

"True faith is never found alone; it is always accompanied by expectation. The man who believes the promises of God expects to see them fulfilled. Where there is no expectation, there is no faith" — A.W. Tozer

As co-laborers in Chad, we are dedicating a month to focused prayer. This 5-week guide is optional and can be adapted to fit within your normal prayer rhythms (Watch testimony). **Here are some ideas to consider this month...**

BATHE IN PROMISES

"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

— Isaiah 55:11

Each week this month, there will be a unique focus on the promises of God. God's promises are spread throughout the Scripture, revealing a wonderfully woven tapestry of His character and action. This guide will bathe in these promises:

- Presence (With-ness)
- Power & Provision (Watchfulness)
- Protection (Shield-bearer)
- Pilots & Places (Guidance)
- Plants & Produces (Fruitfulness)

This is not an exhaustive study of every single promise. Rather, it is a sprinkling meant to stir your hearts to immerse yourself within who God says He is and what He will do.

Ideas for Reading: Download <u>The Promises of God</u> to dig deeper into God's covenantal promises. Each chapter has short reflection questions.

PRAYER WALK

"Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses." – Joshua 1:3

Inspired by God's promise to Joshua, we can walk in the victory of Jesus into every part of our neighborhoods and villages. One of the most loving things you can do for your neighbor is pray over them. Prayer walking is an easy way to profoundly impact you and your community.

Choose a day and time. Gather with your team, friends, and family and begin walking around your neighborhood, praying over the houses you pass. As you see people on your journey, ask the Lord if there is anything specific in their lives that you can pray for.

Ideas for Prayer Walking: HolyGround App to creatively map your prayer walks.

FASTING

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." – Matthew 4:4

Consider prayer paired with fasting. Choose a time each week. Choose a type of fast, whether for the day or from one meal. An option could be Friday afternoons when Muslims are at the mosque.

Consider joining a corporate day of fasting on October 15 with other laborers in Chad.

Ideas for Fasting:
Message called
Missions as
Fasting.

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God'' - 2 Corinthians 1:20



QUESTIONS FOR INTERPRETING GOD'S PROMISES

Is this a promise for me? Some of the promises in the Bible are for specific people living in specific spaces on the timeline. Just because God promised to protect Abram by cursing those who might curse him (Genesis 12:3), this doesn't mean God promises you'll have no enemies. Jesus had enemies! Be careful to check the context.

Is it a principle or a promise? Even when a promise is not made specifically to us, there is often a principle that we can apply because God is unchanging. For instance, God promised his people that he would restore the years the locusts had eaten (Joel 2:25). This isn't a promise meant for anyone today, so if you gave this promise to someone suffering from crop damage, it could create painful misunderstanding. However, there is a principle that still rings true today: Our God is a restoring God. He often does make up years lost to rebellion, sinfulness, or selfish living when we cry out in repentance to him.

Is it conditional? Many promises in the Bible are conditional. For instance, not everyone should expect to be welcomed into Jesus's kingdom on the new earth. Jesus himself said there is coming a day when he will say to some, "Depart from me, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:23). The promises of the Bible only belong to those who have put their faith in God. And even then, some promises are conditional on obedience or faithfulness. When you're reading the promises, watch for if / then promises or those that could be restated with an if/then. Make sure to include these conditions when you cling to these promises or share them with others.

Is the promise for now or then? Most of our promises for now are intangible, spiritual blessings. For instance, Jesus promises to never leave us and to hear our prayers. But we have plenty of tangible promises coming! One example: We'll eat from the Tree of Life and live forever! God will fulfill these tangible promises on the New Earth. We have much to cling to—both now and then, but we must be careful not to confuse the two.

Adapted from Shaped by God's Promises by Shannon Popkin.



PRAYER GUIDE WEEK 1

PRAYER POINTS

- **You**: Pray for a renewed sense of God's presence with you. Watch this prayer poem and meditate.
- **Team**: Pray for your team to have a shared sense of God's presence and that your unity would be a living testimony to His nearness.
- **Chad**: Pray for God's presence to be seen through visions and dreams.
- **UPGs**: Consider people groups that also live nearby where you live. List them by name. Pray for them by name. Ask God's presence to come among them. Using the **Chad UPG map**, begin praying daily for 2-3 people groups.

PREPAREDNESS & PRESENCE

The With-ness of God

"I am with you always, to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:20

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

In Chad, a quiet moment of prayer may be accompanied by the incessant buzzing of flies, the knock of beggar boys at the gate, or the ever-present hum of a generator. In these moments, God's presence is not limited to silence or comfort.

