A 31-day prayer guide for:

The Alliance Canada

Tibet



About this 31-day prayer guide:

Did you know that it was with the motivation of reaching Tibetans for Jesus that A.B. Simpson organized our movement to reach the unreached peoples of the world? Yet it was not until 1892 that the first international workers, William Christie and W.W. Simpson (not related to A.B. Simpson)

reached the shores of China in search of the Tibetan people. Three years of language study and three months of westward travel found them on the ethnographic border of Tibet, waiting to cross over to reach these people.



CREDIT:

This prayer guide was written by a retired international worker. The NKJV is used for the scriptures unless otherwise noted.

Light of the World

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

May your light shine out of darkness and into their hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ

Jesus, Light of the World, be light in the darkness to those who stumble along the way. Expose all that is hidden and shrouded in darkness and let the Light of the world cause every lie believed, to be revealed and to fall harmless before your brightness. Bless Tibetans with clear visions and dreams of the Saviour of the world. Reveal the lawless one with the brightness of your coming* and enable Tibetans to see and follow Jesus. Amen.

*2 THESSALONIANS 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.



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Tibetan Christians

LUKE 1:80 (TPT)

Afterward their son [John] grew up and was strengthened by the Holy Spirit and he grew in love for God.



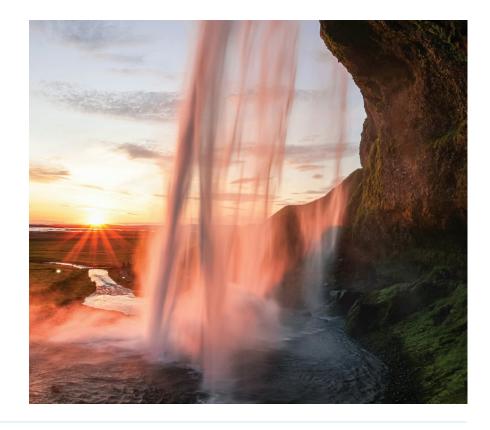
Lord, as we bring before you Tibetan believers who live in many countries around the world, would you provide the right conditions and opportunities for them to grow up in the Lord and in the love of God? Send them disciplers who will mentor and care for their well-being - shepherds to gently lead them. Fill them with the Holy Spirit of promise and let their love for God grow fully, providing a joy-filled Christian life for them as they share the good things of God in their fellowships and among their community. Be pleased with them our Lord. Amen.

God's Glory

HABAKKUK 2:14

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Lord, upon your dear Tibetan people in their homeland, and wherever they are scattered around the world, we ask for a manifestation of your glory. Where their spiritual eyes are not attuned to the Holy Spirit, we ask for sight, that they would see this promised glory and have a revelation of who You are, of Your love for them, and of the ransom paid by Jesus their Messiah for their redemption. We pray for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit on the generations. Raise up evangelists and reapers in the harvest fields so that Tibetans my hear, be gathered to you, and be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. Let the Glory of the Lord rest on this people pouring its flood of God's glory over them. Amen.



The Lord is a Warrior

PSALM 35:1-2 (TPT)

O Lord, fight for me! Harass the hecklers; accuse my accusers. Fight those who fight against me. Put on your armour, Lord; take up your shield to protect me.



God of the universe, majestic in creation-power, warring on behalf of your chosen ones, come to the aid of Tibetan Christians who love you and serve you in the midst of persecution, gossip, and rejection. Prove false the accusations against your beloved followers overcome their enemies who fight against them and raise up your shield of protection over them. Speak over their souls, "I am your strong Saviour,"* and give them peace. Amen.

*PSALM 35:3 (TPT)

Stand for me when they stand against me! Speak over my soul: "I am your strong Saviour!"

Whom Shall I Serve?

