

Family Guide

Indonesia



“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”

— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995



A One-Year Prayer ADVENTURE!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries this year—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country

WELCOME TO Indonesia!



Can you imagine a country made up of more than 17,000 islands dotting the ocean's waters? Indonesia is the largest island country in the world, spanning several thousand miles, and it's located in Southeast Asia. People groups who speak many different languages populate the islands. Some groups are native only to that region, while others live in modern cities. The islands of Indonesia were part of an ancient trade route connecting the Far East, the Middle East and South Asia, bringing many cultures together along with their art, music and traditions. Their economy is a mix that includes agriculture, industry and a growing digital workspace.



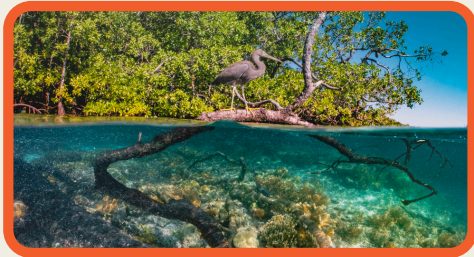
Fun Facts About Indonesia



Indonesia is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions along a certain path in the Pacific Ocean called the Pacific Ring of Fire.



Indonesia has a rich cultural heritage, with traditional art forms such as batik (a method of applying color dyes and designs to cloth using dye-repelling wax), gamelan music (using only percussion instruments), wayang kulit (shadow puppetry) and various dance forms.



Indonesia is well known for its biodiversity, with its vast variety of plant species, animals and organisms. Some of the species in the rainforests and ocean waters of Indonesia can't be found anywhere else in the world. Protecting this biodiversity is important not only for Indonesia but for the whole world.



With over 17,000 islands, Indonesia offers fantastic opportunities for island hopping and exploring different landscapes, from white sandy beaches to volcanic peaks and lush rainforests.



Most of the people living in Indonesia practice the Islamic faith, while one in ten Indonesians are Christian. There are over 61,000 churches in Indonesia!

Ready to pray for the people of Indonesia?

Have you ever had trouble trusting God?

It's easy to let the pressures of life and the world weigh us down. Our eyes look at what is around us instead of focusing on our LORD God. But when we see Him as our master and absolute ruler, our perspective changes. We can more easily entrust all our concerns to His trustworthy, always-loving care.

I recently learned a truth from Genesis 3 that I never knew. It had a profound impact in helping me understand how Satan deceived Eve in the Bible, and how he still deceives people today.

Genesis 2 refers to God over and over again as the "LORD God" over Adam and Eve. A well-known American pastor explains this title (notice LORD is in all capital letters) as a reference to God being the master and absolute ruler over all creation. Yet in Genesis 3:1, Satan does not use the title "LORD God." He strips the "LORD" out and only uses "God."

Satan does not acknowledge God as LORD God. Instead, he shifts the focus away from God being the master and absolute ruler. Satan still uses that deception today.

As we take time each day to pray for the people of Indonesia, let us remember who we are praying to. The LORD God, the master and absolute ruler of all creation, can certainly answer every one of these prayer requests. No matter what Satan says, God has not changed. He still rules over the whole world and beyond. Let's ask Him to do what only He can and expand His Kingdom across Indonesia and the world.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."
— Hebrews 13:8, International Children's Bible

Your 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. I'd love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org



WEEK 1 REQUESTS



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

– Psalm 86:9, ICB



Day 1

If we gathered 100 Indonesians together, about 87 of them would be Muslim, 10 would be Christians, 2 Hindu and 1 Buddhist. Pray that God would open the hearts of the people, no matter their religious background, and give them a hunger to know Him personally.

Day 2

There are 300 local languages spoken in Indonesia. That means it’s a really big job to give them all Bibles and videos in their heart languages. Pray that the Bibles and videos would use just the right words to share what Jesus wants them to know.

Day 3

Sometimes, when people from another religion start to follow Jesus, their families and friends reject them. Pray for God to help these new Christians keep following Jesus and to help their families and friends see that Jesus loves them as well.

