

Family Guide

February 2022
China

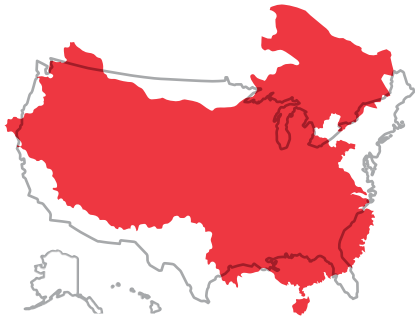


Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
-Psalms 2:8, New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Welcome to China

Way to go! We finished up our first month praying for Indonesia and are about to begin our second month of *For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer*. Our next country is in Asia, too, but way north of where we were last month. Did you pray with us for Indonesia? If not, that's okay. This is a brand new month with another country, so let's get started!

This month we are focusing on China. There are more people in China than in any other country. One day in 2020, China had 1,412,000,000 people—a really big number! In the United States the population was 331,000,000 on that same day in 2020. And, those numbers are getting bigger every day. China has more than four times as many people as the U.S. So, for every single person living in the U.S., there are four people living in China.



China borders 14 countries, four of which we're also highlighting as a least-reached country during *For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer*.



Here are some fun facts about China.

- The Great Wall stretches over 13,000 miles across China. Tradition states it is the ONLY man-made structure that can be seen from space.



- Every single giant panda in the whole world belongs to China. Have you seen a giant panda?



- In China the color red symbolizes happiness. That's why it's so frequently used in festival decorations.



- China is hosting the 2022 Winter Olympics. Do you do any winter sports?





February 1, 2022, is the start of this year's 15-day Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Tiger. Does your home country have an animal associated with each year?

Are you ready to start talking with God about the people of China?

The majority of Chinese people do not believe in any god. Buddhism is China's largest religion, with 185-250 million followers. Most of the 1.4 billion population of China have never heard about God and how He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why China is one of the top 12 least-reached countries and our focus for this month.

Each week we will have a Bible verse, seven prayer requests to pray and an activity for you to do.

Many people don't have a regular time to pray, except before meals and maybe at bed-time. Do you pray every day? Do you want to pray more? Make a plan with your family for when you will pray for China each day. One goal for this prayer plan is to help you make time for prayer each and every day.

Your 2022 Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer, or if you'd like to get last month's family packet. I'd love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org



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Week 1: February 1–7, 2022

“Lord, all the nations You have made will come and worship You. They will honor You.”

— Psalm 86:9, International Children’s Bible (ICB)



Week 1 Prayers

- February 1 is the day the people of China celebrate the first day of the Chinese New Year. Many celebrate by praying to idols—usually statues or images they place in their home on a stand with candles. They ask them for blessings for the year. Pray that people in China will come to understand that these statues and images can’t bless them. Pray they come to know the one true God, who divinely inspired the Bible and whose son is Jesus.
- Most scientists believe the COVID-19 virus got started first in China. Pray that China’s leaders will make good decisions to help keep COVID-19 from spreading among their people. Pray that they will have medicines and whatever supplies are needed if people do get sick.
- Pray that the leaders of China will want to learn about the God of the Bible and will put their faith in Him. Pray they will lead in a way that is fair and right, and best for the people of the country.
- The country of China has hundreds of groups of people who are different from each other. The groups don’t always get along because things happened in the past that caused hurt feelings between them. Pray that the God of the Bible will cause the Christians among them to want to become

peacemakers and to bring God’s peace to the people so that everyone can be kind to one another and live peacefully. Pray that the people of China will experience God’s love.

- Pray that China and all the other countries in the world will find good ways to work together, even though they may disagree sometimes. Pray that the gospel of Jesus will change leaders’ hearts, so that they can find the best ways to work together to make the world a better place.
- Pray for the many people of China who have not yet invited Jesus to be their Savior and Lord. Pray that Jesus would open their eyes to see that His gospel truth is very different and far more wonderful than anything they have ever known. Pray that they would worship Him and no one else.
- We are continuing to pray through a Bible verse each week. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and the 1.4 billion people in China. Does this seem impossible? It doesn’t have to be. Make a plan. Make groups and pray for one group each day.

