

## Prayers of the People (May 24, 2020) THE WORLD

(from Psalm 105) Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. **As the Holy Spirit leads, praise the Lord! He is sovereign over all, His strength is unmatched, and He is faithful to those to call on Him.**

(from Psalm 24) The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Creator God, we thank you that you are sovereign over all things. You made this earth a masterpiece, beautiful and good, and you created humankind in your own image. You see the suffering, and you hear the cries of your people to end this pandemic. Father, we ask your forgiveness for our sins, those of our nation, and on behalf of the whole earth. You are our only hope. Be our Jehovah Rapha—the God who heals. **As the Holy Spirit leads, ask God to end the destruction of the coronavirus.**

Father, we lift up North Korea to you and specifically the estimated 30,000 Christians who are suffering in prisons and labor camps. May the presence of your Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage them. Perform mighty works among them that would change the hearts of their captors. May these Christians persevere and grow even stronger in their faith, and may you be glorified in their steadfastness. We also pray for North Korea's supreme leader, Kim Jong-un. Lord, we ask you to soften his hardened heart to you or bring revolution and freedom in a way we can't even fathom. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for North Korea's leader, its people, and the persecuted church.**

Jesus, we believe you are coming back for your bride, the church, and when you do, your word says it will be spotless and pure. Guard us during this time when we are not able to physically be with one another. Purify us and protect us from falling away. Surprise the enemy, and let this be a time of great growth and sanctification. Make us one in purpose and love as we seek to be children of the day to our hurting world. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the church worldwide to come alive and be light in the darkness.**

God, we pray for unreached people groups, and today we focus on the Tarkhan people practicing Sikh traditions in India. Father, remove the stronghold of pride and help them humbly accept the gift of forgiveness offered through faith in Jesus. Holy Spirit, open their hearts and minds to understand the gospel and give them faith to believe. Make them zealous disciples of Jesus, living holy lives in obedience to Christ's commands. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the lost and the Tarkhan in India.**

Father, you have blessed us with beautiful and precious children. Guard and protect them from all evil. Help us be good examples of compassion so that it is easy for them to believe in you as their loving Father. May our homes be sanctuaries of grace and peace. May we train them in the way they should go, and may their hearts be always open to the truth. Help us model and teach them to worship and enjoy you as their Lord, Savior, and friend. Show us how to call forth the gifts within them and encourage them in their walk with you. May their lives be marked by empathy and service. **As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the children of Life Church.**

**Thank you, Father, for hearing our prayers. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**