

POINTS ON THE MAP

10/10 DAY OF PRAYER
FOR HO CHI MINH CITY



Ten million people. Ten million men and women, boys and girls, families, singles, young and old. It's mind boggling. Just trying to imagine a population that large can be difficult and even more so to try and understand it. But there's another number that's even harder to understand and accept. **Every ten minutes.** In this city of ten million people, every ten minutes of every day a lost person dies and goes to hell, separated from God for eternity. That's a tragedy that God does not want to continue. So we've set aside October 10th as the annual **10/10 Day of Prayer for Ho Chi Minh City.** Will you pray with us to change those numbers?

Please use this prayer guide to move you through the points on the map of Ho Chi Minh City—the neighborhood, the government building, the shopping mall, the coffee shop, the factory, the market, the school, the office building, the temple and the waterside—and as you move through the city PRAY! Pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed and the lost to pass from death to life. This prayer guide is set-up so you can be flexible in how you pray. Consider praying once a day moving from the 1st of October to the 10th of the month or pray through each point on the map in a way that works best for your schedule. Gather your family and friends or small group together to pray or forward this prayer guide to them asking them to pray as well.

Thank you for praying with us in this very real spiritual battle for the points on the map and most importantly the people of Ho Chi Minh City!

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Point One—The Neighborhood

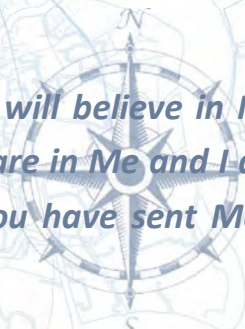
The streets of Ho Chi Minh City are busy, traffic everywhere. Behind the streets, rows and intersections of smaller alleys with narrow box-stacked-homes house singles and families. That's where life happens. Though gates may be closed during the work day, they open up in the evenings as families return home to prepare an evening meal or children play, and doors are open for the air to flow in.

Neighbors know one another. What a multiplication of new believers and churches there could be, if God's name would be made known! Pray asking for Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-21 to come about *"for those who will believe in me...."* to know Jesus and His salvation.

- **Pray for the neighborhoods of Ho Chi Minh City and the people who live there in darkness. Ask Jesus to call out those who will believe in Him, so their neighbors, city, and world can know God.**



"My prayer is not for them (disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me."
John 17:20-21





Point Two—The Government Building

The People's Committee Building or HCMC City Hall is housed in a former hotel from the early 1900's. Many decisions pass through the rooms of this building. Even as a Communist country, God can work His plan of salvation by any means---His means. Pray that as leaders guide this country, God's hand will be on those who make choices, and He will be made known in this city 10 million. Ask God to do amazing things to be glorified just like in Daniel 6:26-27 where God used a king who held the Israelites in captivity to decree that all people should worship the One True God.

- **Pray for God to give wisdom to those in government and leadership positions in Ho Chi Minh City to lead in a way to bless the residents of the city. Pray that God will move them to open doors for the Gospel to spread. Pray that God will open the hearts of leaders and those in government to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.**



"Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: "May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For He is the living God and He endures forever; His kingdom will not be destroyed, His dominion will never end. He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:26-27





Point Three—The Shopping Mall

Everyone loves to window shop and even buy when an item has a good price tag. As with others around the world, economics, how much disposable income, even a steady income all factor in with shoppers today. Shopping malls have expanded quickly throughout the whole of Ho Chi Minh City. Designer stores from Europe, Japan, and the U.S. are making their goods known. Developers are understanding the times and seeing how they can bring Vietnam in-line with other countries in what they offer to customers. Yet, how can those eye-catching offerings make God known?

Pray for Vietnamese to understand the times and look beyond the economy and know that the most important thing in life is found in our Lord Almighty. The God over all the world can make lives better through His salvation more than any choice shopping item.

- **Pray for the people of this city to accept God's free gift and share that with all their family. Pray that the people of Ho Chi Minh City would follow God's leading. Ask God to give them minds to understand the times and know what they should do to make God's name known. Pray for Vietnamese believers with means to share and make the Good News available to all who are seeking.**



*"From the Issacharites, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do--
200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command." 1 Chronicles 12:32*





Point Four—The Coffee Shop

Vietnam is the 2nd largest producer and exporter of coffee in the world. With the presence of numerous coffee shops and take-away-coffee stands along the streets of Ho Chi Minh City, it is a common sight and readily available. How even greater if God would be made known to the 10 million people of this city! Pray for testimonies of believers to be shared with unbelieving friends, families, and neighbors. Ask God to melt hearts and for Scripture to speak to Vietnamese today.

- As common as it is to have a cup of coffee in Ho Chi Minh City, pray that the One True God would be made known even to a greater amount. Our God is great and holy. Pray that God will reveal Himself to the people of Ho Chi Minh City and all of Vietnam. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move hearts of the people in this city to accept God's salvation.



"I will display My greatness and holiness and will reveal Myself in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am Yahweh." Ezekiel 28:23





Point Five—The Factory

The day starts early for factory workers. Gates open and workers trickle in on motorbike or on foot. Usually a worker will carry in a water container with them, as lunch will be provided. Making shoes, clothing, furniture, and plastic containers are just a few of the products from the countless factories which ring the edges of Ho Chi Minh City. Work contracts for the factory workers are not very stable, causing their work hours and income to fluctuate greatly.