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Father, your Tibetan sheep love you even when they are pressured to turn back from following you. Some have yielded to the insistence of family to return to Buddhism in the face of much hassle and guilt-tripping, and have left their first love. Others seem to follow Buddhism in order to 'keep the peace.' Loving Father, watch over Tibetan Christians; confirm their love for you; strengthen and shore up their faith when it is attacked. Let your peace guard them and keep them from compromise. They need wisdom to navigate an insistent community and family for whom they feel deep respect and obligation. Swaddle them around with your protection so that they will not yield to temptation or keep the smallest 'innocent-looking' ritual to satisfy onlookers. Defend them during festivals when they are asked to lay a khata (a white ceremonial scarf) over the large portrait of the Dalai Lama, the god-king of Tibetan Buddhists. Let them respond in quiet and confident boldness, expressing their reason for the hope that lies within them. Give them great joy in their choices to follow you wholeheartedly. Bring them through triumphantly, carrying others with them. Amen.



JOHN 6:68
But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Happy Birthday {July 6, 1935}

JOHN 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.



Father, we ask that the Dalai Lama would have the best birthday ever—his spiritual birthday. We pray that he would find the 'Way' that has been his lifelong search. Unravel the thinking that has shrouded his pathway; split the clouds of ignorance and let the glories of the risen Christ pour into his soul. Let this be a day of high rejoicing in heaven over his soul saved. Give him insights as he reads the New Tibetan Bible that was gifted to him. Come Holy Spirit, reveal the glorified Jesus as he reads and ponders. Let him know the joy of the Lord. Before his days on earth pass, free his will from forces that grasp him. And give him time and breath to speak of your wonders. Amen.

DAY 7:

Birthday Celebrations

ISAIAH 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, ... And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

In the days surrounding the commemoration of his birth, millions of Tibetans and Western Buddhists ill honour and celebrate the 90th birthday of the Dalai Lama, born July 6, 1935. Lord, we all rejoice in the birth of a baby into the world—especially one with a destiny written on his life. We ask that the Dalai Lama would not pass before he has found and fulfilled the purposes of God for his creation. We ask that he would find this fulfillment in the babe born in Bethlehem—the one who fulfilled all the will of the Father and fills this world with hope. Let there be a meeting of these two; win the battle for his soul; bring the peace that he represents into reality through the Prince of Peace; send shivers of shock throughout the world at the announcement of his salvation and snatch him from those who would shut his mouth as he testifies of Jesus. Amen.



DAY 8:

Ambassadors



2 KINGS 5:2-4

And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."

Loving Lord, who takes away the sin of the world, would you send your ambassadors to his court to bless the Dalai Lama with a word of hope as the little mistress did to Naaman's wife? Would you wash away the sin of the world under which he labours, bringing healing of spirit, to him and to soul-sick humanity? Would you place in his government, monastery and residence followers of Jesus*, whose fragrance and sincere testimony illuminate you. Give the Dalai Lama ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. Fulfill his joy as he comes to trust in Jesus. Let his final years produce the greatest influence of his life as he directs his followers to Jesus, the lovely One, the saviour of the world. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 4:22

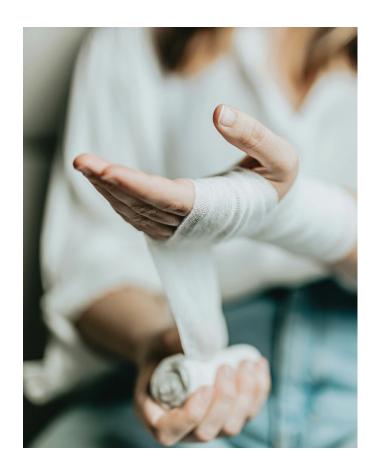
*All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

Restored

2 KINGS 5:14

So he went down and dipped, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel;

Divine Healer, look on the infirmities of Tibetan people with compassion, sending your prophets and friends to bring healing to ailing ones. Those whose souls are taken captive, those whose eyes are blurred, those who seek the supernatural with deep devotion, will you dip them in the cleansing stream of the blood of Jesus bringing miraculous healings to their souls. May Tibetans recognize that this healing comes only by God and no other deities. Would you presence yourself among them as they seek their gods until they know that there is no God in all the earth except Yahweh, the creator and maintainer of the universe, and lover of their lives. Come to them; be revealed there; draw them to your side. Amen.