“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.”

— 1 Timothy 2:1,4, ICB

Week 1 Activity: Coloring Page

Happy New Year !



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Week 2: February 8–14, 2022

“Then all the people of the world will know the Lord is the only true God.”

— 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Week 2 Prayers

• Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in China. *“Lord, teach me what You want me to do. And I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely.”*
— Psalm 86:11, ICB

When praying Scripture, you can simply add names or whole groups of people into the verse. Like this: “Lord, teach each Christian in China what You want them to do. May they live by Your truth. Teach them to respect You completely.” This is another great verse to pray for yourself, your family and friends.

• Pray that Christians in China would join others in a church that teaches about the God of the Bible. Pray that they would grow to love God and each other and to support one another as the family of God. Pray that they will help each other learn to follow God as He leads them each day.

• Christians in China are sometimes treated unkindly. Pray God will help Christians be strong when they face hard things and unkind people. Pray that their strong faith in God will pull others in toward Jesus’s gospel of peace.

• In the Bible, Jesus tells us that talking (praying) to our Heavenly Father is really important, and He demonstrated it by praying to His father both during the day and even in the night. Pray that Christians in China would be faithful to pray about everything—for the salvation of others, for people’s needs, for God’s power to help them obey whatever He leads

them to do, and for anything else He reminds them to pray for. God really, really wants to hear from us.

• Everyone needs to know about Jesus! Pray that Christians in China would share their belief and trust in Jesus with their family and friends, neighbors and co-workers. Pray that those who make movies and art and those who lead the country would also hear the good news of Jesus and say “yes” to Him. Pray that Christians in China and everywhere would help teach new Christians to study the Bible and pray, so that their faith muscle will grow, and they, too, can share their faith with others.

• Every country has people who are homeless, poor, lonely, sick or disabled. These people have many needs but sometimes receive little help. The Bible shows us how Jesus was drawn to these very ones, and He loved them and met their needs. Pray that followers of Jesus in China would show love and help care for needy people, and become regular helpers for them. Pray that needy people would see the love of Jesus in these helpers and want to follow Him too.

• There are some places in China where Christians are hindered from gathering. That means some Christians haven’t been able to get together as the family of God. These Christians are looking for places to meet. Pray that they find them, even if it means Christians offering their own homes as places to meet. Pray that Jesus’ love and light will keep shining in their neighborhoods.

Week 2 Activity: Word Search

China Word Search

W U G I A N T P A N D A Z R C
I U Z J R M G O S P E L N E S
G Q P I N G P O N G K P W D F
X B I C Y C L E G Z J E S U S
P M X O B A S K E T B A L L P
C H I N E S E N E W Y E A R A
J X V H G I N S O C C E R U O
Y K C N R E A S T A S I A B L
U W H O E E B U K R Y B F U Y
P G I Z A R U E C S W I Z D M
R G N C T X M Z I X I B N D P
A C A U W E J V I J M L Y H I
Y H A Z A P T F G M I E K I C
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WORD LIST:

BASKETBALL

BEIJING

BIBLE

BICYCLE

BILLION

BUDDHISM

CHINA

CHINESE NEW
YEAR

EAST ASIA

GIANT PANDA

GOSPEL

GREAT WALL

JESUS

OLYMPICS

PING PONG

PRAY

RED

SILK

SOCCER

TIGER

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Week 3: February 15–21, 2022

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper. He will give you this Helper to be with you forever. The Helper is the Spirit of truth. ... He lives with you and He will be in you.”

— John 14:16–17, ICB



Week 3 Prayers

- Pray that Christians in China will find many ways, like TV and radio, newspapers and magazines, and their computers and phones, to tell the truth about Jesus to the people who don't yet know Him. Pray these ways can also be used to teach lessons from the Bible about how to trust Him more and more. Pray Christians will make new friends as they discover there are many people who believe as they do.

- People of every country love to have fun and be entertained. But there are some forms of entertainment that are actually not good for us and aren't honoring to God. Pray that Christians in China can help create healthy and good forms of entertainment. Pray that more and more people would be drawn away from the bad and toward what is good and honoring to God.

