapestry of cultures. With its history shaped by diverse influences, from ancient kingdoms to colonial eras, it's a country where the past and the present coexist.



Travel with us as we learn about this nation and pray for God to continue working in and blessing the Vietnamese people.

#### Did you know?

- ▶ Vietnam might surprise you as the secondlargest coffee exporter globally. The Vietnamese have taken the humble coffee bean and turned it into a national treasure. especially with their signature drink: a strong, sweet iced coffee with condensed milk, a legacy of French colonial times.
- ▶ Motorbikes are not just a mode of transport in Vietnam, but a way of life. Traffic can look chaotic to an outsider, but it flows with an unspoken order, and you'll often see families of three or more on a single bike.
- ▶ Vietnam's water puppetry is an enchanting spectacle where puppets dance on water, controlled by puppeteers behind a screen. This art form, which has roots going back over a thousand years, provides a creative way to tell Vietnamese legends and tales of countryside life.
- ▶ In the Mekong Delta, commerce literally floats. Traders in boats laden with fruits, vegetables and other goods come together at dawn. They create a vibrant, floating bazaar where transactions are made with a unique system using long bamboo poles.
- ▶ The iconic Non La, or cone-shaped hat, isn't just for sun protection. Each hat is carefully woven from palm leaves, and the process can take days. It's a symbol of Vietnamese rural life and craftsmanship, embodying both utility and cultural identity.







#### **Praying for Vietnam**

At Jesus Film Project®, we want everyone to have access to the message of the gospel in a language they can understand, preferably their heart language—the language they learned as a child and understand best. Heart language is the language we all think, dream and pray in.

Our mission is to translate the JESUS film into every heart language around the world and to provide films, short films, tools and strategies in as many languages as possible so that everyone can know Him. Today, JESUS is available in more than 2,100 languages.

#### Watch JESUS in Vietnamese.

If you don't speak Vietnamese or a related language, can you understand the dialogue? This is a real-life example of why it is so important to present materials to others in their heart language.

While the facts on the previous page give you a glimpse of Vietnam and its diversity, we hope that as you read through this guide, you'll also get a sense of the Vietnamese people's need for the gospel, for hope and for a Savior.

Use this prayer guide to pray with us for the people groups in Vietnam who have yet to hear Jesus speak their language. Join us as we pray for their physical and spiritual needs, and for the ministry leaders, missionaries and everyday believers working to help them hear the good news.

Thank you for praying with us.

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## Week 1 Requests



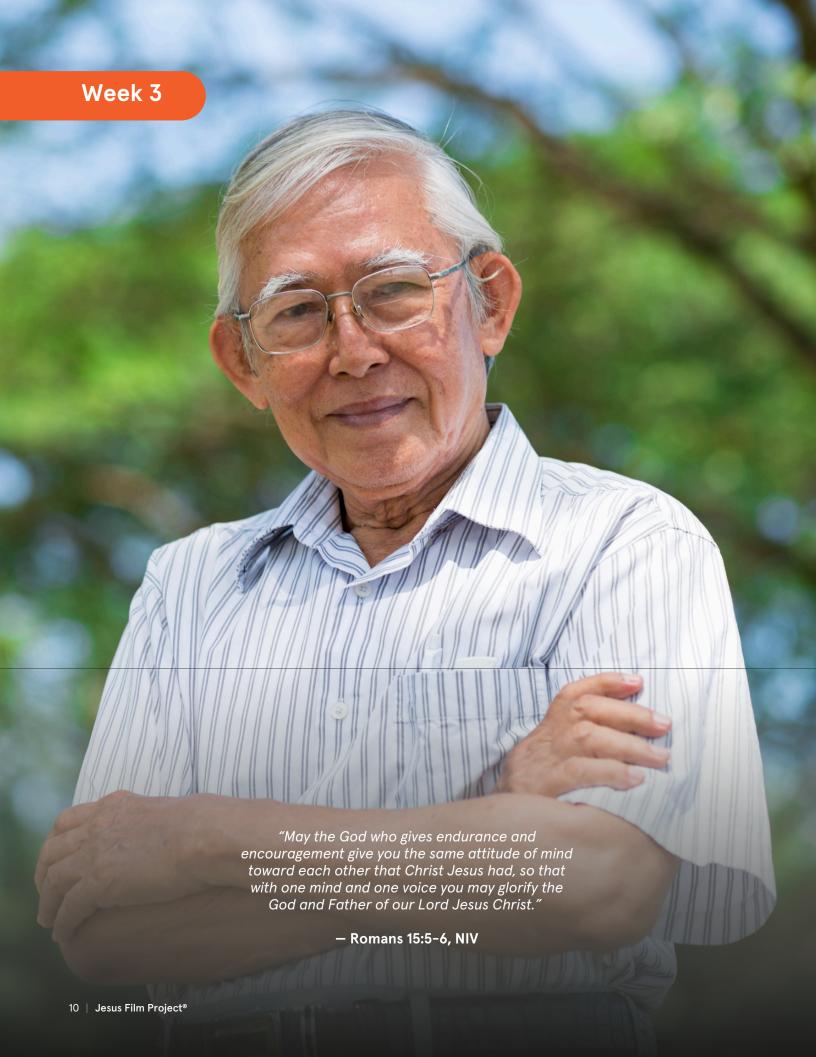
□ Day 1	Pray for Christian workers to continue making progress in every Vietnamese province as they work together to share the good news of Jesus and plant churches. Their work has led to the building of many new churches.
□ Day 2	May the Lord continue to spark interest in all who saw the <i>JESUS</i> film broadcast on TV. May they continue to think and even dream about what they saw, so they will pursue knowing more about Jesus.
□ Day 3	Christians in Vietnam need more technical equipment for sharing Jesus-centered films, but lately there have been challenges to importing this equipment. Please pray for the Lord to open the door for the successful shipment of this technology.
□ Day 4	While the church in Vietnam has expanded greatly in the past several decades, restrictions to Christian activity still exist. Please pray for believers not to grow weary, to be bold in their faith and to have joy in Christ when facing local restrictions.
□ Day 5	Many young Vietnamese men serve as Buddhist monks for a season of their lives. Pray that the Lord would have mercy and reveal Himself to these young men. Pray that they would experience His mercy and compassion, and honor Him as Lord of lords.
□ Day 6	Leaders across every area of society play key roles and make influential decisions. Pray they will seek the Lord's wisdom and be fair to those under their influence.  "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." — 1 Timothy 2:1–2, NIV
□ Day 7	Pray that God would enable on-campus Christian workers and their trainees to connect with and care for students on their school campuses all across Vietnam.