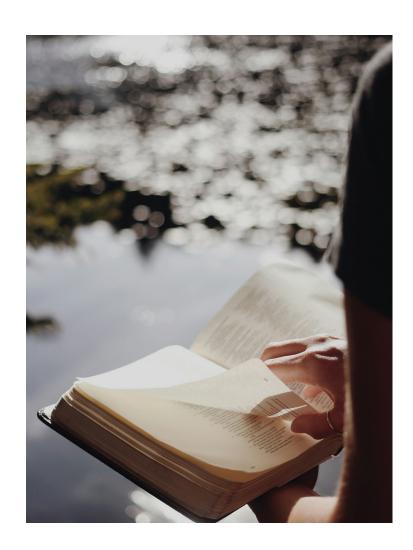
Holiness

HEBREWS 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, to love what is holy.* Lord, as we would long to be holy in our thoughts, work, and heart, likewise create desire within Tibetans for the holiness of God and breathe in them, O Holy Spirit, that their thoughts may be holy. Act in them, O Holy Spirit, that their work may be holy. Draw their heart, O Holy Spirit, to love what is holy. Amen.

*Prayer of St. Augustine of Hippo adapted



The Futility of Religion

"By the proud you are not found, not even if their curiosity and skill number the stars and the sand, measure the constellations, and trace the paths of the stars...For they do not in a religious spirit investigate the source of the intelligence with which they research into these matters."

(AUGUSTINE CONFESSIONS)

Creator God, by whom all things were made and by whose power and wisdom the world was framed, take the God-given curiosity of Tibetans to investigate and direct it to search out the Creator of the universe. Steer those who are ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth,* to discovery—the discovery of the source of this beautiful earth and all that they enjoy on it. Give them no satisfaction in their religious arts or in their repetitive, perfunctory droning of chant and practice. Free their overloaded minds from mindless habits and let them discover the exhilarating liberty of the pursuit of God. Renew their minds; plant the mind of Christ in them. Set their thinking on the things that are above and give them a hunger to find truth. Render their minds rich in the knowledge of Christ until eternity is fully formed in them. Amen.



*2 TIMOTHY 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Diaspora Christians

MATTHEW 5:11 (NKJV)

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.



Lord, we pray for growing, believing communities of Tibetan Christians among the diaspora. Strengthen the faith of those who are wearied by the barrage of criticism against them, while living in close proximity to and in relationship with friends and family. Preserve their Godly lives so that charges against them are shown to be false. Pour in your balm to salve the chaffing of their souls as they are misunderstood and innocently accused. Bolster their faith so they are never offended over you, Jesus. They need your grace to continue to live redemptively among their communities where their servant attitude is displayed and tested. Provide this for them; let them rest in that grace.

Bring joy into their fellowships, forgiveness among their members and genuine Godly fellowship. Let the manifest love of God be the hallmark of all these relationships.

Bless them Lord for their perseverance and let them rejoice in the blessing promised to those who never lose their faith in you no matter what happens*. Amen.

*2 TIMOTHY 3:7

And tell John these words: "The blessing of heaven comes upon those who never lose their faith in me, no matter what happens.

I Am

EXODUS 3:11, 14B (AMPC)

And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? And God said to Moses, ... say, I Am has sent me to you!

Great God of love, who called Moses and still calls today to those who would reflect Jesus for Tibetans to see, give a burning bush experience with a clear call to go to the nations – to nations both here and abroad – with the message of God's love for them. Lord, do not delay or be slow in keeping your promises towards the peoples of the world. Send your word so that none should perish, but that all should turn to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). In particular, Lord, break through the shroud of unbelief deafening Tibetans from your whispers. Hasten the rescue plan for oppressed people; presence the great 'I am' among them until all have heard. Amen.