- Jesus was the very best example of how to live rightly. People were often watching Him, and they saw that He was kind and made loving and wise choices in all that He said and did. His love and kindness toward others honored His Father in heaven. Pray that Christians in China would live this way too. Whether they are business people, leaders, teachers, moms, dads or kids—whoever they are—may their words and actions always be kind, fair and loving to everyone. By doing this, those who don't yet know Jesus may want to follow Him too.

- Pray that the people of China will have the food and other important supplies they need each day. Pray that Christians would be thankful to God for the way He provides for them. Pray that they would honor, respect and trust Him even when their life is hard.

- Children in China—just like children in every country—know that even though they try to be good, they sometimes mess up and can't always be good enough to please their parents or even themselves. Pray that God will give them a heart that wants to know Him and a heart that knows He is nearby, even though they don't see Him. He created the whole universe. He made each one of them, loves them and wants to forgive them even when they mess up. God sent His son, Jesus, to die for our mess-ups. The Bible calls them sins. Pray that many children would accept Jesus' gift of forgiveness and grow their faith muscle to become boys and girls who will be leaders of the church someday.

- Join with me in praying Paul's prayer. He was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. We are praying for the Christians in China.

“I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ—to the glorious Father. I pray that He will give you a spirit that will make you wise in the knowledge of God—the knowledge that He has shown you.” — Ephesians 1:17, ICB

Week 3 Activity: Fried Rice Recipe

Fried Rice – Yields 8 servings

2 cups enriched white rice - may use leftover rice instead
4 cups water - if using leftover rice, water is not needed
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup chopped baby carrots
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup frozen green peas
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 eggs
soy sauce to taste
2 tablespoons sesame oil, to taste



Directions

Step 1

Skip this step if using leftover rice. In a saucepan, combine rice and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes.

Step 2

Pre-cook vegetables if desired - skip this step if you don't want to pre-cook your vegetables. In a small saucepan, boil carrots in water for 3 to 5 minutes. Drop peas into boiling water, and drain.

Step 3

Heat wok over high heat. Pour in oil, then stir in carrots and peas; cook for about 30 seconds. Crack in eggs, stirring quickly to scramble eggs with vegetables. Stir in cooked rice. Shake in soy sauce, and toss rice to coat. Drizzle with sesame oil, and toss again.

From <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/79543/fried-rice-restaurant-style/>

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Week 4: February 22–28, 2022

“God, have mercy on us and bless us. Show Your kindness to us. Then the world will learn Your ways. All nations will learn that You can save.”