This is a short week meant to help you prepare the soil of your hearts for the next four weeks of prayers. Bask in the presence of Jesus. Reflect on who He is and what He says about you and what you will be as you remain in Him.

optional activity

PREPARING THE SOIL & IDENTITY PRAYERS

As you prepare yourself for Chadtober—a month of praying through the Promises of God and the UPGs of Chad—consider how you <u>prepare the soil</u> of your heart. A large part of our preparation is considering who God is and what He says about you. Look long and deep at these <u>Identity Promises</u>. Pray through those promises.

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ZIRENKEL

Names adapted from the Joshua Project.



PRAYER GUIDE WEEK 2

PRAYER POINTS

- You: What is it that you want/need from the Lord right now? What is an area of weakness that needs His power? Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of His power at work in your daily weaknesses.
- **Team**: Pray for God to open your eyes to the ways He is already providing for your team.
- **Chad**: Pray the Lord's Prayer over Chad. Ask God to provide for their daily needs.
- **UPGs**: Pray for the Lord to open doors among new UPGs in Chad, sending laborers among them. Use these 10 Scriptures to Pray Over a UPG.

POWER & PROVISION

The Watchfulness of God

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10

"My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" – Philippians 4:19

God is our faithful Provider. God's provision is often seen in the mundane—the unexpected gift or encouragement from a prayer partner, the timely repair of your vehicle, or the grace to be content with what is simply available. It's places like Chad that make us well aware of God's power and provision. Surrender everything to Him, for He cares for you.

optional activity

WEAKNESS VS. STRENGTH

Make a <u>list of your weaknesses</u>. Then, in a separate column, create a list of God's strengths to match your weaknesses. Take some time to thank the Lord for His power and the way He is able to supply everything that you need. Go deeper and think back from the time you arrived in the field in Chad until now, and consider all the ways that God has provided for you and others. Share a story of God's power and provision with someone you know locally as a testimony of God's watchfulness over you.



GODS' NAME MADE GREAT

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!...Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns – Psalm 96:2-3,10

DISSATISFACTION & THIRST

They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. – Jeremiah 2:13

THEIR LEADERS, RULERS, & SULTANS

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. – Proverbs 21:1

BOLD, SPIRIT-EMPOWERED ACTS

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. – Acts 1:8

DEFEAT OF SPIRITUAL STRONGHOLDS

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. – Ephesians 6:12

WISE, CREATIVE RESPONSES TO FELT NEEDS

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

– Matthew 5:16

OPEN DOORS & NEW PATHWAYS

I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. – Corinthians 16:8-9

HEARTS DRAWN BY GOD

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty. – Matthew 13:23, see also John 6:44

LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST

Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. – Matthew 9:38

WISDOM & BOLDNESS

keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication...that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel...that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. – Ephesians 6:18-20



PRAYER GUIDE WEEK 3

PRAYER POINTS

- **You**: Pray for God's protection for you, your home, and your family.
- Team: Take a prayer walk around your neighborhoods. As you walk, pray out loud, declaring God's promises of protection and provision over your team and your work.
- **Chad**: Pray for God's protection for new believers who are experiencing persecution.
- **UPGs**: Pray through the <u>UPG map</u> of <u>Chad</u> or through the <u>list of unreached people groups</u> by name.