Before the gods

PSALM 57:9-11

I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations. For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Lord God Almighty, we sing in the midst of and before the gods of this world. For you alone are worthy of worship, and to you we bow in wonder and adoration. We sing among the nations, not in competition or defiance of their deities for they are not worthy of a glimpse. We would only engage the Living God, asking that as we worship you would presence yourself among the praises of your people, and there be enthroned.* Let each place where we praise you become a throne for you, my God, enriching the atmosphere with truth and holiness, and drawing Tibetans to it. Impregnate the atmosphere of worship and devotion with hope for Tibetans. And in these places, let the planted seed of salvation spring forth into life. Presence yourself among them. Amen.



Persistent Prayer

LUKE 18:6-8

Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily...

O God who hears humble prayers, hear the prayers that we lift up to you day and night on behalf of Tibetan people. Look on the captivity of their souls and the domination of their spirits, and by your Holy Spirit free them to understand the liberty in Christ, to find the joy of their salvation, to become radiant followers of Jesus.

We are not wearied to come again and again and again with this request. We ask you for justice against the torment of their fears; do not delay; we pray in expectation. Amen.

P.S. Lord, we don't always hear the results of our prayers immediately. But we confess our trust in their fulfillment. Avenge them speedily. Let us be found among the faithful left on earth.* Lord, teach us to pray.

*LUKE 18:8B

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"



Jesus Wept

LUKE 19:41 (TPT)

When Jesus caught sight of the city, he burst into tears with uncontrollable weeping over Jerusalem, saying, "If only you could recognize that this day peace is within your reach! ..."



Lord, break my heart with the things that break yours (Bob Pierce). Would you give me words that are effective—words beyond talk and good intentions. Give me a soft tear-stained heart that weeps over Tibetan people. Reveal to me the destiny that you birthed in Tibetan people when you created them and remind me of their fearsome finish should they not find their way to you. In their search for their own way (for their faith encourages this practice) may they find that all roads do not lead to a pleasant destiny. May they find 'the Way' as they search. Give them seeking hearts and do not disappoint them with the nothingness of Nirvana at the end of the trail. Lead them into eternal bliss with their Maker and Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

JOHN 17:3 (NIV)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Lord of Angel Armies

PSALM 46:10-11 (TPT)

Surrender your anxiety! Be still and realize that I am God. I am God above the nations, and I am exalted throughout the whole earth. Here he stands! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us!

Lord, as we wait on you, we behold your overarching power and your tender heart. (Pause and reflect.) Merciful Saviour, extend your sceptre of grace towards the lost. We bring Tibetan faces and names of our friends before you now with this plea. We also ask for the nameless Tibetan people upon whom your spirit of grace is moving. Bring them into the worriless realm and safety that knowing the tender Shepherd provides for us. God of the Angel Armies, fight for them. God above the nations, look favourably upon this people and lead them to life eternal with Jesus. Amen.

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Who Am I?



GENESIS 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became
a living soul.

Lord, on that day, when you breathed life into your precious creation, you saw the nations. And so we intercede for the nations, and for Tibetan people in particular, scattered throughout the earth. Have mercy upon your creation and restore them. Restore to them the God-given image and identity placed within them when they were wonderfully created. Give them time to know you; give them access to your love; cause them to recognize the day of your visitation, bringing them into your fold. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

DAY 19:

A Reminder

PSALM 22:27

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him.

Our Lord who establishes the rules upon which the universe operates, remember all the ends of the earth who owe their existence to you? Speak to the families of nations referenced in this psalm, that they will humbly bow before Almighty God. Draw them joyfully to their knees in recognition of you as the Way. Lord, we would rejoice to see Tibetan Buddhist nations and peoples included in this number. We raise our request to you for them to turn to you in this hour. Have mercy, O Lord, have mercy on them. Amen.



