



5x5x5 Prayer: Five Minutes, Five Days, Five Topics

Mekong Minorities

We invite you to pray for Mekong Minorities – the diverse people groups that live along Mekong River that flows from China through Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam – for just five minutes a day, for five days, for FIVE STRATEGIC AREAS. Your prayers will open doors in powerful ways, encourage believers, release strongholds and bring great glory to God.

The Mekong River flows through five countries, diverse people groups and everything from mega cities to remote villages. As water flows down the river, guaranteed to reach its destination, so Mekong Minorities' vision is to see gospel movements among 70 of the most unreached people groups in the region. These diverse groups with different languages and cultures number more than 50 million people. They vary in size from several hundred thousand to twenty million people. Buddhism has influenced many of these groups and all have strong animistic or ancestral worship beliefs.

All share an urgent need: God's word in their language, the church in their culture and workers in places where they live. Pray with us for this need to be met.





Day One

ZHUANG

Hidden among the mountains of south-west China are countless villages of Zhuang people who have never heard of Jesus. Many worship the spirits and their ancestors. Less than 0.25% of the 20 million Zhuang have believed in Christ. Strongholds must be broken and the good news proclaimed to see God's kingdom come among the Zhuang.

Lord, pour your truth into the hearts and minds of the Zhuang. May your salvation come, not just to individuals, but to families, communities and entire villages.

Lord, thank you that you continue to raise up workers to go to live and work among the Zhuang. May they hear your call and walk in obedience to it. May they know you as their provider and helper.

Lord, thank you for the Zhuang who have believed. Give them a passion for the lost. Help them to see they are part of your plan for bringing the good news to their families and villages.



Day Two

TAI KHAO & TAI DAENG

From northern Vietnam into Laos, hundreds of thousands of Tai Khao and Tai Daeng have yet to encounter the good news of Jesus Christ. Some have embraced Buddhism. Others worship the spirits and their ancestors. Join us in praying that they will experience the peace that comes from knowing their Creator.

Lord, we ask that you would send people to declare and demonstrate the good news to the Tai Khao and Tai Daeng. Please empower any believers from among them for this, and call Christians from similar cultural backgrounds to reach out to them.

Lord, please sow the seeds for a movement of reproducing churches among the Tai Khao and Tai Daeng. We pray that every one of their villages would have a church and every family among them would hear the good news.

Lord, please strengthen and encourage the few Tai Khao and Tai Daeng Christians. Please fill them with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, that they may live a life worthy of you and please you in every way (Colossians 1:9-10).

“THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL *but the workers are few.*



Day Three

THIRD CULTURE KIDS

Cross-cultural workers who are also parents need wisdom as they help their children be 'at home' in the culture they are living in, while preparing for future transitions to school in their passport country. Only a few live close to international schools. Others home-school, use local schools part-time, board or attend a modular school group which blends classroom teaching with home-schooling.

Lord, we pray that parents would know your wisdom as they make decisions about their children's education and that their children will thrive in the options chosen.

Lord, many families feel under pressure because of children's schooling needs. For some, the daily challenge of home schooling, the high-pressure to achieve in local schools, or the separation when children board away from home can be hard. May families in ministry know your enabling and your joy in the midst of these challenges.

Lord, we pray that you would send more personnel to support workers in educating their children. Teachers, boarding home parents/assistants and home-school tutors are all needed. We especially pray for teachers and host parents needed for new modular school options in our region.

Ask the
Lord of the harvest,
therefore,



Day Four

RADIO BROADCASTS

Daily radio broadcasts bring a consistent gospel witness across the Mekong Region. The programs often start with local idioms as stepping-stones toward sharing the gospel. In recent weeks a number of families who have been listening to the broadcast over several years have made a decision to follow Christ. Pray for communities with growing faith in Christ to emerge across the hills and valleys, towns and villages of the Mekong Region.

Lord, we praise you for the people have responded to Christ after having heard the gospel on the Radio in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, North Vietnam and south-west China. May they grow towards spiritual maturity.

Lord, thank you for the thousands of CDs and Micro SD Cards containing, testimonies and biblical teaching that have been distributed over the past year. May they be effective in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Lord, your word is now freely available in cellphone apps in many minorities' languages. Give the peoples a hunger for your word that will lead them to salvation in Christ.

Lord, keep the broadcasters full of your spirit and with fresh vision and provision for new and creative ways to get your word out. Please protect and provide for their families too.

{ **TO SEND OUT WORKERS
INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."**

-Matthew 9:37-38



Day Five

FAITHFULNESS TO THE VISION

John Piper has described OMF's vision as "audacious". The picture of Indigenous Biblical Church Movements of people coming to Christ is rooted in the anticipation that one day, the earth will indeed be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. The Mekong river flows across many countries. It starts in Tibet and ends up at the sea in Vietnam. Sometimes a river has to go underground, or around obstacles. Sometimes it passes through rocky gorges. Other times it is broad and meandering. It always reaches its destination. So it is with God's Church.

Lord, please send out more workers into the harvest field to meet people and households of peace. Lead us to people who will welcome the messengers, receive the gospel and will know that Jesus's promise of the Holy Spirit is for their families, friends and for all those who will receive.

Lord, fill your people with your Holy Spirit so that they may bear powerful testimony and be able to share the gospel with clarity and conviction.

Lord, grow your people so that having received grace they may joyfully obey you in all your ways.

Lord, build your church where there is no church among the peoples of the Mekong region.

Lord, raise up godly leaders across the Mekong region who will not lord it over their flocks but will equip your people for works of service that will bring you glory.

NEXT STEPS

Is God drawing you to more focused prayer or involvement with Mekong Minorities? Consider additional ways to nurture God's love among these people:

PRAY. Join a growing team of intercessors focused on the Mekong region. For more information about praying for Mekong Minorities, visit omf.org/mekong

PARTNER. Mobilizing your community to join God's work in the Mekong region is a vital ministry. Will you encourage others to pray and serve?

GO. We're praying for 120 new workers – could you be one of them? There are opportunities to serve unreached peoples first hand and support those reaching the unreached. There are long-term opportunities in teaching, human resources, finance, maintenance, IT, and of course church planting. Or come short term and be part of long-term strategy by prayer walking or teaching English among the unreached of Mekong. There also are short and long-term opportunities to serve Third Culture Kids (TCKs).

For more information visit opportunities.omf.org.

What resonates in your heart? How do you want to get involved? Visit omf.org/mekong for more information.

