

For the Least Reached

Prayer Guide



“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

Thank you for praying with us!



Welcome to the Russia Prayer Guide.
This monthly prayer guide forms part of
For the **Least Reached: A Year of Prayer**,
our one-year prayer initiative.

Each month we unite with the body of Christ in prayer for one least-reached country around the world. Many of the people in these countries have never heard the message of the gospel, or it's difficult for them to learn about Jesus or worship Him.

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Nearly

75%

of all the world's unreached people—a whopping 3.6 billion people—live in the 12 countries that we will pray for this year.

WELCOME TO Russia!



Russia is a vast and diverse country. It is made up of over 6 million square miles and it spans 11 time zones, making it by far the largest country in the world. Over 180 ethnic groups call Russia home. Join us this month to learn more about this diverse country, and to pray for those there who do not know Jesus.



Did you know?

- ▶ Russia is known for two fascinating aspects. First, Russia is famous for its excellent ballet programs and performers. Then, there are the space dogs! In the 1950s and 1960s, Russia launched dogs into space to test whether humans could eventually go there as well. So, you've got elegant dancers and pioneering space canines—both iconic parts of Russian culture!
- ▶ Russia is home to the coldest inhabited place on Earth: the village of Oymyakon. In the winter, temperatures drop far below freezing—as low as -90°F (-67.7°C).
- ▶ The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg is famous for its vast collection of over three million items whose origins span from prehistoric times to the present.
- ▶ During summertime in Russia, in cities such as St. Petersburg, the phenomenon known as the "White Nights" occurs where the sun barely dips below the horizon. This results in a natural twilight that can last all night, making it seem as if it's daytime continuously. This unique occurrence leads to widespread celebrations and nightlife, with people enjoying the extended daylight through various festivities.
- ▶ Russia is home to the longest railway in the world. The Trans-Siberian Railway, built in 1916, stretches over about 5,700 miles (9,000 kilometers) and crosses the entire country from Moscow to Vladivostok.



Praying for Russia

Celebrating God allows us to reconnect with the profound greatness of our Creator. This practice, often termed "praise" or "adoration," serves as a powerful antidote in our fractured world. By pausing, quieting our thoughts and centering our focus on our Lord God and His divine attributes, we discover a sanctuary of peace, rejuvenation, hope and spiritual renewal. When you celebrate God, what do you focus on?

Here are some verses that I use to celebrate our wonderful God.

"Because Your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify You.
I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your name I will lift up my hands."
— Psalm 63:3-4, New International Version

"I will exalt You, my God the King;
I will praise Your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise You
and extol Your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
His greatness no one can fathom."
— Psalm 145:1-3, NIV

As we pray for the people of Russia, let's also pray that Christians across this land will frequently take time to stop and celebrate God.

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A photograph of a man and a young boy in winter clothing. The man is wearing a dark blue knit hat and a dark blue puffer jacket with a fur-lined hood. He is smiling and looking towards the boy. The boy is wearing a grey knit hat and a bright blue puffer jacket. He is also smiling and looking towards the camera. They are outdoors, with a blurred background of trees and foliage.