DAY 20:

Living Water

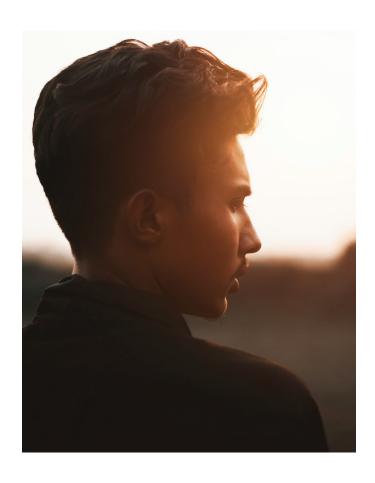
JOHN 4:10 (TPT)

If you only knew who I am and the gift that God wants to give you, you'd ask me for a drink, and I would give you living water.

My Lord, like this Samaritan woman, Tibetan people do not know who you are, nor do they perceive the gift of salvation that the God of love and tender mercy holds out to them. Salt their spiritual diet so that they thirst for you alone. May nothing that they do in the way of ritual, sacrifice, or fervour, satisfy the thirst that you alone quench. Let them ask for the living water and finding it, satiate their thirst with this Living Water. Refresh their weary souls with the life-giving elixir 'til they thirst no more'. Amen.



Confusion



JOHN 4:25 (TPT)

The woman said, "This is all so confusing, but I do know that the Anointed One is coming – the true Messiah – and when he comes, he will tell us everything we need to know."

Lord, we ask that as Tibetans hear truth, it may not be confusing to them, but rather, let it have a ring of confirmation that resonates with their created identity. Let truth find receptivity in their souls, routing the contrasting worldview they have lived. Rewrite their ritual-controlled minds so they can discern what is real and what is illusion. Since Tibetans look for a future Buddha (Maitreya), one yet to come for their salvation, interrupt their long wait, showing them the Messiah, the Anointed One who is here. He is Jesus. Amen.

The Prodigal

LUKE 15:13

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

Lord, we rejoice in the opportunities that Tibetan people are finding to learn about you. You speak to them through your glorious creation and through the testimonies and lives of Tibetan Christians who love you. Thank you for each Tibetan who loves you and lives out a holy life before their company. Add daily to their understanding as they access the many resources, testimonies and songs that undergird the revelation of Jesus. We rejoice in the knowledge gained by Tibetan believers and we confidently ask for more. Would you bring back to their first love Tibetan Christians who once followed you, Jesus, but have been derailed. Bring them home. We sense that they are coming and we thank you for their return, for which we now pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Return to the Faith

ISAIAH 55:11

...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Lord, we remember that your word has been faithfully lived out in times past, and even now in the present, before Tibetans. Some have felt the moving of the Holy Spirit, have known his power to save and now follow from a distance, even forsaking you. Stir their hearts again. Put a longing to return to the refuge they once knew as they followed you. Restore their hope; create new experiences with you. Call again to those Tibetans who were educated in Christian faith schools. Restore their position as sons and daughters of God. Call to them to return to you with rejoicing. Amen.



Contentment

RUTH 3:7B, 9

... and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. So she answered, "Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.



God of all comfort, unknown to those who are driven by fear of the spirits and by hostile deities, let Tibetans come softly to you, uncover your nail- marked feet and sitting there, find the great God of comfort. We call upon you to draw them into the secret place with you where you will take them under your wing. Cover them there. Nurture and feed them, quieting their souls like a weaned child*, removing their fear and tenderly speaking the comfort of the Kinsmen Redeemer into their souls. Amen.

*PSALM 131:2

Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

God of All the Families



JEREMIAH 31:1

"At the same time," says the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people."

ACTS 3:25

... saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

Lord, you know each of these people by name. Would you please bring delight into Tibetan families so they can experience the richness of your mercy and love? Extend the blessings of Abraham to Tibetan people. May they, and all their families who they dearly love, be grafted into the vine. You who keep your covenant with Abraham, would you in your mercy show yourself the only true God to Tibetan people, that they may come running to the Saviour as households and communities. Amen.