Day 4

More than half of all Indonesians are young people. Pray for Christians to come up with new ways to share the good news of Jesus so that young people would want to know more about Him.

Day 5

Pray for people in Indonesia who are in slavery. And pray for those sharing the love of Jesus with them. Pray they can help them in practical ways.

Day 6

Today we are praying this verse for every Christian in Indonesia.

“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 Christians in Indonesia 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 your friends.

Day 7

The island of Sulawesi has more than 110 groups of people. Some groups are Christian and worship Jesus, while other groups worship someone who isn’t Jesus. These groups don’t always get along. Pray that the groups who worship Jesus would see the other islanders the same way Jesus sees them, and treat them with love and kindness. May the people groups in Sulawesi respond to their kindness by wanting to learn about Jesus.

Week 1 Activity: Trace John 14:6 in Indonesian

‘Kata Yesus kepadanya:
“Akulah jalan dan
kebenaran dan hidup.
Tidak ada seorang pun
yang datang kepada
Bapa, kalau tidak
melalui Aku.”’

Yohanes 14:6 (Terjemahan Baru)

*Jesus answered, "I am the way. And I am the truth and the life. The only way to the Father is through me."
– John 14:6, ICB*

WEEK 2 REQUESTS



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

– 1 Kings 8:60, ICB



Day 8

Indonesia has thousands of islands, and half of all the land on those islands is covered in forests. This makes it hard for Christians to travel to those who need to meet Jesus. Pray for God to give Christians in Indonesia wisdom about how to best reach people with His good news.

Day 9

Almost half of the country's population lives on the island of Java. Praise God that the church here continues to grow! Christians of many traditions gather regularly to pray and worship together. They show their love for Jesus by working together to help the island people who are suffering and in need. Pray that those in need will seek their help and come to know Jesus. And pray that the islanders who follow other gods would see the good that Christians do and want to know Jesus too.

Day 10

Pray for the government leaders to care for all Indonesians. May they lead wisely and try to be fair to all.

Day 11

Some old church groups have started following things other than Jesus. Some have even started to follow other religions. Pray that they will turn back to God. May they go back to living like Jesus.

Day 12

Celebrate that God is causing the Christian church to grow, even while some people are against it growing. Pray that God will send people to train more leaders to be like Jesus and who will help others to learn more about the Bible, God and Jesus.

Day 13

In the verse below, the writer Paul clearly encourages us to pray for everyone. That includes your family, your friends, your neighbors, your classmates, the people in your city, state, nation and all the people of Indonesia. Does this seem impossible? It doesn't have to be. Make a plan. Pray for one group each day.

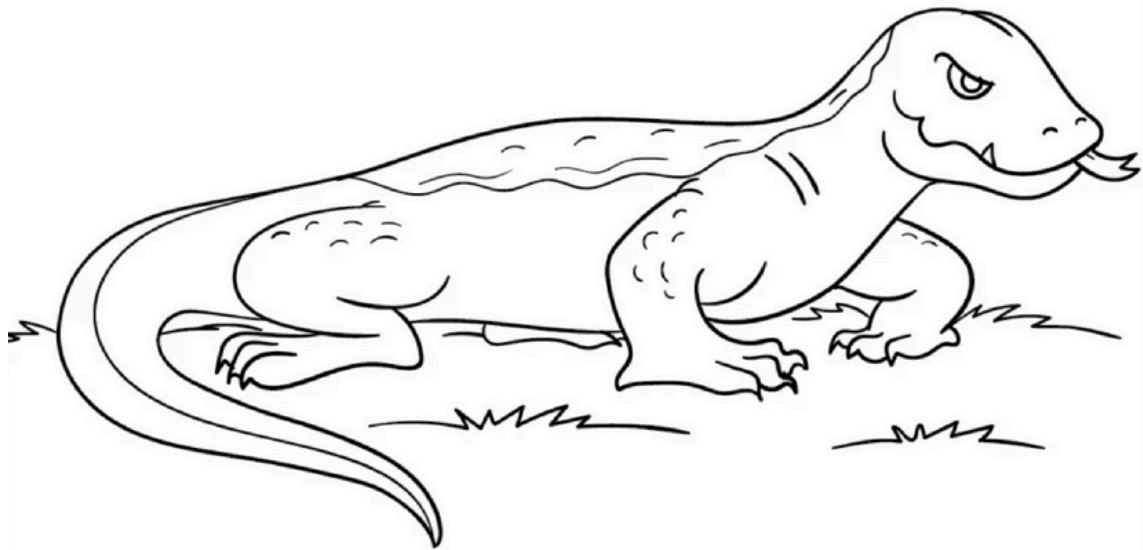
“First, I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him. ... God wants all people to be saved. And He wants everyone to know the truth.” – 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, ICB

Day 14

Indonesia is a country made up of thousands of islands. There are more than 700 people groups, but only about 70 of them have all or part of the Bible available in their heart languages. Ask God to choose believers who can live among each people group. That way they can learn their languages and other things about them and work together to make a Bible in their heart languages.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page

KOMODO DRAGON



WEEK 3 REQUESTS



“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



□ Day 15

In Indonesia, some people are being forced to work and do other harmful things without giving their permission and without being paid. It's a sad thing when a person hurts another person by making them their slave. Ask God to bring freedom and hope to those who have been hurt by slavery.

□ Day 16

Pray that Christians and missionaries can be both loving and careful about how they teach and talk about Jesus to people who believe in other gods.

□ Day 17

Join with me in praying this prayer written by Paul. In the Bible, he was praying for the Christians in Ephesus. Today, we are praying for Christians in Indonesia.

“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

□ Day 18

Pray that men and women in Indonesia treat everyone with kindness and respect, so that there wouldn't be such a thing as slavery.

□ Day 19

Most Indonesians use social media, like Facebook and YouTube. Pray that many will see the posts that Christians make about who Jesus really is and want to know more.

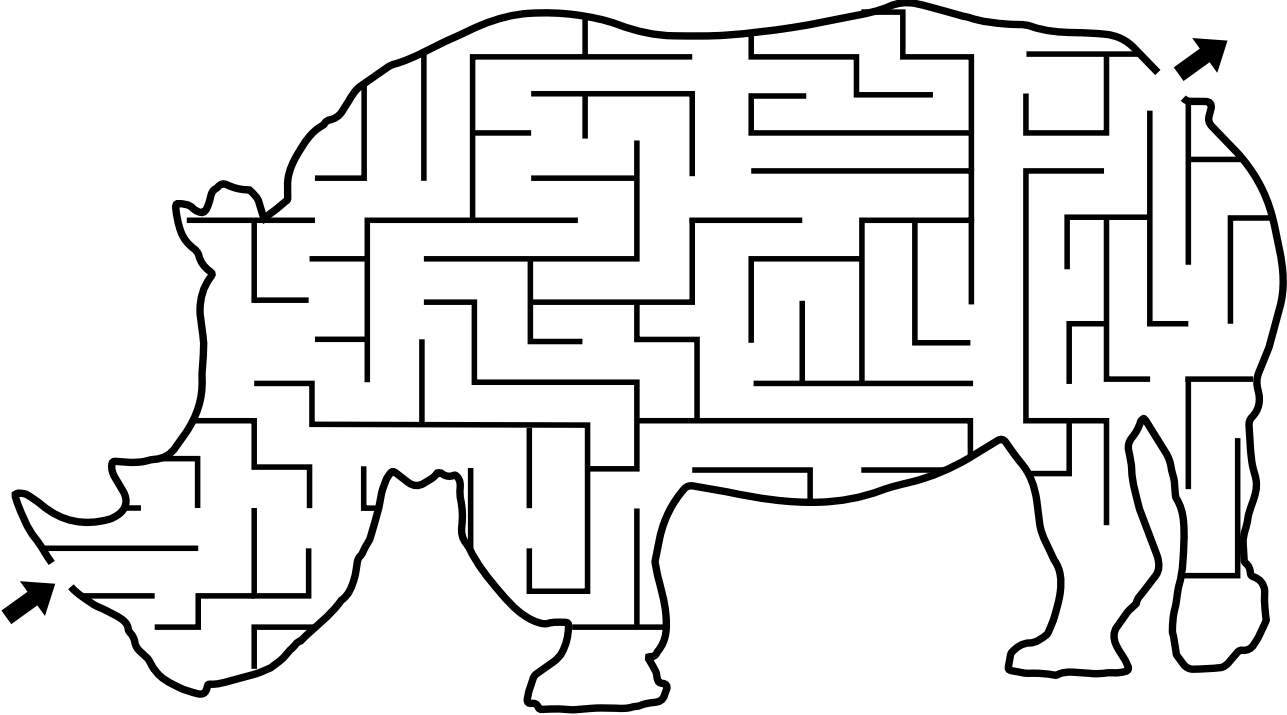
□ Day 20

Some Indonesian farmers have the opportunity to learn different skills for their job, like organic farming. Pray that learning organic farming skills opens up fresh possibilities, like the farmers earning more money and more Indonesian people being able to enjoy organic food.

□ Day 21

Do you know who indigenous peoples are? They are the first people to live in a place. In the island of West Papua, many of the indigenous people are Christians or have Christians living with them or around them! God has been busy these last 100 years sending missionaries to work on this island. But there are still more indigenous groups in West Papua who haven't yet heard about Jesus. Since they can only be reached by airplane, it is a really big job to bring them Bibles. Pray that God shows Christians the best way to do that, so these people whom He loves can learn about Him in their own heart language.

Week 3 Activity: Rhinoceros Maze



WEEK 4 REQUESTS



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*“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



Day 22

Sumatra is a large island in Indonesia with many groups of people, each who speak their own language. Most of them worship someone who is not Jesus, and there are only a few groups who love Jesus. Pray that these Christians would be brave enough to tell people in different groups who live around them about how Jesus loves them too.

Day 23

Pray that the sick and injured will get the medical care they need.

Day 24

Ask God to show Christians creative ways to reach the many people of Indonesia who don't yet know how much He loves them.

Day 25

Ask God to bring teachers to help and encourage Christian leaders to do their jobs well. Pray that God will also teach and lead Christians in Indonesia to be good teachers to younger Christians. And pray for God to provide Bibles written in the heart language of the people living in Kalimantan, the Indonesian part of a large island.

Day 26

Sometimes, women and children need safe places to live. Thankfully, there are new safe houses for them to go to. Pray that the women and children get all the help they need and experience God's love.

Day 27

Join me in praying that all Indonesian 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

Day 28

Imagine traveling to visit friends who live in faraway jungles without good roads, or who live on steep mountains. It would be a long, hard journey just to reach them. This is what Christians sometimes must do to connect with people groups who don't know Jesus. Pray God will send Christians to tell the story of Jesus to faraway people and one day even create a Bible for them in their own language.

Week 4 Activity: Word Search

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

ASIA

BATIK

BIODIVERSITY

CREATIVE

EARTHQUAKE

GOD

INDONESIA

ISLAND

KOMODO

DRAGON

PRAY

RAINFOREST

RHINOCEROS

SAFE

SUMATRA

UNITY

VOLCANO

WEEK 5 REQUESTS



□ Day 29

Pray that children and teachers would learn to recognize when someone means to harm them or others by enslaving them. Pray that Jesus would protect those who are at risk.

□ Day 30

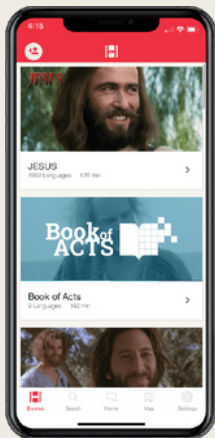
Pray that the different Christian churches in Indonesia will see each other as their brothers and sisters in Jesus. May they work together in harmony to spread the gospel message of Jesus, serve their communities, and be a beacon of hope and love.

□ Day 31

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Indonesia each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Indonesians who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.

Resources

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Indonesia.
joshuaproject.net/countries/ID
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
prayercast.com/prayer-topic/indonesia
- ▶ 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 2,000 languages on our website.
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