



5x5x5 Prayer: Five Minutes, Five Days, Five Topics

The People of Myanmar

We invite you to pray for the people of Myanmar, for just five minutes a day, for five days, for FIVE STRATEGIC AREAS. Your prayers will open doors in powerful ways, encourage believers, release strongholds and bring great glory to God.

Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) has been undergoing a steady transition, leaving behind failed socialist economic policies and authoritarian rule to embrace a more open, globalized future. Elections in 2011 enabled a pseudo-civilian government to replace direct military rule, and in 2016 the long-standing opposition party, the National League for Democracy, finally assumed office. However, monumental challenges remain.

Myanmar's long-standing ethnic tensions continue to spill over into violence. Conflict between religious groups, particularly between the majority Buddhist (nearly 90 percent) and the smaller Muslim minority (around 4 percent) remains an ongoing challenge for national development. Poverty, particularly in rural areas, affects at least a quarter of all households.

Prayer makes a difference. Join in praying that God would move powerfully in the lives of Myanmar's people. May we see families, churches and society transformed by God's love.





Day One

STUDENT MINISTRY

Ministry among students in Myanmar was highly restricted after the student uprising of 1988. Recently, however, universities and colleges have reopened and become more accessible. Although ministry on campus is still not possible, there are now a number of Bible study groups meeting off campus. It is important for Christian students to learn how God impacts their daily life and how they can share their faith with other students. More staff workers and volunteers are needed, as well as materials for inductive Bible study.

Lord, we pray for students in Myanmar—that they will get to know Jesus as the Way, the truth and the life.

Lord, please provide more opportunities for student groups to meet together for Bible studies.

Lord, please help the student leaders of these groups to be well-equipped to lead Bible studies and be a role model for other students.

Lord, would the student work being done in Myanmar help the students to become strong and mature Christian professionals able to witness in their workplace.



Day Two

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The tradition of Sunday school is grounded in wisdom and discipline. In Myanmar Sunday school is often a key way that believers have grown in their faith. In some neighborhoods, children's Sunday school begins as early as 7 a.m., with children enjoying the opportunity to sing songs and hear stories from the Bible. Children's ministries can also reach further than the children as they go home and share with their parents the Bible stories and songs they have heard.

Lord, we pray for the children of Myanmar, that attending Sunday school would be more than just a fun activity, but that it would be an opportunity to know you as their Almighty Father.

Lord, please use children's ministries to reach other family members with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Lord, bless the teachers who invest in this valuable ministry. May they be examples of your love and character to the children.



Day Five

MOBILIZING THE LOCAL CHURCH

There are 3 million Christians in Myanmar—they make up 6 percent of the population. However, most Christians tend to come from just 3 of the 150 people groups found in the country. Meanwhile many other groups remain unreached, including the majority Bamar people. Outreach to other communities is often difficult for the local church due to the significant divides caused by culture and language.

Lord, we pray that you would overcome ethnocentric attitudes and help Myanmar's Christians to feel your love for the people groups in Myanmar who have not yet heard the gospel.

Lord, help the local church and OMF workers to partner effectively in pioneering ministries to reach the Rakhine, Mon and Pa-O people groups.

Lord, encourage Myanmar's Christians to speak boldly of your love and not be discouraged by any local opposition.

Lord, we thank you for how social media is providing new opportunities for Christians to share the Bible. Please sustain and give wisdom to volunteers who give their time to post daily Bible verses and respond to enquiries.

NEXT STEPS

Is God drawing you to more focused prayer or involvement with the people of Myanmar? Consider additional ways to nurture God's love among these people.

PRAY. Partner with God's work in Myanmar through prayer. Visit omf.org/thetaskunfinished for more information about prayer resources for Myanmar.

PARTNER. Mobilizing your community to join God's work in Myanmar is a vital ministry. Will you encourage others to pray and serve?

GO. Is God stirring in you a desire for further involvement? Serve Asia opportunities from 2 weeks to 11 months allow you to explore how God is leading. Teach English, prayer walk, serve and encourage those already working in the Myanmar. Visit omf.org/serveasia to find out more.

What resonates in your heart? How do you want to get involved? Visit omf.org/thetaskunfinished for more information.