Some factories in the city can number into the tens of thousands of workers, and others consider themselves a factory at a dozen workers. Streaming into the city from the countryside or those from Ho Chi Minh City itself, these workers could be the beginning of a Gospel movement which could touch all the city and all the country.

- **Pray for factory workers of the city to look beyond the immediate needs to that of the eternal and God's offer of hope. Pray for workers to hear the Good News, accept God's free-gift, and share with their co-worker, family, and friends.**



“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”
2 Corinthians 4:16-18



Point Six—The Market

Similar to a farmer's market, the local market has direct access from farm to market for customers. Items may be few in number compared to a bigger grocery store but can seem fresher. Shoppers can haggle for the cost of vegetables, fruits, or home goods, and preference is given to repeat customers. It's a place of building relationships. Pray for those who provide goods to the market, those who sell in the market, and those who purchase items, that the Lord Almighty would be made known and all would hunger and thirst for Him.

Hunger and thirst are natural expressions of our need for food and water. When we lose our appetite, perhaps there is something wrong physically with us. To hunger and thirst for God is at our root of being. God made us this way. When there is no hunger for God's presence, that's an indication of something wrong spiritually.

- **Pray for those who work and visit local markets to find their satisfaction in God. Ask God to answer those who hunger and thirst for Him, but do not yet know Him.**



"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; so that people may see and know, may consider, and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this." Isaiah 41:17, 20



Point Seven—The School

Today's students know they stand on the edge of growth in Vietnam. Education is a high priority, yet their need to know the Lord Almighty must take precedence! Pray for those in education: administration, professors, teachers, and students to thirst for the knowledge found only in Jesus Christ. Ask God for eyes and ears to be open to His Truth. Pray for the salvation of students in this city.

Teeming with young adults, hundreds of vo-tech schools, colleges, and universities saturate Ho Chi Minh City. From the countryside and those living in the city, students come to get an education, grow, and determine their steps. Pray that as students start a new season of independence and learning, they will also be open-minded to the Gospel. Up to now, students have been dependent on family, tradition, and culture to set their worldview. But as they enter school, new opportunities to hear stories about Jesus Christ and read the Bible are opened up to them.

- **Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to remove veils of blindness and give understanding to what students read and hear of the Good News of Jesus Christ.**



“The people here were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, since they welcomed the message with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” Acts 17:11





Point Eight—The Office Building

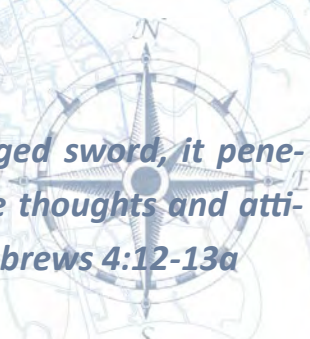
Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam's economic and financial center. Having motivated office workers advances work output. Pray for office workers to find their purpose in the Word of God. Pray for office workers to download a Bible, learn stories from the Bible and accept God's gift of salvation. Ask God to take away barriers of culture, tradition, or not understanding His Word and give openness and understanding to office workers.

"Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" Jeremiah 23:29
The world has gone digital and downloading a Bible or reading online is easily done in Vietnam. Pray for office workers looking for hope online to be led to websites and other online content that would lead them to God.

- **Pray and ask God to make Himself known as opportunities to watch videos, download a Bible, and talk to believers online has become more common. Ask Him to use the power of His word to penetrate hearts and call office workers of Ho Chi Minh City to Himself.**



"For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight." Hebrews 4:12-13a





Point Nine—The Temple

Many times over and multiple times in every district and every neighborhood within Ho Chi Minh City, there are spiritual places where someone other than the One True God is worshipped: temples, pagodas, dinhs, mieus, and prayer rooms. They are full of idols, statues and gods that are hand-made---meaning they crack, chip, break and perhaps are discarded when a new one is needed. Our God is jealous with the love that He has for the whole world.

Pray for the people of Ho Chi Minh City going to these spiritual places to see how they are lacking, how their prayers are not answered, how empty they are left and not filled because they are tricked by what is counterfeit. Ask the Creator God to be high and lifted-up. Ask Him for this time in history for the peoples of Vietnam to accept God as Lord Almighty.

- ***False gods and temples distract the people of finding the One True God. Pray for the people of Ho Chi Minh City to look for something real and true, the Sovereign God of all. Ask God to release the captives and for them to humble themselves and find Him. Pray for God to be close to all those searching.***



“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us.” Acts 17: 24-27



Point Ten—The Waterside

Saigon as a city emerged along the banks of the river that bears its name. Unfortunately, what you find along the banks of the Saigon river is not life and hope but death and separation from God. How we ache for the people living and working along the banks of the Saigon river to search and find the Lord God Almighty - to root themselves in His Word and bear fruit!

Ho Chi Minh City's inner-city canals have been in use for the past 150-plus years, first used by merchants to transport goods into the neighborhoods or outlying areas of the city. For several decades the city has sought to fill-in and replace canals with streets or clean them up from the pollution and shanty-like houses that line the sides of the waterways. The people who live along canals are without knowledge of the living water found in Jesus Christ.

- **Just like the Samaritan woman who gave Jesus water from the well, pray for Vietnamese living on and nearby the canals and riverside to taste the Good News of salvation and thirst no more, to plant their lives in the living water of Jesus Christ.**



"He is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Psalm 1:3

"Jesus answered, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would ask Him, and He would give you living water.'" John 4:10

