

Ways to Pray for East Asia – Power Point Notes

The prayer points on the slides are taken from the Ways to Pray for East Asia Prayer Guide which you can download using the QR code on the slide or going to this link:

<https://omf.org/resource/ways-to-pray-for-east-asia-a-stories-based-prayer-guide/>

There are three introduction slides and seven prayer topic slides starting with big picture prayers for the region. The subsequent slides cover six different ministry areas.

It is up to you to decide how many slides you would like to show in your prayer meeting. It might be that you would like to have a couple of meetings where you might repeat the introduction and the big picture prayers and then take three further topics, using the prayer guide for stories and resource pages.

Slide 1 – Praying for the Evangelization of East Asian Peoples

Welcome and give an outline of what is coming up. Praying for the evangelization of East Asia's people based on the Ways to Pray for East Asia prayer guide, which can be downloaded from the OMF website (see QR code).



Opening prayer - please pray as led for the prayer meeting.

Slide 2 – Introducing the numbers 'One in Three People in the World'¹

1 in 3 people live in the East and Southeast Asian region.

Over 700 million in Southeast Asia² where the largest populations can be found in The Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia.

AND over 1.6 billion in East Asia, where the largest population can be found in China³.

Total East and Southeast Asian population 2.2 billion.

¹ Source for 1 in 3 population figure taken from Joshua Project (2026), Lists: all countries, <https://joshuaproject.net/global/countries>. Accessed 5 January 2026

² Population figure 704,755,165. source accessed 5 March 2026
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/continents/southeast-asia>

³ Population figure 1,648,241,988 source accessed 5 March 2026
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/continents/eastern-asia>

Suggestion to make this an interactive session. Ask if anyone has been to the region? If they have, ask them what struck them most about the country they visited? Or if not then maybe ask them if they know the names some of the countries are on the map? Or you could ask how big do they think the populations of China (1.4 billion), Indonesia (288 million), the Philippines (117.7 million), and Vietnam (102 million) are? You can get people to check out the answers on <https://worldpopulationreview.com/> where they are regularly updated.

Slide 3 – Introducing the Need 'Less than 1 in 10 know and follow Jesus'

There are a wide range of belief systems practiced in the region including Folk Religions, Communism, Taoism, Buddhism, Shinto, and Islam. There are significant populations of Christians too, it is estimated that there are over 2203,691,988⁴ of which nearly 9% are evangelical Christians. Except for the Philippines, Christians in the region are in a minority. This can make it hard for them to reach out to their neighbors, especially in countries where there may be religious harmony or apostasy laws.

Slide 4 – Our Motivation to Prayer

The main purpose of this prayer meeting is to see the Lord glorified by the gospel reaching the peoples in the region. They are those who cannot call on the one they have not believed in if they have never heard Jesus preached. Can you be praying in line with God's heart for the unreached; and, for the OMF missionaries who are passionate to go and tell these people who have not heard of Jesus? We long to see a gospel kingdom built in the region and it all starts with prayer!

‘You do not have, because you do not ask’ (James 4:2). Hudson Taylor, the founder of OMF, said ‘Learn to move man by prayer alone’.

Slide 5 – Big Picture Prayers

These are prayer points that cover the main thrust of the prayer meeting, that the Lord will use his people for the evangelization of the peoples of East and Southeast Asia.



Invite the group to read and then pray through the points on the slide.

⁴ Source for population numbers on the slide: Joshua Project (2026), Lists: all countries, <https://joshuaproject.net/global/countries>. Accessed 5 January 2026

Slide 6 - Integral Mission

In serving through integral mission our missionaries try to hold together evangelism and teaching with responding like Jesus to peoples' needs with compassion and justice. Our prayer is that through living lives modelled on Jesus OMF missionaries can reach the unreached with him. Jesus left the realms of glory to make himself nothing, he did not just teach but he modelled his teaching as he prayed and showed justice, love, kindness, mercy, and humility.

As an example, you could share an integral ministry story from the prayer guide like Nutrition for Transformation on page 8.



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Slide 7 - Planting Churches

When our missionaries are planting churches, they hope to model Paul's instruction to the Ephesians to equip the body of Christ through evangelization and discipleship that will empower local leaders to build and multiply the Church. They model their way of doing this on a pattern seen in Acts, which initially started with Jesus' disciples growing local churches, and equipping them to go out and start more groups of followers of Jesus. We hope to build new bodies of local believers who have heard the gospel and started to follow Jesus and who in turn will build up new local churches.

As an example, you could share a planting churches story from the prayer guide like 'Fostering Sustainability' on page 16.



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Slide 8 - Marketplace Ministry

Sadly, in many places in East and Southeast Asia there are no churches. This means missionaries need to think creatively about how they can legitimately live among the people and serve them. It means some people use their commercial gifts and set up businesses in local communities, so that through them they can bless customers, suppliers, and local employees. People not only hear the gospel through these interactions, but they also get to see the difference knowing Jesus makes in real life situations.

As an example, you could share one of the stories of how people have used their professional skills to connect with their communities on pages 20-27



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Slide 9 - Living Life

These prayers are about missionaries who are showing how they integrate sharing Jesus in their daily lives? Evangelization of the peoples of East and Southeast Asia begins with people leaving their homes to go and prayerfully live by faith amongst communities that may never otherwise hear about Jesus. Ordinary people leading ordinary lives that seek to reflect the gospel to the community where the Lord has placed them.

As an example, you could share a planting churches story from the prayer guide like 'Up steep cliffs and through deep waters' on page 33.

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Slide 10 - Caring for Creation

On this slide the focus on creation care, which is rooted in our need to steward God's creation well. This is an everybody issue, not just the responsibility of scientists and environmentalists, as Jesus is the first-born over-all creation (Col 1:16b). OMF missionaries use opportunities in their community and their daily living to share how their care for the environment is motivated by their love for Jesus, the lord of all creation.

Why not tell the story on page 38, Bonding over Trash, to show how getting involved in practical creation care initiative can open opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.

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Slide 11 - Online Ministries

Over the last few years teams of missionaries have begun to share evangelistic posts on social media and train up local Christians to minister to those who respond. Others are using their creative skills in video making to share their lives and the gospel online. These online platforms are connecting with the unreached by building on decades of team experiences in understanding local cultures.

An unexpected ministry (page 44) is a good example of how a family was able to use videos of their daily lives to attract new audiences for the gospel.

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Slide 12 - Thank you for praying

This is a chance to reflect on the meeting. The slide gives more information on how participants can get more involved in missions if they feel led to do so. Please let the group know how grateful we are at OMF when they partner with us in prayer for this work. As DL Moody said, "Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure." If participants have not already downloaded the prayer guide, there is QR code on this slide.

At OMF we have identified Six Ways to Reach God's World, you can learn more about this by watching this video <https://omf.org/uk/video/6ways-overview/> developed by missionaries living in Taiwan.