PROTECTION

God as Shield-bearer

"You are my hiding place and my shield" – Psalm 119:114

"The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." – Psalm 121:8

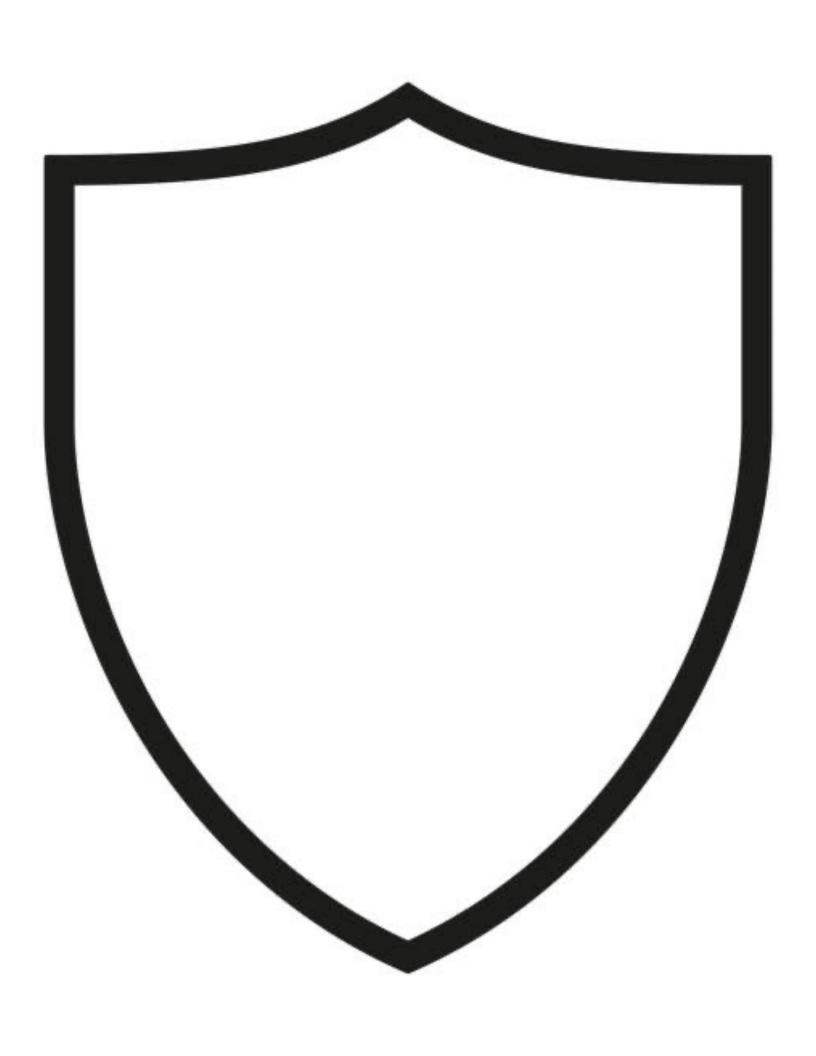
Fear can be a common companion on the Chad mission field. It manifests in fears of what hurdle Chad might throw at us next, anxieties over the environment's effect on our health, and nagging thoughts that I am failing or being unfruitful. The promise of God's protection is a daily shield against this.

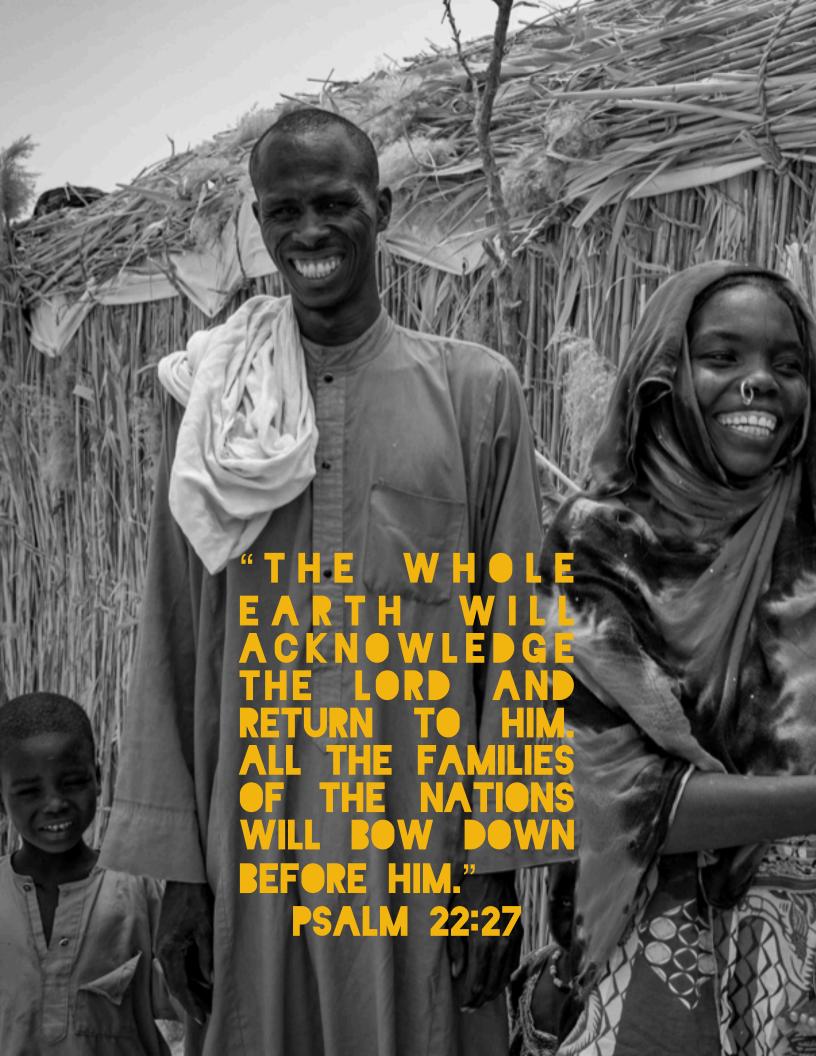
The phrase "God is a shield" signifies divine protection. God's shield represents a spiritual defense that safeguards believers from some spiritual attacks and worldly troubles. Surrender your fears to the Lord for He cares for you, even in the midst of evil and suffering.