# Week 2 Requests



□ Day 8	Vietnam's minority Christian population can often face harsh treatment. Still, the church is growing. Pray for God's protection over these believers. Pray for their continued endurance, and for religious freedoms to expand in Vietnam.
□ Day 9	More Christian workers are needed to create and share gospel media tools with the people of Vietnam. Pray for more skilled workers to establish themselves in Vietnam, and for their work to result in the planting of many new church communities.
□ Day 10	Pray that established churches will collaborate with one another to help guide leaders of new churches.
□ Day 11	In the Bible, God places a high priority on the family unit. Pray that Vietnamese Christians will follow His lead and seek Him as a family. Pray for every city and province to have access to Christian resources on building up godly families.
□ Day 12	Ask God to raise up more Christians who follow Jesus whole-heartedly and desire to reach their school campuses with the gospel.
□ Day 13	Luke 10:2 is about believers working to grow the Kingdom of God. Set a phone alarm for 10:02 and pray for God to raise up more workers to take the gospel across Vietnam.  "[Jesus] told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"  — Luke 10:2, NIV
□ Day 14	Vietnam's satellite cities, which are adjacent to larger metropolitan areas, tend to have a smaller (or no) presence of Christians. Pray for an influx of new Christian workers and churches to help fill this gap.



# Week 3 Requests



□ Day 15	Pray that tens of thousands of people would put their faith in Jesus Christ after watching Jesus-centered films screened by Vietnamese believers using new equipment.
□ Day 16	Pray for Christian workers to come up with creative strategies and resources to help plant new churches in Vietnamese communities where there are none.
□ Day 17	Praise God for His provision of ministry partners who come alongside Vietnamese Christian workers with their generous gifts and faithful prayers.
□ Day 18	Vietnam is a hub for human trafficking. Pray for the victims of modern-day slavery to be able to escape and find physical and emotional healing. Pray the church can be a safe haven for them.
□ Day 19	Pray for many college students in Vietnam to get involved with Christian groups on their campuses. Pray that through community with believers, they will come to know God, grow in their relationship with Him and learn to share their faith.
□ Day 20	Pray that people all across Vietnam will hear the gospel and turn to the Lord for salvation.  "Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other." — Isaiah 45:22, NIV
□ Day 21	Praise God that some Christian media materials have been translated into the heart languages of each of the 54 ethnic groups in Vietnam. Pray that these translated materials will lead people to become believers and disciples across the country.



### Week 4 Requests



□ Day 22	Pray that God will break spiritual strongholds and deception across Vietnam, and that hearts will be freed to hear and receive the truth of God's salvation.
□ Day 23	Tensions can sometimes rise between Vietnam's registered and unregistered churches. Pray for unity and love between all Christians and Christian communities so there would be no strife or division among believers.
□ Day 24	Pray for Christian college graduates as they transition to the workplace. Ask God to provide them with Christian fellowship wherever they go and that they would share the gospel with their co-workers who don't yet know Jesus.
□ Day 25	Many in Vietnam are seeking God online through Christian websites and ads. Pray for more volunteers to step up and help these truth-seekers learn more about God.
□ Day 26	Pray for the well-being of Christian workers in Vietnam. Pray that God will protect them from harm. May they walk closely with God, maintain a healthy family and home life, and partner with Christian churches and groups to reach the unreached with the gospel.
□ Day 27	May Vietnamese Christians be quick to seek forgiveness when the Holy Spirit convicts them of sin. May they realize that God sees them as He sees Jesus: righteous and pure.  "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." — 1 John 1:9, NIV
□ Day 28	Praise God that 33 Vietnamese ethnic groups can access the <i>JESUS</i> film in their heart languages! Ask God to continue to provide for translation work so that the remaining 21 ethnic groups will have access to it in their heart languages, too.

#### Week 5 Requests



- Day 29 There are 63 provinces in Vietnam. Pray God raises up Christian workers in the unreached provinces to share the gospel and plant churches.
- Pray that gospel-centered movies could be broadcast on Vietnamese TV this year and that many people would trust in Jesus as a result. Pray for God to open doors and to grant Christians favor with broadcast stations.
- Day 31 Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Vietnam each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and has had the chance to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Vietnamese people who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



#### Resources

- You can see these requests and others in our <u>Prayer Experience</u>, a web-based app.
- Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Vietnam. joshuaproject.net/countries/VM
- Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/vietnam
- A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the JESUS film in their heart language. We have over 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus
- We also have multiple other films and short videos available, jesusfilm.org/watch
- For more Jesus Film Project® prayer resources—including access to each month's family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website: jesusfilm.org/pray



The Jesus Film Project app is completely free and available on iOS and Android devices. Get the app now and start watching and sharing a huge library of Jesuscentered films.







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