

Email

Dear Friend,

This week we are continuing our prayers of intercession for the 3 conflict zones we prayed for in our last Pray Now Live. This week we are dedicating a week of prayer to Yemen. Our next Pray Now Live event will be on Thursday 3rd March at 8pm focusing on three unreached people groups, the Uyghurs, Fulanis and Nubians, and you can now sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/244081122207>

Yemen has consistently featured in the international news as the effects of a devastating civil war and the coronavirus pandemic have crippled its already poor economy and have led to the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Let us lift up this country of huge physical and spiritual need to our God this week.

Inspiration has been taken from the prayer guide "Flood this land" available here:

<https://pray4yemen.com/resources-1>

May God mightily bless you this year and encourage you as you pray and intercede.

For His Glory in the Nations,

Alice

Prayer Coordinator

Monday 17th January



Let's start the week watching this video about Yemen to inspire our prayers:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VifL7Y54H8&ab_channel=prayershorts

- Let's pray for the end of the war in Yemen, one of the worst humanitarian disasters in the world today. Pray for peace and stability to come to this troubled country.
- Pray that God uses this instability to soften people's hearts, to draw towards Him those who are already seeking.
- Let's pray for the many who call Yemen their home; may they find the God of comfort in this time of turmoil and know that they have a place of peace for them with Jesus in their heavenly home.

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Tuesday 18th January

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation," Revelation 5:9

This vision fuels our prayers and to God about the tribes and peoples and languages of Yemen.

A Qabili

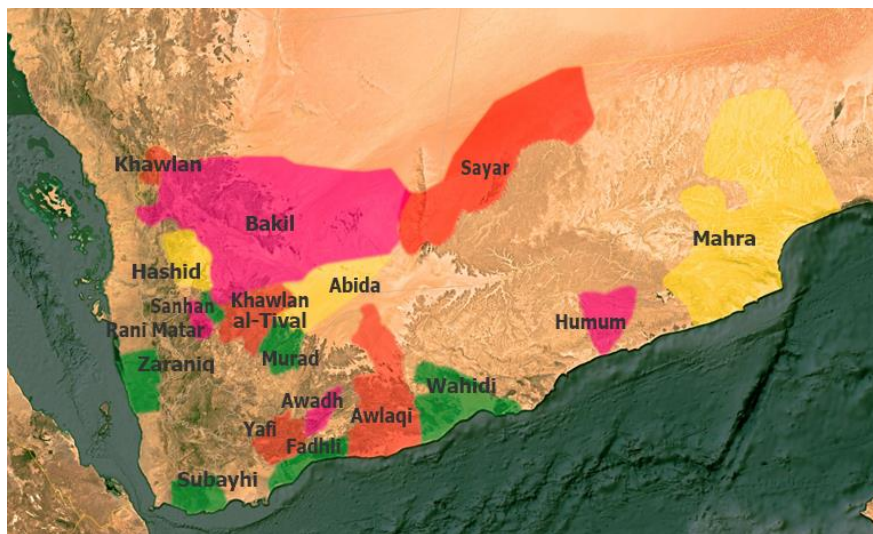
For a qabili (Yemeni tribesman), this is life: You are born into a bayt (household) of your God-given parents and their other sons and daughters. As you grow up, you are expected to behave, live and work in a way consistent with your inherited tribal values, which are shared by all your relatives living nearby (habl). Groups of these extended families all support the qarya (village) where you live together, and then your neighbouring villages group together to support one another in the uzla (territory) where you all live.

Your qabila (tribe) is a larger grouping of multiple village groups and can be comprised of hundreds of thousands of people all sharing the same cultural identity.

Imagine the security and strength that arises for you and your family from this tribal identity and culture. You know who you are. You know who your family is and what is expected of you.

Here is a list of some of the larger qabila (tribes) in Yemen:

Khawlan	Rani Matar	Yafi	Sayar
Zaraniq	Bakil	Fadhli	Awlaqi
Subayhi	Khawlan al-	Awadh	Wahidi
Hashid	Tiyal	Abida	Humum
Sanhan	Murad	Sayar	Mahra (or Mehri)



Let's pray for these tribes to know the Lord Jesus, to learn of His ways and to enjoy the freedom He brings. Let's also pray for them to be at peace with each other during these difficult times in Yemen.

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Wednesday 19th January

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Romans 14:11



The country of Yemen has been inhabited for thousands of years with beautifully unique people as distinct as the landscape and culture they enjoy. A myriad of tribes with distinct cultures are separated from other tribes by their geographic location, their particular sect of Islam, their language, and their traditions and history.

Many dialects of Arabic are spoken in different areas of Yemen, but among the tribes of Yemen there are a few that speak their own language, which is different from Arabic and cannot be understood by Arabic speakers.

