



TRIBAL

Most tribal peoples are animists. This means that they believe in spirits that live all around them: in trees, in fields, in rocks, in rooftops, in animals, etc. People must try to keep these spirits happy and enlist their help. Animists usually live with a certain amount of fear that a spirit will be unhappy with them. Often they have traditions and practices that involve appeasing certain spirits they believe can provide blessing for their people or harm.

POPULATION

*206 million people,
3% of the world
population*

UNREACHED

*1,004 unreached tribal
groups*

LOCATIONS

*Most tribal peoples are
concentrated in Africa
and Southeast Asia*

Pray

- Pray for freedom from fear and false worship
- Pray for an end to tribal fighting, revenge killing, and sorcery-related violence.
- Pray for Bible and discipleship materials in all 300+ languages still needing translation work.
- Pray for unity of the Spirit across isolated and diverse communities.



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HINDU

Hinduism is nearly impossible to explain simply since it is actually a conglomeration of ideas, practices, beliefs, and convictions. They believe in hundreds or thousands of gods (which are likely appearances of one divine essence). They believe in karma and in reincarnation -- that is, when you die, you come back to life as an insect or a cow or a person.

POPULATION

*1.19 Billion people,
15.1% of the world*

UNREACHED

*2,476 unreached
Hindu groups*

LOCATIONS

*Most Hindus are
concentrated in India*

Pray

- Pray for the few followers of Jesus to be effective in demonstrating how Jesus blesses and heals families and communities.
- Pray for families and communities to discover and embrace the free gift of life found by trusting in Christ and his finished work.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give Hindu people love for God's Word and a desire to spread its influence.
- Pray for outreach workers who can explain the gospel with accuracy and cultural sensitivity.



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UNRELIGIOUS / CHINESE

The largest block of non-religious peoples in the world is in China. This is a large category encompassing peoples whose dominant belief system is either agnosticism, meaning they do not believe in God and do not have much interest in spiritual things, or atheism, affirming a non-existence of God.

POPULATION

*1.4 billion people,
17.7% of the world*

UNREACHED

*443 unreached
unreligious groups*

LOCATIONS

*Most unreligious
groups are
concentrated in China*

Pray

- Pray that believers will share the Gospel with boldness and clarity
- Pray that God would stir Chinese Christians to intercede for and reach out to China's suffering peoples.
- Pray that a strong community of followers of Christ would be established among the Chinese people.
- Pray for God to show them that Jesus Christ is the sovereign, risen Savior - the only one who is truly worthy of worship.
- Pray for spiritual openness and a hunger for true righteousness, especially among their leaders.
- Pray that people would be discontent with a religion that does not provide forgiveness of sin and access to the creator God.



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MUSLIM

To be a Muslim, one must say with conviction at some point in his life the creed “There is no God but God, and Muhammad is his Prophet.” They are also expected to uphold the five “pillars of Islam” which are: to recite the creed, pray five times a day, fast during the month of Ramadan, make a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, and give alms.

POPULATION

*1.8 billion people,
24.2% of the world*

UNREACHED

*3,470 unreached
Muslim groups*

LOCATIONS

*Mainly concentrated
in North Africa,
Middle East, Central
Asia, Southeast Asia*

Pray

- Pray that Muslims will learn of the forgiveness and fulfillment found only through Christ.
- Pray for protection of the faith of Muslim Background Believers and for their families. Pray the Lord would encourage them and hold them fast.
- Pray for peace, fairness, and stability in Islamic countries. Pray the current disorder would prepare them for the gospel that Jesus offers.
- Ask the Lord to bless the government and to reveal himself to those in power.
- Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches that will plant other churches.



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BUDDHIST

Buddhists believe that the ultimate goal in life is to achieve “enlightenment” as they perceive it to exist. Buddhism teaches ‘Four Noble Truths’ – 1) to live is to suffer, 2) suffering is caused by desire, 3) one can eliminate suffering by eliminating all attachments, and 4) this is achieved by following the noble eightfold path – which includes having right view, intention, speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, and concentration.

POPULATION

*505 million people,
6.5% of the world*

UNREACHED

*530 unreached
Buddhist groups*

LOCATIONS

*Mainly concentrated
in South Asia, East
Asia, Southeast Asia*

Pray

- There are some followers of Christ among majority Buddhist cultures. Pray they will not mix Buddhist beliefs with the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for strong commitment to Christ, and for holy living.
- Pray for Buddhist families to be drawn to Jesus and to the Bible to find out more about this man, Jesus.
- Pray that Buddhists will increasingly desire a solution for their sin problem. Pray that they will desire a Savior, someone who can provide forgiveness for sin and power to live this life victoriously.

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