optional activity

PRAYERS OF PROTECTION

1) Take time to pray these **prayers of protection and healing** over you, laborers in Chad, MBBs in Chad, and the Chadian church. Maybe write additional prayers that echo the Scripture. 2) Make Psalm 28:7 a personal battle cry. It's quite a powerful declaration, "You Lord are my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in you, and you help me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise you." 3) Have kids (and adults) draw a shield and within the shield illustrate the promise of God.





PRAYER GUIDE WEEK 4

PRAYER POINTS

- You: What places around you is the Lord asking you to step out in faith and scatter seeds of the gospel? Pray for wisdom in your daily decisions, both big and small. Ask God to make His purpose for you clear and to remove any distractions from His mission.
- **Team**: As a team, dedicate some time to "lay down your plans." In a time of prayer, lay them at the foot of the cross. Ask God to pilot your team.
- **Chad**: Pray for God to raise up messengers/laborers. Out loud, say this **Prayer for the Nation of Chad**.
- **UPGs**: Pray that God would guide us to "people of peace" who are open to the Gospel.

PILOTED & PLACES

"When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them" – John 10:4

"He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way." – Psalm 25:9

A plan in Chad can be dismantled by bureaucracy, cultural misunderstanding, unexpected illness, or even the weather. Instead of viewing these disruptions or detours as failures, we can learn to see them as God's guidance, connecting our finiteness with His infiniteness, trusting that He will lead and prevail. Laying down plans is a powerful, symbolic act that releases control and invites God to create the itinerary. Your role is not to have the perfect strategic plan, but to be a humble follower who, in all your ways, acknowledges Him.

optional activity

PRAYER WALL OR JOURNAL

Provide sticky notes or pieces of paper. Ask team members to write down a specific area where they are seeking God's guidance, and then place it on the wall. Week to week, revisit this and see what the Lord does in you and through your prayers. If you don't have materials, you might consider making a mural or writing in a prayer journal.



PRAYER GUIDE WEEK 5

PRAYER POINTS

- You: Pray for the patience to faithfully plant and water, even in seasons of waiting. Ask God to remind you that your labor in the Lord is never in vain.
- **Team**: Dedicate a time to "sow in tears" and "reap with joy." Take time to rejoice in the small, unseen victories, knowing God is at work.
- **Chad**: Pray for God to cultivate a harvest from the seeds of the Gospel that have been planted in the hearts of the Chadian people.
- **UGPs**: Pray that God would prepare the spiritual ground in unreached communities. Continue praying daily for UPGs using this 31-day Scripture Prayer Guide.

PLANTS & PRODUCES

The Fruitfulness of God

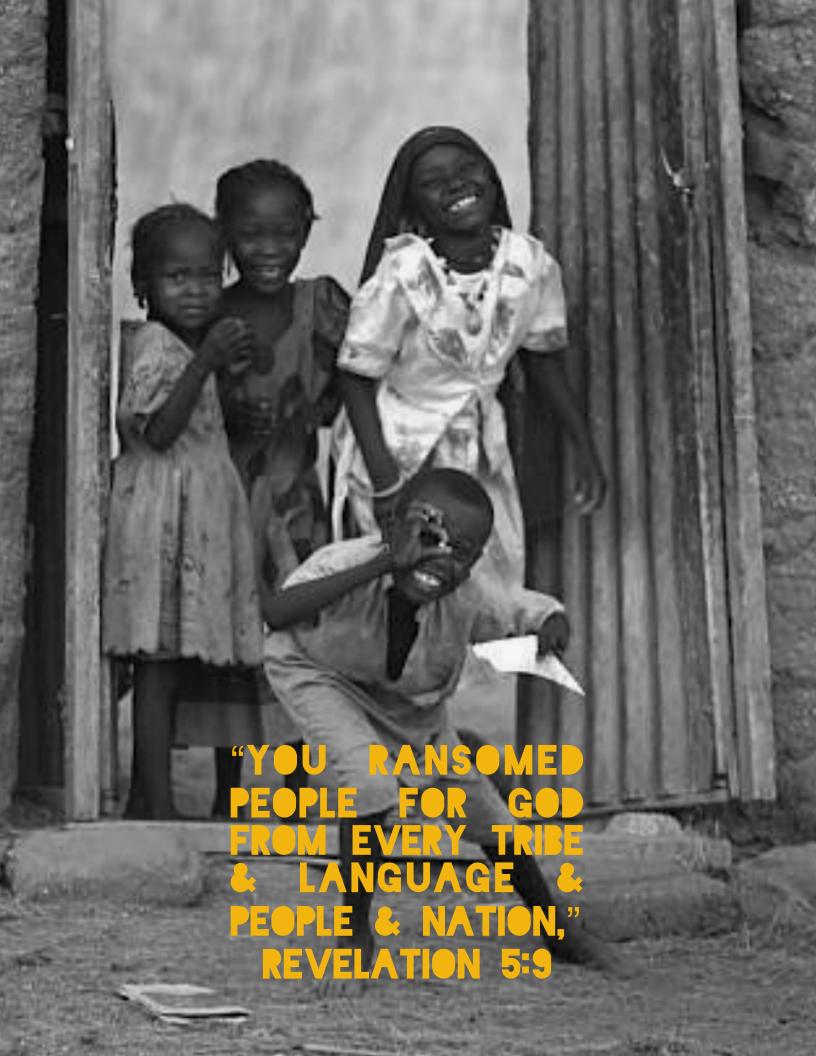
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