Called by Name

ISAIAH 45:4

For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

Our Lord, you have called by name your elect who have not known you. We beseech you likewise on behalf of Tibetan people, for you know them all by name. Bring them to the cross. We entreat you to give them your name, give them a new name, write their names on a white stone (Rev 2:17) and give them a place in bliss with the redeemed around your throne. May Tibetans be found among those who bear the name Christian and glorify God. Amen.



Other Sheep

JOHN 10:16

And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Jesus, who are your other sheep? Are Tibetans named among them? Then let them hear your voice. Send your messengers, your angelic ministering angels, the dreams of the Man in white robes, your many Bible translations, songs, testimonies, and electronic messengers to feed Tibetan sheep, to draw them into the fold, to give them refuge, and to keep them safely there. And when you take stock of your flock, let Tibetans be numbered among them. Let them be there in the thousands, nay in the millions. Bring them as your 'other sheep' into the fold. Amen.



The Father Revealed



JOHN 14:7

"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

Father of mankind, lover of your creation, I thank you that you have called me to know you through the sacrifice of Jesus. My hope and my prayer is that Tibetans too would come to know you and enter into the joy and security of the priceless gift of salvation. Hear my prayer for Tibetans who have not been introduced to Jesus or found the way of peace. Presence yourself among them in a tangible, unmistakeable encounter with the living Jesus that they might know you, Father. Amen

The Road to Emmaus

LUKE 24:45 (TPT)

He supernaturally unlocked their understanding to receive the revelation of the scriptures.

Lord, if your disciples who walked with you for many years did not recognize your appearance, how can Tibetan people see you? But you desire that all men should know you as the resurrected, Anointed One—the Christ. How can they believe in you when they haven't heard of you or don't understand?

Walk with them Lord as on the road to Emmaus; speak to them in ways that they can understand; send your messengers to live out and manifest Jesus, to both tell and show them who you are. Unlock their understanding so they can receive the revelation of the Scriptures. 'Unveil truth to them wrapped in tender mercy.' (John 1:7b TPT) Bless them in their ardent search for 'the way' with an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, lead them into all truth. Amen.



Ancient of Days

DANIEL 7:9-10

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ... And the books were opened."

Our God, we can only imagine the wonder and awe of heaven and the books being opened. When that time comes, may we see the names of Tibetan people for whom we have prayed and the many who have heard your story or have intuitively turned their hearts to you. Gather them into the safety of your fold. Call them to eternity with Father God.

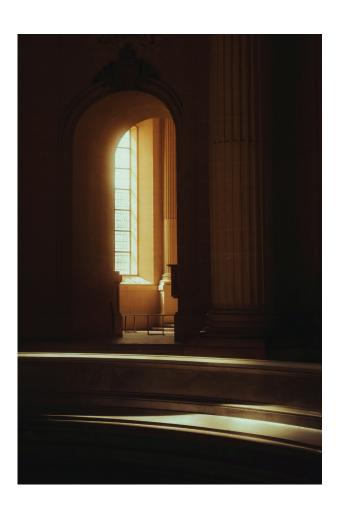
DANIEL 7:14

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Your promise is true that all nations shall serve you, God. Even now, Lord, clothe Tibetans with the righteousness of the Son and lead them into the everlasting kingdom. Let us rejoice together with them in glory. Amen.



The Trumpet Shall Sound



REVELATION 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

MARK 11:9

Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Rejoice you heavens, sing aloud for joy, for Jesus has fulfilled all prophesy. He has come with healing in his wings (Malachi 4:2). Break forth into singing along with the mountains and hills and all creation, for he has overcome the power of the wicked one and in triumph he sits as Victor over every force that holds Tibetans in their grip. We sing for joy for the results of 31 days of prayer to the all-seeing God. Thank you for hearing us, Father. We hold our breath with all creation, awaiting the fruits of our prayers. Gather our prayers together and let them drift into heaven's courts as a sweet fragrance in the nostrils of Jehovah. Let Tibetans hear the word of the Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant;... Enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew. 25:21). Tibetans, take your place as worshipers around the throne. Amen.