



The **Muslim** people of the **Silk Road** and **Southeast Asia**

We invite you to pray for the Muslim People of China's Silk Road and Southeast Asia, your prayers will open doors in powerful ways, encourage believers, bless these diverse communities and bring great glory to God.

1>>> SILK ROAD

Asia's Silk Road regions have been a network of highways for trade, commerce and cultural exchange for over 2,000 years. Tea, spices and silk and other treasures were traded from Europe to Asia via the perilous deserts and mountain ranges of Central Asia and Western China. Buddhism, Islam and Christianity all entered East Asia along these Silk Road trade routes.

These regions are now home to different peoples, including eleven people groups that are traditionally Muslim and have their own language, culture and traditions. Hui, Uyghur, Kazak, Dongxiang, Kyrgyz, Salar, Tajik, Bonan, Uzbek, Tatar and Alxa Mongol—each group is precious in God's eyes.

2>>> SOUTHEAST ASIA

The lands of Southeast Asia, with their rich history, tropical rain forests, green paddy fields and bustling mega-cities are home to over a quarter of a billion Muslims in over 250 different people groups.

In a number of countries in the region, Muslim people are in the majority, enjoying many privileges but in other places, they are marginalized minorities. Some Southeast Asian Muslims are highly educated professionals, who study the holy writings in Arabic while others are subsistence laborers and farmers, whose faith is combined with animistic practices—each group is precious in God's eyes.