— Psalm 67:1-2, ICB

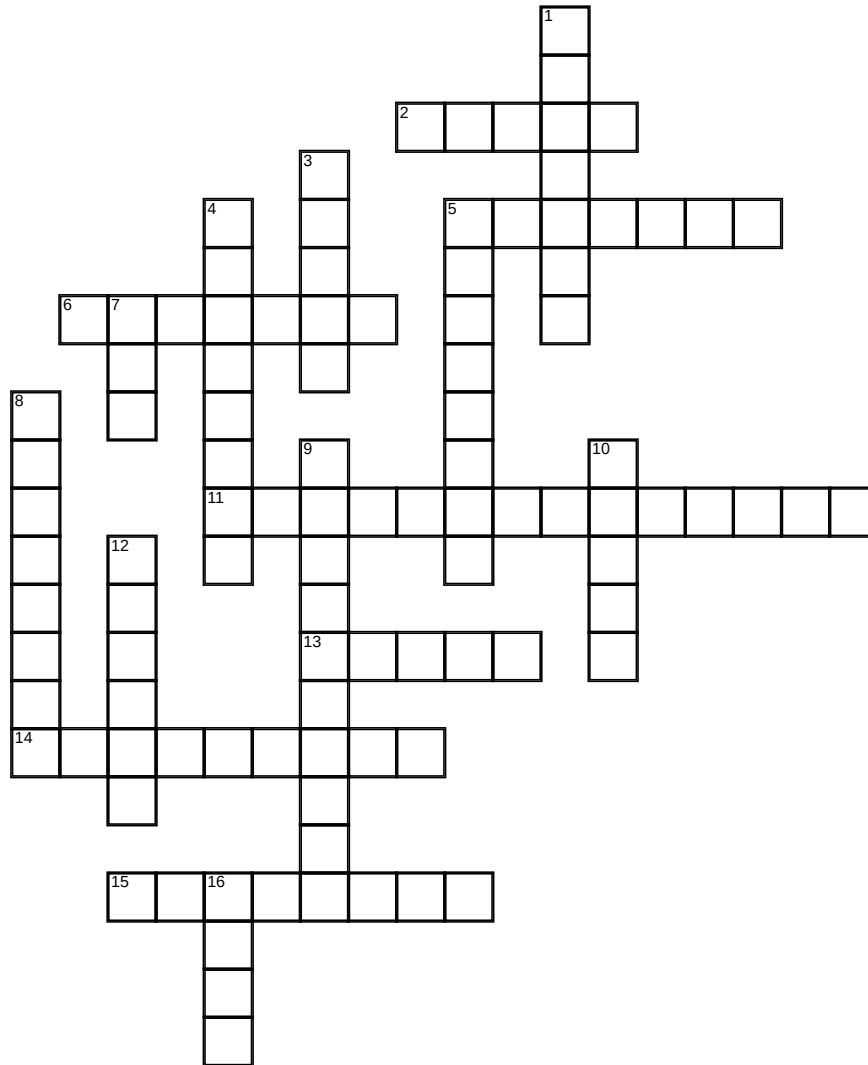


Week 4 Prayers

- When a person asks Jesus into their heart, their heart becomes new and they begin a new life walking and talking with Jesus. He has a plan for that person's life, and sometimes that means being trained at a special school where they learn how to become pastors, church leaders or missionaries. Pray that these students would get the very best training possible so that they can become the best Christian leaders that they can be.
- Pray that the sick will receive proper medical care to get better. Pray that Christian doctors and nurses would treat their patients with compassion and care, as Jesus would. May they bring comfort to those who are sick or hurting, letting them know they are loved by God.
- Pray Christians in China lead and influence their country by modeling God's plan for marriages and families. Pray for Christian husbands and wives, that they would put each other's needs before their own. Pray for them to love, care for and treat each other well. Pray that Christian parents would love their kids well and train them in the ways taught in the Bible. Pray the kids would love, respect and obey their parents.
- Pray for Christian men and women who have not found a husband or wife yet, that they will see being single as God's gift to them for the present time. He has a purpose! Pray they will patiently wait for whomever God has for them to marry, and to use the in-between time to make their faith muscle stronger by trusting Him with this and anything else that may be hard for them.
- Pray that Christian men and women would have a healthy physical, social and spiritual life. Pray that they would remember to practice what they are learning from the Bible and be careful to resist Satan when he tempts them. Join me in praying that all Chinese Christians will read the Bible to learn what God wants them to do, then obey His teaching every day. *“So you must fully obey the Lord our God. You must follow all His laws and commands. You must continue to obey in the future as you do now.”* — 1 Kings 8:61, ICB
- Being a parent is hard work. That is true in China as well. Pray that Christian moms and dads in China would prayerfully seek God's leading in their parenting journey. Pray they learn how to express their love to each child, so that each child knows they are dearly loved.

Week 4 Activity: Crossword

China Crossword



Across

- 2 The written Word of God.
- 5 Capital city.
- 6 God wants us to talk with Him regularly. When we do it is called:
- 11 The most important holiday in this country.
- 13 This is the year of the _____ in China.
- 14 A man-made feature that can be seen from space.
- 15 Where this country is located.

Down

- 1 Only China and India have more than a _____ people.
- 3 Country for this month.
- 4 Major sporting event held every four years. The Winter _____ are in China this month.
- 5 Has the world's largest population of this religion.
- 7 The color representing happiness in China.
- 8 China's national sport.
- 9 Black and white animal often associated with China.
- 10 God's Son who died to pay the penalty for our sins.
- 12 The good news about Jesus.
- 16 Very soft material first made in China.

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TIGER

Resources

Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to China.

<https://joshuaproject.net/countries/CH>

A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 1,900 languages on our website.

<https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english.html>

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