



## *Great Commission Prayer Initiative*

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### *Monthly Theme:* *Holiness*

The Lord is holy and worthy of our praise. This should bring an incredible sense of awe and reverence as we set apart God alone to be adored and worshipped. Sometimes the routine and busyness of life can shift our focus and we can forget what it means to stand before a Holy God. This month, may we be reminded to return to our first love and to fall on our faces in awe and reverence before Him.

### *Weekly Themes:*

Week 6 – Holiness

Week 7 – Racial  
Reconciliation

Week 8 – Families

Week 9 – Hearts & Hands

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14*



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Week 6: February 7-13, 2021

## Focus: Holiness UPG: Afghani Muslims

*But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:15-16*

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Afghans</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 7: Lev 14-15</a>	Pray that we would humble ourselves before the Lord.	Pray for those (Afghans) being persecuted
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 8: Lev 16-18</a>	Confess any sins God brings to mind.	Pray for reconciliation among the Afghans
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 9: Lev 19-21</a>	Pray that we would turn from our sin.	Pray for Afghan believers to seek unity
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 10: Lev 22-23</a>	Pray that God would restore a sense of awe to all His people.	Pray for the Pashtun people to be reached for Christ. Pray for a complete Bible in print and audio.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 11: Lev 24-25</a>	Pray for all generations to have a desire to honor the Lord and that anything that has been put in place of God would be removed.	Pray that God uses the Jesus film and Bible (both in Dari) to draw the Tajik people to Himself
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 12: Lev 26-27</a>	Pray that churches would turn back to their first love.	Pray for the Hazara people group to believe the good news
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 13: Num 1-2</a>	Pray for our churches to be truth-tellers speaking with love and grace.	Pray for doors to open for the Qizilbash people group to be reached with the gospel



### *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 Tajik 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.



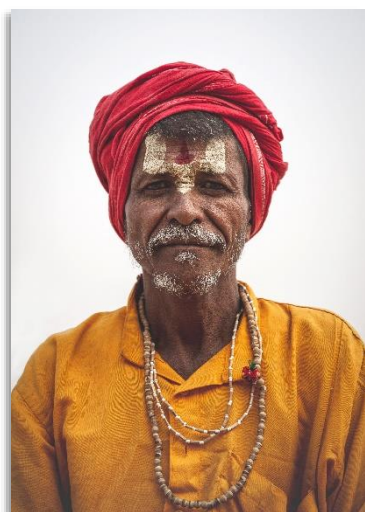
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Week 7: February 14-20, 2021

**Focus: Racial Reconciliation**  
**UPG: Hindi-speaking Hindus**

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith  
*Galatians 3:26*

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Hindus</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 14: Num 3-4</a>	Pray for unity in our churches.	Ask that Hindus would come across the truth of Jesus Christ and the Father through the internet, Christian witness and other ways.
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 15: Num 5-6</a>	Pray for believers to truly love God and love people.	Pray for Hindus to see that we were created to be transformed into Christ's image, not to be God Himself.
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 16: Num 7</a>	Pray for the church to be God's hands and feet to those around them.	Ask for Hindus to have a revelation of the greatness of God and that He alone is to be worshipped!
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 17: Num 8-10</a>	Pray for repentance, healing and reconciliation in our nation.	Pray that God will awaken in the hearts of Hindus the understanding of right and wrong (Romans 2:15).
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 18: Num 11-13</a>	Pray that bridges would be built toward racial reconciliation.	Ask that compassion will touch Hindus in all their ways and that they will start to search for the deeper meaning of love and compassion.
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 19: Num 14-15</a>	Pray that God would teach us humility and give us grace to respond to others with humility.	Ask for encounters with the love of the Father and the Lord Jesus to lead Hindus to choose Life.
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 20: Num 16-17</a>	Pray for God's peace to be evident in our churches and world	Pray that Hindus will have a revelation of the love of God and the free gift of Life forevermore.



