PRAY FOR THE BOUYEI

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

Did you realize that you can empower ministry among an unreached people group through prayer—even for just five minutes a day, for five days, for five strategic themes? Your prayers will open doors to the gospel in powerful ways.

If praying for an unreached people group in East Asia is something new, you’re in for an exciting ride. Let’s launch out together, focused on an unreached minority people group of China. We can celebrate how the gospel gives hope to over 3 million of the Bouyei (boo-YEE). During the next five days, we invite you to read, discover and pray through key strategic topics that impact the advance of God’s work.

Day One · Who are the Bouyei?
Most Bouyei live in Guizhou Province of southern China. Far less than one percent of over 3 million are Christians. They follow a blend of polytheism and animism. Modernization has watered down their superstitious outlook, but traditional beliefs remain strong among the elderly and in remote towns and villages.

Day Two · What do they need?
Most Bouyei are farmers, living in remote tropical areas with minimal medical care. Diseases like tuberculosis, malaria, cholera and typhoid are a threat, especially with the absence of readily-available clean water.

Day Three · How are they being reached?
With more than 3 million people, Bouyei outreach is a powerful challenge for intercessors. We will pray for God’s grace to impact that entire region. The need to mobilize Christ-followers for greater outreach is urgent.

Day Four · How has God been working already?
During the last year, God blessed a united prayer effort with several answers to prayer and breakthrough. God answers prayer offered in faith. Some Bouyei believers have paid a heavy price in their decision to follow Christ, but they praise God for his protection and grace.

Day Five · What is needed for breakthrough?
Learning to intercede for an unreached people group helps grow our faith and moves us toward greater involvement — as advocates, intercessors, sacrificial donors and cross-cultural teams making an eternal difference.
A great injustice in the world is that millions of people across East Asia have no access to the gospel—no Christian friends nearby and no one sharing Christ's love and hope.

- Pray for more than 3 million Bouyei with so little knowledge of Christ. On a recent survey trip, researchers talked with a group of young boys about Jesus. They had never heard of him before. Ask God to mobilize believers who will take the unconditional love of Christ into Bouyei communities.
- Pray for remote Bouyei villages where no gospel outreach is present. Pray that God would break through barriers that prevent people from hearing the gospel for the first time.
- How long will it take for the gospel to reach the Bouyei? It could take about 4,068 years based on current efforts. Is that acceptable? The saying rings true: “If we keep doing what we’ve been doing, we’re going to keep getting what we’ve been getting.”
- A few scattered seeds here and there will not result in the Bouyei accepting Christ. Pray for a movement of disciples making disciples and churches rapidly planting churches.

Pray that God would call more believers to serve Christ among the Bouyei. Ask God to call and send dozens of mission-minded Christians to serve within the major centers and remote villages. “Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV).

- Pray for gifted people considering how to use their skills and careers throughout all of Guizhou Province. Pray for God’s grace in the provincial capital of Guiyang.
- Pray for people new to the region to grow in their confidence in speaking the Bouyei language.
- Pray for development of trusted relationships.
- Pray that cross-cultural Christ-followers already serving cross-culturally would grow strong in their faith while they learn to communicate effectively.
With less than one percent of the Bouyei knowing Christ as Savior, we recognize a powerful challenge as intercessors.

- Ask God to speak to thousands of believers worldwide, opening their eyes to the needs of unreached people groups and calling many to cross-cultural service.
- Praise God for hundreds of believers among the majority Han Chinese who seek to live for Christ and faithfully grow as cross-cultural witnesses.
- Pray for Bouyei students who study in universities at China’s major urban centers. Pray for openness and quality Christian relationships while they are away, that they can return to their home areas with knowledge of the grace and peace offered to them through Christ.
- Pray for researchers who seek insight into how to effectively reach Chinese minorities in remote provinces.

Gospel outreach is still new, in the pioneering stages of ministry. Pray for the growing Bouyei church, seeking God’s direction how to share Christ. A variety of business platforms offer possibilities for ministry and developing relationships. Expatriates teaching English in local universities will often provide a gateway for ministry among young adults.

- Pray that God would clearly give creativity, wisdom and faith as people envision opportunities for ministry.
- Pray for families, both parents and young children, as they make friends in their immediate neighborhoods.
- Pray that God moves in the hearts of Bouyei to seek out Christians and begin asking questions about the story of God’s love.
- Pray for wide distribution of God’s Word through scripture portions, audio recordings and additional electronic avenues.
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Learning to intercede for 3 million unreached Bouyei can be overwhelming. It helps to zero in on specific, real-life needs of individuals and extended families.

- Praise God for Bouyei extended families who follow Christ as Savior. Some meet for Bible study and are growing in their faith. Pray for them to make Christian fellowship a priority and that their faith is contagious among their families.
- Pray for the home fellowship groups. Pray for them to not only grow in size, but also in depth of discipleship and passion for Christ.
- Pray for Bouyei believers to be grounded in their faith and trained to minister in unreached, remote villages.
- Pray for believers to stand strong and continue to gather for worship. Pray for their protection. Also ask for God to move in the hearts of village leaders, that they might humble themselves before him.
- Pray for hundreds of remote villages without gospel witness.
- Pray for breakthrough in the midst of massive social problems. Drug use, alcoholism and relational dysfunction are common in some areas where Bouyei live.
- Ask for God’s help in the growth of new cell groups, that they would eventually grow into vibrant churches, to the glory of God.

Next Steps?

Congratulations on taking that vital step of praying five minutes a day, for five days, focusing on five strategic points for the Bouyei. Celebrate that accomplishment and praise God!

What resonates in your heart? Where do you want to go deeper or focus on a particular area? We are eager to partner with you in prayer and explore ways to sharpen your intercession for the Bouyei and China’s various minorities. Join a growing team of intercessors focused on this unreached people group. Partner with workers, learn, explore, go. Contact us to discover more. Grow together as intercessors.

“The harvest is PLENTIFUL but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to SEND OUT WORKERS into his harvest field.” – Matt. 9:37-38, NIV