Week 1

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

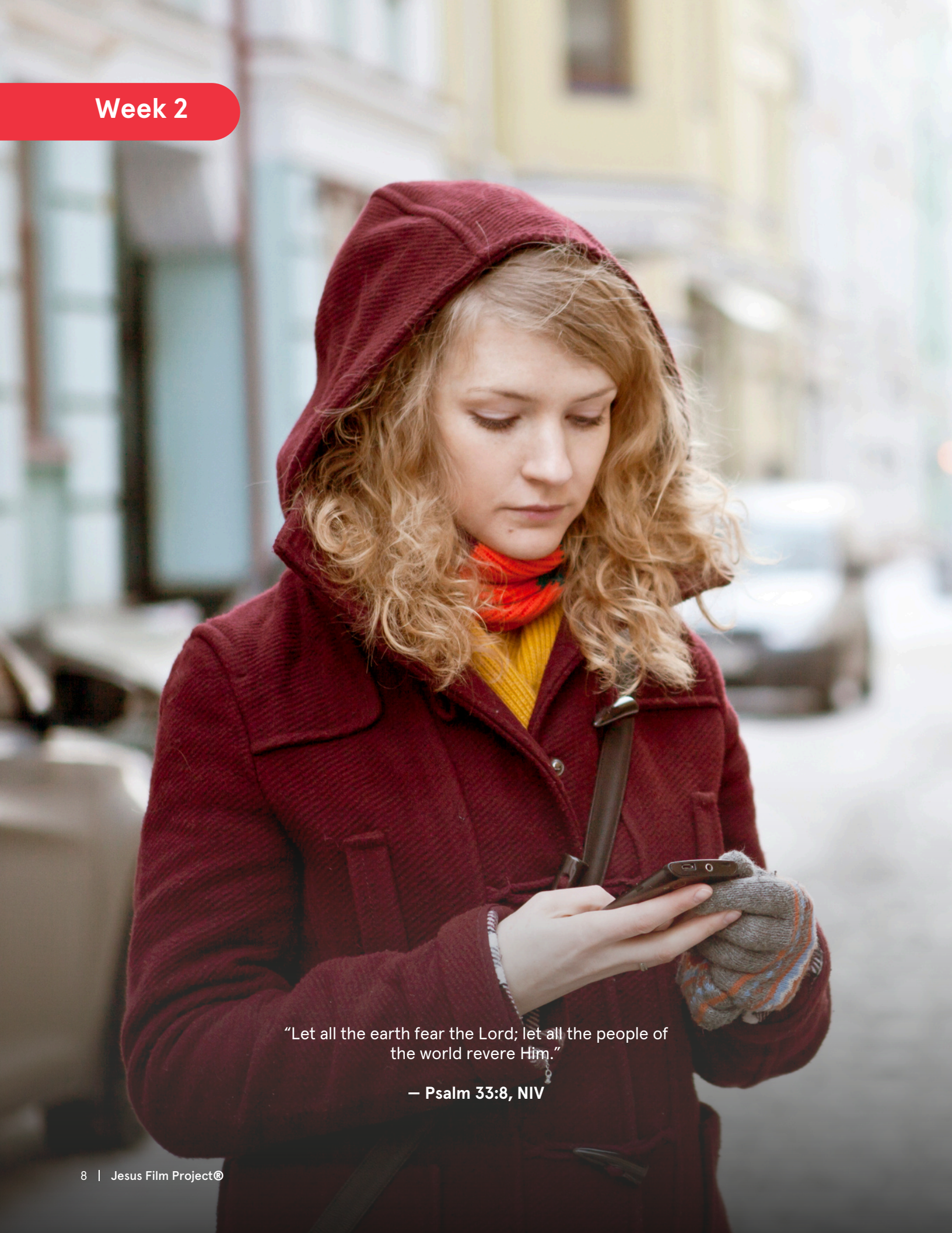
— John 3:16, NIV

Week 1 Requests



- Day 1** Russia is the largest country on Earth. It spans 11 time zones. Pray that God will raise up Christian workers across this great expanse and in each of its over 180 people groups.
- Day 2** Certain regions and people groups in Russia have very few Christians. Pray for the translation of Christ-centered resources into the languages of these unreached people.
- Day 3** In Luke 10:2 the Lord calls us to ask Him for more laborers for the harvest; that is, for more believers to share the gospel, lead people to Him and mentor new believers. Join us in praying for more Christian workers to help with the harvest across Russia.
- Day 4** In addition to more laborers for the harvest, ask the Lord to bring trained men and women to lead these new workers. May they faithfully seek and follow His wisdom in all they do.
- Day 5** Sanctions have heavily impacted the ability of many to access funds across Russia. Please pray that God will open doors so that Christian ministry may continue and even expand.
- Day 6** Using Scripture is a great way to pray for yourself, your family and friends—not just for people far away. Pray this over your loved ones and for every Christian in Russia:

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” – Colossians 3:1-2, NIV
- Day 7** Pray for wise and faithful-to-God leaders and advisors at every level in Russia.



"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of
the world revere Him."

— Psalm 33:8, NIV

Week 2 Requests



Day 8 Praise God for new, recently planted churches. Pray that God would raise up leaders and new believers to continue establishing new churches in His perfect timing.

