

10/40 Lift-UP.2017

(March 7 – April 15, 2017)

Lifting Up the World's 40 Largest Unreached Peoples in Prayer for 40 Days*

Please join us in praying for the world's 40 largest unreached people groups during the 40 days before Easter, from March 7-April 15, 2017. Most of these groups live in the "10/40 Window," a geographic area of the globe that spans across Northern Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, between northern latitude degrees 10 and 40.

The "10/40 LiftUP.2017" Prayer Calendar features a countdown of 40 days of prayer before Easter, highlighting a different large unreached people group each day; from the 13 million Fulani people of Nigeria (March 7), to the largest group, the 136 million Shaikh-Bengali people of Bangladesh (April 15). On Easter, April 16, we will celebrate our Risen Savior, the King of the Nations, who is able to do "more than we can ask or imagine or think!" (Ephesians 3:20).

According to the U.S. Center for World Mission, an unreached people group is an "*ethnic group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their people group.*" All of the unreached people groups featured in the "10/40 LiftUP.2017" prayer calendar are less than 1.5% Christian.

As a general guideline for prayer, please ask the Lord of the Harvest to glorify His name:

- * **Equipping and sending godly laborers to these peoples and abundantly providing for them.**
- * **Opening doors for the Gospel among these peoples that the Word may be shared boldly.**
- * **Softening the hearts of these peoples to receive the good news about Jesus the Messiah.**
- * **Translating and Distributing the Scriptures, and other Christ-centered media into the indigenous "heart" languages of all of these people groups.**
- * **Protecting, strengthening, unifying, and enabling believers to persevere despite difficulties.**
- * **Binding the powers in the heavenly realms that are in opposition to these peoples knowing about the light of the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His salvation (Eph. 6:10-20).**
- * **Establishing strong, Christ-centered indigenous churches that will be both loving and sound in doctrine, with a heart for missions both inside and outside their culture.**
- * **Supplying the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of all these peoples to the glory of the name of the Lord Jesus, our wonderful, merciful Savior.**

"Let the peoples praise you O God, let all the peoples praise you!" (Psalm 67:3)