



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

The Shan People

We invite you to pray for the Shan people, 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.

The Shan people (also known as the Tai or Dai people) live in remote areas of Myanmar (Burma), Thailand and China. Among these 6 million people, researchers estimate that about one-tenth of one percent (0.10 percent) are Christian. Focused, strategic prayer is the foundation for mission breakthrough. Join scores of intercessors united before God's throne, asking for a great outpouring of the gospel among the Shan.





Day One

RADIO AND MEDIA

MINISTRIES

Radio brings the gospel of Jesus Christ into communities and households that are normally very hard to access in parts of Myanmar, Thailand and China. Recently the distribution of gospel CDs and micro-SD cards for smartphones have also made an impact.

Lord, please work in the life of the Shan gospel radio program broadcaster and his wife. Keep them filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may be used for your glory, and that many lives may be transformed through their testimony and teaching.

Lord, strengthen the new believers who are isolated and help their faith to be rooted and grounded in the truth.

Lord, use the radio ministry to reach homes and villages where no believer has been.

Lord, use the well-received CDs and micro-SD cards with scripture, testimonies, gospel messages and songs to encourage believers and bring many Shan into the kingdom.

Day Two

CHURCH LEADERS

AND EVANGELISTS

Expat workers, near-culture Christians, and most importantly Shan evangelists and church leaders are key to building the kingdom of God among the Shan. Leaders and evangelists need training, anointing by God's Spirit and protection from pride and spiritual attack as they minister.

Lord, raise up Christians from Myanmar, Thailand, China and Laos to go and be missionaries among the Shan.

Lord, may Lisu, Lahu, Wa and Kachin Christians who reside in Shan areas live out their faith and share the gospel among their Shan neighbors.

Lord, continue to raise up more expat workers to humbly learn the language and serve the Shan. Families in remote areas working alone are praying for teammates.

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Day Three

REPRODUCIBLE

CHURCH PLANTING

The gospel of Jesus Christ is truth and freedom for the whole world, and yet church can look very different around the world. In order for the gospel to spread among the Shan, the dance, music, dress and language of the Shan should shape Shan church culture so that worship feels comfortable—not foreign—to them.

Lord, we pray for indigenous methods and models to be used among the Shan church in a godly way that does not compromise or confuse the gospel message.

Lord, we pray for Shan people to see Shan Christians as truly Shan, instead of as a group who have rejected their culture by turning from Buddhism.

Lord, we pray that Shan churches would be free to live out their obedience through starting new churches, baptizing believers and serving communion.

Lord, we pray that Shan Christians would live out the gospel in a way that would make their Buddhist family and neighbors take notice.

Lord, we ask for you to work mighty miracles among the Shan, glorifying your name and bringing many into faith.

Day Four

PIONEERING

IN REMOTE AREAS

There are many areas where Shan live that have no witness for Jesus Christ. Outsiders have difficulty obtaining access to these areas. Visa issues, bad roads, war, language challenges and mountains are just a few of the road blocks to living in such areas.

Lord, may you reach into the lives and hearts of Shan people in remote areas through radio programs and dreams.

Lord, as Shan in remote areas move to the cities to work, reach them with the gospel and use them to share Christ with their communities when they return home.

Lord, thank you that the Holy Spirit is not limited by things we identify as barriers and is creative in his methods. Holy Spirit, do more than we can ask or imagine to bring the gospel into the lives of difficult-to-reach Shan people.

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Day Five SPIRITUAL

BREAKTHROUGH

The Shan are Buddhist with an animist influence. Dedication to Buddhism seeps deep into Shan culture. To be Shan is to be Buddhist. Drugs, AIDS and war also contribute to the Shan people's need for the gospel.

Lord, please use the Shan people's difficulties to open their eyes to their spiritual needs. Give them a spiritual hunger which cannot be quenched by anything but the gospel.

Lord, call Christian workers to reach out to AIDS sufferers and their families, to displaced people and prostitutes, to show them the love of Jesus.

Lord, bring peace where there is war among the Shan. Provide healing where there is AIDS and sickness.

“DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE?”

Pray.

Don't prepare to pray. Don't read about prayer. Don't attend a lecture on prayer or engage in discussion about prayer.

Just pray.

Better to pray awkwardly than not at all. And if you feel you should only pray when inspired, that's okay. Just see to it that you are inspired every day.”

—MAX LUCADO



NEXT STEPS

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

PRAY. Join a growing team of intercessors focused on the Shan and China's various minorities. Contact prayer@omf.org or follow us on Facebook or the OMF Blog to engage with prayer needs for the Shan and other unreached people groups throughout the year: facebook.com/OMFInternational.US or omf.org/us/blog.

GIVE. Is God prompting you to invest in church planting movements among the Shan? The Shan Church Planting Movement Assistance Project has a team of workers dedicated to seeing the gospel take root through radio ministry, training seminars and AIDS Care. To learn more about supporting this ministry, contact prayer@omf.org for more information.

PARTNER. Ministries to the Shan and other unreached peoples are made possible by the critical work of mobilizing prayer and raising up workers. The Task Unfinished Fund supports these important efforts. To partner with The Task Unfinished, contact us.thetaskunfinished@omfmail.com.

GO. Is God stirring in your heart a desire to go? Consider a Serve Asia ministry trip from one to six weeks. Short-term workers have taught English to Shan, prayer walked in unreached Shan villages, created media and have blessed, served and encouraged workers and their families. For information on short-term opportunities, visit serveasia.org.

We face an unfinished task. God is moving us to pray, give, partner and go. How will you respond to God's call? Contact: prayer@omf.org.

