



# Prayer Initiative

## STANDING IN THE GAP



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## DAY 20

### Adoration

*You are our shield, our very great reward.* (Genesis 15:1)

*As for God, His way is perfect;  
The word of the Lord is tested [it is perfect, it is faultless].  
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.  
For who is God besides the Lord?  
And who is the Rock except our God?* (Psalm 18:30–31)

*Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.*

### Confession

*Remember, O Lord, Your compassions and Your mercies,  
For they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
According to Your loyal love remember us,  
For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.* (Psalm 25:6–7)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

### Renewal

*We do not want even a hint of immorality, or any impurity, or greed in our lives, as is proper for a saints [for as believers our way of life, whether in public or in private, reflects the validity of our faith]. Nor will we give ourselves to obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking, which are not fitting, but rather to giving of thanks.* (Ephesians 5:3–4)

*Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—may we think about such things. The things we have learned and received and heard and seen in those who walk with Christ we will practice, and the God of peace will be with us.* (Philippians 4:8–9)

***Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.***

## *Petition*

***Answer me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; In the abundance of Your mercies, turn to me.***  
(Psalm 69:16)

### **Faithfulness as a Steward**

- Of time
- Of talents
- Of truth
- Special Concerns

## *Intercession*

***The God of Israel spoke,  
The Rock of Israel said to us:  
“He who rules over men in righteousness,  
Who rules in the fear of God,  
Is like the light of morning when the sun rises,  
A morning without clouds,  
Like the tender grass springing out of the earth  
Through the sunshine after rain.”*** (2 Samuel 23:3–4)

## *Praying for the Persecuted Church in Morocco*

### **OVERVIEW:**

Morocco is ruled by a monarch who is purportedly a direct descendant of the prophet Muhammad and intends to govern the nation with Islamic principles. Although the North African country has experienced 1,400 years of Islamic oppression, Morocco's original inhabitants, the Berbers, were not Muslim. Islam was brought to the country by invading Arabs in the eighth century. Today, less than 1 percent of the population is Christian. The growth of Christianity has been slow, with a major setback occurring in 2010 when hundreds of missionaries were forced out of the country. With the rise of digital technology and social media, more Moroccans are coming to faith.

## MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Nearly all Moroccans are Sunni Muslims.

## PERSECUTOR:

The government is the main persecutor. Family, friends and communities also persecute Christian converts. There are no church buildings in Morocco. Bible distributions and missionaries are not allowed in the country. It is difficult to find fellowship, but networks of underground churches have developed in recent years. Most believers have not had access to God's Word or discipleship. A number of Christians have been imprisoned on charges of apostasy or proselytizing.

## ACCESS TO BIBLES:

About 35 million people live in Morocco, but only a few printed Bibles exist in the country. It is difficult to get a Bible, but believers access Scripture through creative methods like digital files on SD cards, which they can use on their mobile phones and tablets.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the wisdom of believers caught by secret police.
2. Pray that believers will boldly share the gospel with their families.
3. Pray that Christians will remain united in Morocco.
4. Pray that Islamic schools led by extremists will be closed.
5. Pray that Bibles will become more accessible throughout the country.

## *Praying For The Unreached People of* **Sonar (Hindu traditions) in India**

**Population:** 7,711,000

**Christian:** 0.00%

## Introduction:

The name of the community is derived from the word sona meaning gold, and the people who work with gold are called Sunar or Sonar. Traditionally they are goldsmiths, but with the availability of better educational facilities the Sonar have become inclined towards education. They claim their social status next to that of the Brahmin. Divorce and remarriage are allowed.

## Ministry Obstacles:

A Sonar follower of Christ may lose his place in society, and be ostracized. This is especially an issue for high caste individuals.

## Outreach Ideas in Prayer:

1. **Pray** the few believers among the Sonar will grow in sharing and discussing God's Word with their families and clans.
2. **Pray** for the Followers of Christ

There are few if any Christian believers among the Sonar, but **pray** for the ones that will soon be a part of this community. **Pray** they be well instructed in the faith, and will grow in maturity and in numbers. **Pray** they live holy lives.

3. **Pray** for the Entire People Group

**Pray** for the Sonar community to be humble enough to acknowledge their need for forgiveness of sin, and that they understand the provision for forgiveness that God has provided.

### Praying for our Government

1. Spiritual revival
2. Local government
3. State government
4. National government
5. Current events and concerns

## Thanksgiving

***We love the Lord, because He has heard  
Our voices and our supplications.  
Because He turned His ear to us,  
we will call on Him as long as we live.*** (Psalm 116:1-2)

***We will give thanks to the God of heaven,  
For His merciful love endures forever.*** (Psalm 136:26)

***The Lord's lovingkindness is great toward us,  
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord!*** (Psalm 117:2)

***Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.***