Our heart can easily become a ledger, tallying up activities, conversations, and conversions. This week, we lay down that burden and rest in the glorious truth that God alone brings the harvest. Our role is a simple but profound one: to be faithful. We plant the seed, we water the ground, and we do so with patient diligence, knowing that our labor in the Lord is never in vain, even when the fruit is not yet visible. The growth is God's gift, and our faithfulness is our worship.

optional activity

PLANTING THE WORD

There are things that only God can do. You can be faithful. You can plan. You can pray. You can persist—ask, seek, knock. Only God can plant his church. Make your requests and big asks known to Him. It's okay to humbly or earnestly ask. You have not because you ask not. A big ask could be for transformation along the major artery in Chad, beginning from N'Djamena to Abeche (and possibly to other villages in Chad). Commit to pray, visit a village along the route, bless them, and give a Bible.



RESOURCES

APPS

- PrayerMate pray consistently for the people and causes you care about.
- Pray As You Go short daily meditations and prayer sessions.
- <u>Lectio365</u> pray the Bible every day.

BOOKS

- The Promise of God, R.C. Sproul
- Praying Over God's Promises, by Thomas Yeakley
- The Promises of God Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Unstoppable Love, by Jennifer Lyell (children's book)
- Praying the Bible, by Donald Whitney
- Lead with Prayer, by Ryan Skoog and Peter Greer
- A Watchman's Guide to Praying God's Promises, by Dick Eastman
- Joyful Journey, Listening to Immanuel, by E James Wilder

FROM THIS GUIDE

- All files referenced in the Month of Prayer Guide.
- LetChadBeGlad.com Prayer Guides.

SPOTIFY PLAYLISTS





"Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established"

— 2 Chronicles 20:20

WHAT IS A UPG?

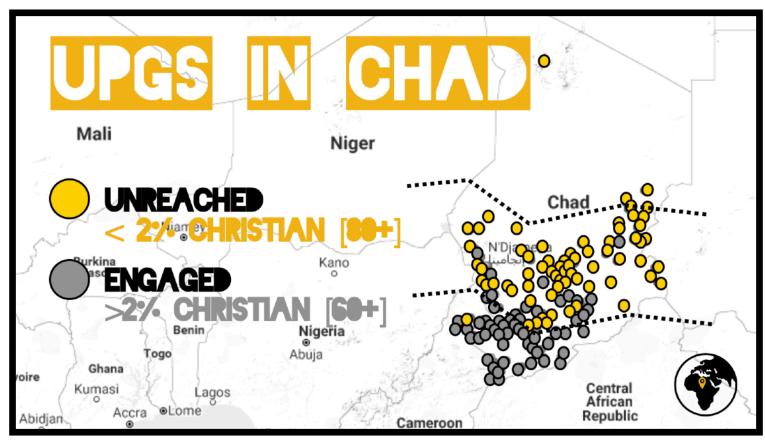
UPG = Unreached People Group

A UPG is a group of people with a unique culture and language that has little (<2% Christian) to no access to the Christian Gospel and lacks sufficient evangelical Christians within their own community to spread it further.

Chad has 142 total people groups, and 81 of those would be considered UPGs. See all the yellow dots on the map of Chad below? Those are real people who have yet to hear the gospel.

Find out more about global UPGs here.





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