Day 9 Pray the Holy Spirit will give Russian Christians boldness to live strong and daring Christ-like lives capable of bringing transformation to Russian society.

Day 10 Ask for God to open doors for women’s ministry, providing relevant resources and relationships so that women throughout Russia can hear about God’s great love for them.

Day 11 Pray for healthy churches to grow and multiply, and for current church members to help plant new churches in neighboring communities.


Day 12 The Lord often inspires believers to use new, creative methods to draw people to learn more about His truth. Pray for those God has called in Russia to create the latest tools. May they effectively reach every segment of Russian society.

Day 13 Pray that Russian people who do not yet know Jesus recognize Him for who He is and see their need for Him.

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” – John 14:6, NIV

Day 14 Pray that Russia, and every nation in conflict, will find peaceful ways to end their conflicts with other countries.

Week 3

A man in traditional Inuit clothing, including a hooded parka, mukluks, and a kamuk, stands in a snowy landscape. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a large, dark, conical structure made of animal skins and wooden poles, resembling a teepee or a traditional Inuit shelter. The scene is set in a winter environment with bare trees and a clear blue sky.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

— 2 Peter 3:9, NIV

Week 3 Requests



- Day 15** Pray for the families of Christian workers in Russia to be strong in the Lord and to lean on Him at all times, even when it's difficult.
- Day 16** May Christians of all denominations, backgrounds and organizations come together as the unified body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission: Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).
- Day 17** Pray for Christian outreach across Russia to grow and develop through creative strategies, training, mentoring and relevant, Christ-centered resources.
- Day 18** Ask God for more church-planting teams to serve throughout the country, and that through them a church would be established within reach of every person in Russia.
- Day 19** Many Russians are not seeking God and are living in spiritual darkness. Ask God to shine the light of His truth into this darkness and spark a revival that draws Russians to Him!
- Day 20** The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Himself and to let Him fight for us. The Christians in Russia need to do this as well, so join me in praying God's Word for them.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."
— 1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV
- Day 21** Pray that God will use Russian Christians to influence all levels of Russian leaders to make godly decisions.

Week 4

*“Come to Me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

— Matthew 11:28, NIV

Week 4 Requests



Day 22 Praise God that He has enabled Christians to minister to others during difficult times. May God continue to lead them in caring for family, friends and their communities.

Day 23 Ask God to prompt Christians among Russia's various peoples and nationalities to plant churches that are culturally relevant, and that offer community and Christian worship to draw people in.

Day 24 Many Christian workers depend on financial donations from friends and churches to support their work. Please pray that the Lord, who owns everything, will amply supply their every need.

Day 25 Pray that the Lord will lead Christians to nonbelievers who are seeking the truth. May they lead them to Christ, disciple them and train and mentor them in practical ministry.

Day 26 Different forms of media—full-length movies, short films, social media posts, ads—can all be used to share the gospel in culturally relevant ways. Pray for God to give believers wisdom in creating and using each of these different methods. May they help connect not-yet-believers with resources that explain God's love and salvation message.

Day 27 "How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" — Romans 10:14-15, NIV

Pray that God will raise up pastors and Christians to take His gospel across the nation of Russia.

Day 28 Pray for Russian Christians to continue sharing the gospel with those around them and helping younger Christians grow in their faith.

Week 5 Requests



- Day 29** May God enable Russian Christians to continually choose to be loyal, faithful and dedicated to Him amid hard times.

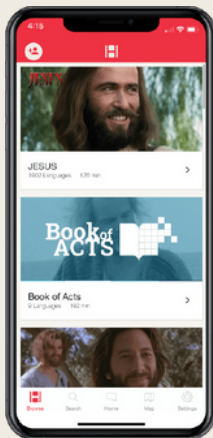
- Day 30** Ask God to provide all the basic needs of Christian workers and their families in Russia. May they trust in the Lord and experience His care for them, even when times are difficult.

- Day 31** Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Russia 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 Russians who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



Resources

- ▶ You can see these requests and others in our [Prayer Experience](#), a web based app.
- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Russia. joshuaproject.net/countries/RS
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/prayer-topic/russia
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have over 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
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