Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

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Great Commission Prayer Initiative
December

Monthly Theme: Advent

But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5

Weekly Themes:

Week 1 – Advent
Week 2 – Blessing Our Community
Week 3 – Christmas
Week 4 – Vision for the New Year
Learn about Your Uyghur Muslim Neighbors

Uyghurs are a Turkic Muslim people from Central Asia. Most reside in Xinjiang, a large autonomous province in the northwestern region of China. Around 100 years ago, many of the peoples who resided in the desert region’s oases chose the name. The name ‘Uyghur’ is traditionally thought to mean unity or alliance to signify that they were one people. There are over 11 million Uyghur speakers in the Xinjiang area of China, though some sources say they number more than 20 million.

Nobody knows exactly how many Uyghur live in the USA, but most estimates are around 5,000. There are indications that this number continues to grow. The largest US concentration is in Washington DC, with other area concentrations in New York, Los Angeles, Houston, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Great Commission Prayer Initiative

**Focus: Advent**

**UPG: Uyghur Muslims**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isa. 9:6**

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<td>Pray specifically for someone you know to come to repentance and see that without Christ they will surely perish.</td>
<td>Pray that the Uyghurs would rise up with identity restored, healed and bringing the Good News to the world.</td>
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<td><strong>Dec 2: 1 Cor 12-14</strong></td>
<td>Pray that your church family will pray regularly for every person in your community to be saved.</td>
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Learn about Your Nepalese Neighbors

People from Nepal are a fairly recent immigrant group to the United States, most having emigrated after 2000. Many came as political refugees, fleeing because of the political and economic difficulties caused Nepal’s long Civil War. Others fled after an earthquake (magnitude of 8.1) shook the city of Kathmandu, killing almost 9,000 and leaving 3.5 million people homeless. An estimated 70,000 Nepalese speakers in the US are actually Nepali-speaking Bhutanese who fled Bhutan and were resettled in North America after 17 years in refugee camps in eastern Nepal. Additionally, tens of thousands of students leave Nepal each year for colleges and universities in the United States and the rest of the world.
Learn about Your Afghan Neighbors

Afghanistan is a land of various people groups, such as Pashtun, Tajik, Qizilbash, and Hazara. Each group has its own language. Almost two-thirds of Afghans living in the United States are ethnic Tajiks. Pashtuns are another large subgroup, representing both the Pakistani and the Afghan communities. Dari and Pashto are the 2 official national languages. Many Afghans speak more than one language.

The Pashtuns are the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan, yet there are very few Pashtun believers. The Tajiks are the second largest and have emerging Christian leadership. The Hazaras make up the third largest ethnic group and are targets of persecution from the Pashtuns and the Taliban. Gospel access to the Qizilbash is limited.
Learn about Your Hindi-speaking Hindu Neighbors

Hindi is the majority language spoken among Asian Indians. The counties of Alameda and Santa Clara top the list for Hindi speakers in the U.S., with 80,000+ combined. Many of the Asian Indians living in the Bay Area are specialized high-tech workers here on an H1B visa. Three quarters of all of HB visa workers are from India. Of all of the cities in the US where companies request H1B workers, three Santa Clara cities are in the top ten: Sunnyvale is #4 with 12,472 requests for 2020, San Jose is #8 with 11,662 requests, and Mountain View is #10 with 9,625 requests. San Francisco is second highest in the US with 19,769 requests, but while many work there, most Indians do not live in San Francisco. These specialized workers are employed at Google, Infosys, PayPal, eBay, Wal-Mart, LinkedIn, and hundreds of other familiar companies, including perhaps, where you or members of your church work.
**Read thru the Bible** | **Focus Prayer Points** | **Pray for the Sikhs**
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Dec 29: Rev 13-16 | Ask God to help you see the world with new eyes - Jesus’s eyes | Pray that God stirs up a great hunger for Himself within the Sikh community
Dec 30: Rev 17-19 | Thank God that His mercies are new every morning! | Pray that those who cannot read be exposed to the Gospel in other ways
Dec 31: Rev 20-22 | “Come, Lord Jesus!” Pray that Jesus’s presence within you draws others to His love and salvation | Pray that God calls more workers into the harvest field of the Sikh community

*He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Revelation 21:5*