## *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.



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Week 8: February 21-27, 2021

## Focus: Families

### UPG: Punjabi-speaking Sikhs

... But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children

Psalm 103:17

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Sikhs</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 21: Num 18-20</a>	Pray for children (of all ages) who are struggling in their faith and/or have turned from God	Pray for Punjab, the home of the Sikhs
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 22: Num 21-22</a>	Pray for unity in families and that God would be the center and utmost priority.	Pray for the Punjabi Sikhs in the Bay Area and across the USA
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 23: Num 23-25</a>	Pray that God would help parents raise up disciples-makers.	Pray for the vision of planting churches among the Sikhs
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 24: Num 26-27</a>	Pray for addictions and strongholds in families to be broken and for each member to find identity in Christ.	Pray for the missionaries that are trying to reach the Sikhs
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 25: Num 28-30</a>	Pray for husbands to love the Lord with all their being and to love and lead their families as God desires.	Pray that God uses Sikhism's rejection of the caste system to unify Sikhs into a church that recognizes equality among believers
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 26: Num 31-32</a>	Pray for wives to be obedient to the Father and to love their families as God desires.	Pray that Sikh-background-believers share the gospel with others regardless of caste and class divisions
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 27: Num 33-34</a>	Pray God would touch the hearts of the younger generation) to be on mission with God.	Pray that one day millions of believers from Sikh, Hindu and Muslim backgrounds will worship at God's throne



### Learn about Your Punjabi-speaking Sikh Neighbors

Punjabis were some of the first immigrants from South Asia to the United States. Initially, Punjabis worked on farms, then lumber yards and on railroad construction. Many eventually became successful landowners and farmers. More recently, many have excelled in technology fields. For example, the cofounders of Hotmail and Sun Microsystems are both Punjabi. The University of California, Santa Cruz has a Sikh studies program.

The Sikhs worship in gurdwaras. Another function of every gurdwara is the Langar, a free community kitchen where people of all faiths are invited to share a vegetarian meal together. There are gurdwaras in the Bay Area cities of Livermore, Union City, San Mateo, Milpitas, Fremont, Santa Rosa, San Jose, Hayward, and Santa Clara.



# Great Commission Prayer Initiative

Week 9: February 28-March 6, 2021

## Focus: Hearts and Hands Schools

### UPG: Uyghur Muslims

*Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.*  
Proverbs 22:6

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Muslims</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Feb 28: Num 35-36</a>	Pray that teachers and staff at the schools would show the love of Jesus through actions and words.	Pray for a spirit of forgiveness and that Uyghur Christians will actively forgive.
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 1: Deut 1-2</a>	Pray for increased and steady enrollment at all sites.	Pray that Uyghur Christians would sense God's presence and peace.
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 2: Deut 3-4</a>	Pray for dedicated teachers and leadership as growth continues.	Pray that Uyghur Christians would pray with hope and fervor.
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 3: Deut 5-7</a>	Pray for patience, peace, and kindness especially during challenging situations.	Pray for prayer movements to cover the Uyghur's situation, and for God to reveal strategies in prayer for the Uyghurs.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 4: Deut 8-10</a>	Pray children and families would come to know Jesus.	Pray for Uyghur believers to be released from detention camps
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 5: Deut 11-13</a>	Pray for the health and safety of staff, children and families.	Pray that God would call and equip missionaries to the Uyghurs
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Mar 6: Deut 14-16</a>	Pray for wisdom and creativity for churches involved with the school to engage the children and community.	Pray for GCA churches to adopt the Uyghurs and pray for them



### *Learn about Your Uyghur Muslim Neighbors*

Most Uyghurs are from Xinjiang, a province in China. Today, Xinjiang is a police state. Over a million Uyghur are in internment camps, experiencing imprisonment and torture. Their children are forced to live at state-run boarding schools. Their language, culture and religion are being systematically abolished and they are being brainwashed to join the Communist Party. For these reasons, Uyghurs are attempting to flee, with some finding asylum in the United States.

Most Uyghur follow a kind of folk Islam. In the United States, local mosques are adopting them. There are various Christian resources for Uyghur in their language. Joshuaproject.net has links to Bibles, The Jesus Film, videos, and more information about the Uyghurs.