Below is a list of some of the linguistic diversity across this nation:

- In the Sarawat Mountains of northwest Yemen, approximately 400,000 Khawlan people speak their own Semitic language of Khawlaniya that pre-dates the introduction of Arabic to the region.
- In the far north-western corner of Yemen, approximately 67,000 people of the small Razihi tribe live in the vicinity of Mount Razih and speak the Razihi language, which is probably one of the last two surviving Old South Arabic languages.
- In isolated areas in eastern Yemen, the Mehri (or Mahra) people speak Mehri, a South Semitic language. There are approximately 50,000 Mehri people living in eastern Yemen and another 50,000 Mehri people in neighbouring Oman.
- The exotic island of Socotra is home to the endangered South Semitic language of Soqotri, which is spoken by less than 50,000 people.



Let's pray over these different peoples now.



- Lord God we pray for these Yemeni people groups to have your holy word in their own language.
- We pray for them to receive and understand the truth of Jesus Christ.
- We pray for more believers to be raised up among these communities, that they might share Jesus with their own neighbours and families.

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Thursday 20th January

Cholera, COVID-19, and a Nation in Despair

But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Psalm 22:19

The cholera epidemic in Yemen began in September 2016 and is now considered one of the worst cholera epidemics in recent history. According to the WHO, there have been more than 1 million reported cholera cases since 2018. Overall, the epidemic has affected 22 of the 23 governorates of Yemen. Moreover, the population most affected by cholera are children under five.



The Covid-19 pandemic has made efforts to control the cholera outbreak more difficult for an already war-torn country. In fact, it is likely many cases of cholera are undetected and untreated because many are not seeking medical treatment in hospitals out of fear that they would be exposed to Covid-19 in the hospitals. This has raised concerns, as Yemen is on course for a horrific situation where both cholera and Covid-19 are peaking.

Yemen's healthcare system is under great strain, especially with the ongoing war destroying many health facilities. Many healthcare professionals have not been paid in years, leading many to leave the system. Furthermore, the government's ineffective response to the health crisis and misuse of funds have limited international aid and caused more strain to the system. Those who have stayed are now being asked to treat patients without personal protective equipment.

- Let's pray against the evils of war which caused widespread famine and the world's worst cholera outbreak in Yemen. Let's pray for the Lord to provide medicine and healing to the most unwell.
- We pray for God to protect the Yemeni people and be their comfort and peace in the midst of suffering and the collapse in most of their infrastructure.
- We pray for an end to greed and corruption, so that those who need medical and food supplies will receive it.



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Friday 21st January

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

Salam Alaikum. Greetings. My name is Mohammed*. Can I tell you about what the Lord is doing in my country of Yemen? The Lord has a harvest in Yemen. He is bringing glory to Himself by calling Yemeni people to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. After centuries in which there were few if any Yemeni believers, His Church in Yemen is growing! By God's grace hundreds of Yemenis from a Muslim background are coming to faith in Christ each year. They are coming by the Holy Spirit calling them through television, radio and the internet. They are coming as the Lord leads them to encounter Himself in through His Word. They are coming as missionaries proclaim the Word of God. They are coming through the testimonies of their believing relatives and neighbours. They are coming as the Lord gives individuals dreams and visions that lead to faith in Jesus.

Brother Abdulla* is an example of those whom the Lord is calling. A church leader reports, "Brother Abdulla was looking for the true God. He searched a lot and his journey brought him to a settling place when He found the Lord Jesus. He put his faith in Christ and gave his life to Him and accepted the Lord Jesus, to Him be the glory, as the Saviour of his life. We baptised him on Thursday."

The Lord's great harvest work in Yemen includes miraculous dreams and visions and divine appointments that lead people to Himself.

** Not real names, but the accounts are based on true stories.*



- Praise God for the glory that He is bringing to Himself through the harvest of new believers in Yemen.
- Pray for the multiplication of the harvest He is bringing – a 30, 60, 100-fold increase in the number of new believers.
- Pray for Yemeni believers to be steadfast in their faith as they face resistance and persecution, and to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Saturday 22nd January

Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:1

What is happening in the Yemeni Church? It is growing and we praise God. My name is Abdu*. I am a follower of Jesus in Yemen. And I want to tell you some of what I see among myself and my brothers here. Praise God that I am one among many who know and love the name of Jesus. Please pray for us.

Please do not romanticise the Yemeni church. We rejoice in those who show us the power and hope of Jesus, but we grieve because these truths and stories also cause fear, and because these things happen to our brothers. Not one of us wants to suffer. Not one of us wants to experience betrayal.

Our circumstances seem overwhelming at times. I have heard of some who refuse to ever meet with any other brother from our country for fear their faith will be discovered, and they will be killed by their family. And I understand this.

We have joys and celebrations, too. My brother has even been able to marry another follower of Jesus and will be starting his family in the name of Jesus. They are looking to our leaders and their wives to teach them what that means, and to our church to encourage them and, God willing, their children one day.

So, if you are praying for us, thank you. We are a church in great need. Praise God for the Church in Yemen, and for Yemeni churches outside of Yemen.

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Let's pray:

- For the Yemeni church to walk and live worthy of the calling they have received in the Gospel.
- For unity among leaders and the body of Christ in Yemen.
- For protection, encouragement, and a rising up of the leaders and people in the Yemeni church.

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