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*“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.”
Psalm 82:3*

The ministry of Jesus Christ is undeniably marked with His love and compassion for the poor and suffering. Likewise, the first century church and its leaders such as the Apostle Paul made it a priority to remember the poor.

In honor of the life of Jesus Christ and the timeless tradition of genuine Christianity, [Convoy of Hope](#) invites you to mark your calendar for 12.12 to remember the world's poor in prayer.

Pray for Hope 12.12 is an annual global day of prayer for the poor and suffering. It is a day to ask God to raise up workers, full of His love and power, to serve those in poverty. It is a day to petition God for salvation, justice, safety, water, food, shelter, healthcare, education and employment for the world's needy."

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Afghanistan and Pakistan

Please pray for these two very strategic and needy nations that are so vital for the security of the rest of the world.

Pray:

- There are some key prayer efforts going on within Pakistan this month with teams from outside joining in. Pray for their protection, discernment and empowering and that the local prayer movements in both countries will be strengthened and grow widely.
- Pray for the unity and vitality of local believers in both countries as well as for the expatriate community, especially in Afghanistan. It is not always a safe place to serve and they need His protection and encouragement.

- Pray for the governments of both nations to turn from corruption and serve the people with honesty and integrity of purpose. The tribal elders (community leaders) of each locality need to shut out violent men from their midst and welcome development efforts.
- Pray for the Taliban and Al Qaeda groups to splinter and dissolve and for their members to have encounters with Jesus Christ and His truth through dreams, visions and the bold sharing of the Gospel by locals.
- Pray for the success of the coalition military forces in protecting and restoring Afghanistan's peace and development as a nation.

Source: International Prayer Council www.ipcprayer.org

Kazakhstan

[Mission News Network reports](#)

A month after two new religion laws came into effect; Kazakhs are beginning to feel the ever-tightening squeeze of restrictive legislation.

[The laws introduced in October](#) cover a great deal of ground in an attempt by the government to eradicate extremism. New restrictions imposed range from registration regulations for religious groups, to fewer rights for children involved with religious activities, to the banning of prayer rooms in public places.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

Pray:

- Pray for the Church in Kazakhstan to flourish despite the restrictions imposed on them.
 - As these laws involve prayer rooms in prisons where many churches are formed, please pray for the prison congregations and prison ministries to overcome these laws.
 - Believers are determined to continue to spread the Gospel, but outreach is getting harder and will likely continue to do so. Please pray that they do not lose faith and perseverance.
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Tonga

Everyday life is heavily influenced by Polynesian traditions and especially by the Christian faith; for example, all commerce and entertainment activities cease from midnight Saturday until midnight Sunday, and the constitution declares the Sabbath to be sacred, forever. (Source: Wikipedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonga#Religion>)

Pray:

- Pray that Tongans Christians would seek ways to contribute to the Kingdom of God rather than seeking the church that benefits them the most.
 - The past century has been one of spiritual decline. There is a long and sad history of bitter schisms within Methodism. Pray for a true spirit of unity among all believers and churches, and pray for the leaders who will exemplify unity with gracious humble spirits.
 - Tonga has the world's highest national percentage of Mormons. The country's largest employers are Mormons, many financial perks are on offer for those considering the switch to Mormonism. Pray for the error of this sect to be exposed as such and for many to find freedom in Christ
 - The Tongan diaspora is now larger than the population of Tonga itself. Pray that the Tongans abroad might also recapture the dynamic faith of their forefathers and the vision to take the gospel to the world.
 - Pray for the last impact of ministries e.g. YFC, SU, CCCI and YWAM etc.
- Source: Operation World <http://www.operationworld.org/>