



# ASKing... for those from every Nation, Tribe, People & Language



*The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, Let him take the free gift of the water of life. — Revelation 22:17*

We eagerly await the day when "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, will be standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." Revelation 7:9 On that day our ASKing will have ceased but until then our prayers can and must prepare for the coming of that great day!

These four words "people, tribe, language and nation" are mentioned five times in the book of Revelation, but not in the same order; showing us that all four are equally important in God's eyes. Revelation 5:9, 7:9, 11:9, 13:7, 14:6

## ASKing for nations

The 600 references to nations in the Bible indicate God's intentional design and redemptive purposes for them. There are currently 195 recognized independent sovereign states. In this context, a nation can be described as a land defined by geographic borders and under a body of governance.

ASK for your own nation. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Pray the Church, with strong disciples, will be established in every nation: Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20

Follow a plan to pray for all nations. [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org) has many resources

## ASKing for peoples

The Lord told Jacob: "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring." His offspring were the Jewish people. One designation of a people group can be racial grouping; sometimes this coincides with continental grouping. This can be a very helpful way to identify peoples for prayer, asking God that their distinctive attributes and cultures may be fully expressed to the glory of God.

*More on the reverse side...*

Worship God that all people belong to Him, praying for that revelation to come to all people. *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.* Psalm 24:1

Pray for the breaking down of racial division between peoples' groups, especially in the church worldwide. *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.* Matthew 5:9.

ASK the Lord of the harvest for the gospel to go in power to every people group in power. *Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples.* Romans 15:11

### **ASKing for languages**

The number of languages spoken in the world today is at least 6,800. The number of languages without any of the Bible, but with a possible need of a Bible translation to begin, is over 2,000, which affects 340 million people.

Pray for the Bible to be translated into every language so that everyone can hear the gospel in their own language. *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?* Romans 10:14

Pray for God to provide for and prosper the work of [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org) [www.pioneerbible.org](http://www.pioneerbible.org) [www.lbt.org](http://www.lbt.org) *May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon (them); establish the work of (their) hands for (them)—yes, establish the work of (their) hands.* Ps 90:17

Ask God to reverse the effect of His judgment after the building of the Tower of Babel: *There the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.* Genesis 11:9

### **ASKing for tribes**

Within the one nation of Israel there were twelve tribes. Many nations of the world have internal tribal systems. Tribes often began as families, or some other close knit group. They can often be distinguished by language, lifestyle or geography. It is very common that tribes exist as unreached people groups within nations.

Get involved in praying for Unreached People Groups. There are approximately 7,000 UPG, meaning 41% of all people groups are unreached. That is 2.84 billion people. You can sign on to [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net) and receive information by email about a different UPG to pray for every day.

Pray that through the gift of technology and cyberspace the gospel will go forth to the ends of the earth with ever increasing speed and effectiveness. *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.* Psalm 22:26-27

*Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.*  
1 Chronicles 16:24

ASK Network can fulfill its destiny by praying until those from every Nation, Tribe, People & Language have come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen