

# All the People - All the City

*Praying through the districts of Ho Chi Minh City*



# Central Districts

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Ho Chi Minh City, often abbreviated HCMC, or called by its old name, Saigon, is the most populous city in Viet Nam with 10 million people. HCMC is situated in the Southeast region of Viet Nam with the Saigon River flowing through it.

Saigon is the country's major center for finance, media, technology and education. Hanoi in the north remains the capitol and the seat of government.

The 13 Central Districts form the urban heart of the city. Each district is further sub-divided into wards to allow for specific addresses to be located. Districts have their particular population history, work or flow, but each desperately needs our prayers for God to move and be made known for His Kingdom to come.

# District One

## People in the Urban Center

Considered the center of Ho Chi Minh City, this district is home to official agencies, consulates of other countries and skyscrapers, the most iconic--Bitexco Financial Tower. There are several famous tourist destinations such as Ben Thanh market, Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon, and Independence Palace.

Full of energy and entertainment, this district depicts where people travel to, work or live. If something important is happening in the city, it probably takes place in District 1.

Young and old people will flock to walking street to spend a casual evening strolling, gathered to see a street-side performance or a soccer match on big screens. Foodies have ample choices from high end luxury restaurants to food carts rolled out on sidewalks.

This district needs your prayers because so many people are connected to this area, spanning out to the remaining districts.

## Points of Prayer:

- Pray for leaders in this central business district and seat of local government.
- Pray for Christian tourists visiting the city to have a positive witness with Vietnamese people.
- Pray for domestic tourists and new immigrants arriving to the city from the countryside to be reached with the Gospel.
- Pray for students that often come to the city center for entertainment or English practice to be reached with the Gospel.
- Pray for Social Science University, Hoa Sen University and other schools of this district.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Bà Đen, Jamiul Islamiyah Temple, Đền Hùng, Tran Hung Dao Temple, Đền Thờ Vua Hùng, and Jade Emperor Pagoda



I urge you, first of all, to **pray for all people**. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4





# District Three

## People Gathering Together

Among the most vibrant districts in Saigon, District 3 teems with a wide range of commerce: trading, business, and service, that you cannot tell when you leave District 1 and head into District 3.

A variety of popular tourist attractions are located in this district, especially buildings and architecture dating back to the French colonial time, museums, pagodas, and shopping malls.

The beauty of the district is found in the convergence between the local and the international culture with tree-lined streets and lots of traffic.

At night many young Saigonese gather together, enjoying Vietnamese street foods and 24/7 coffee shops along the canals.

This district can be a gathering place and prayers are needed for bodies of Christ to gather and spread throughout the city for Jesus to be made known.



## Points of Prayer:

- District 3 is known for its abundance of restaurants and drink shops, pray that the Gospel would spread through the many social interactions in these places of business.
- Many families live and work in this district, ask God to make Himself known and many would find salvation in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray for the students of the Open University and the Economics University as well as other schools in this district.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Pháp Hoa, Chùa Vĩnh Nghiêm, Chùa Vĩnh Phúc, Chùa Xá Lợi, and Đình Ông Sùng.



Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

Colossians 4:3-4

# District Four

## People With a Past

Surrounded by tributaries of the Saigon River, this small district is like a triangle island when viewed from up above with a remarkable number of bridges.

District 4 leaves an impression of twisted alleys and numerous roads intersecting the crowded working-class neighborhoods. Because many workers are predominantly manual laborers, the language, and the attitude of the people in this district are not as quiet and formal.

There is no surprise to overhear the sound of shouting and arguing even though a good number of pagodas and temples are found on almost every street. In the 80's and 90's this district was even known as the 'mafia district', once ruled by a notorious crime boss.

The people in District 4 need our prayers for peace and hope for their lives.

## Points of Prayer:

- District 4 for many years held a reputation as a center of criminal activity – pray for restoration of the people there which can only be achieved through the Gospel.
- The Saigon Port or the network of ports under that name is headquartered in this district – pray that as goods come and go through the port so the Gospel would flow freely in this district and the city.
- Pray for the students of the Ho Chi Minh City University of Law among students of other schools in this district.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Long Nguyễn and other spiritual sites of this district



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2



# District Five

## People Who Traveled From China

District 5 has been a part of Cho Lon (big market) or Chinatown in Ho Chi Minh City since Chinese immigrants moved and settled into Saigon. The Cho Lon area includes District 5, District 6, and part of District 10 and District 11.

Though Vietnamese is spoken throughout, Cantonese or Mandarin is also found in homes and many businesses of this district. Imports from Asia make their way to Cho Lon and are distributed to smaller markets throughout the city.

An old Saigon saying is, "Eat in District 5, live in District 3 and find entertainment in District 1."

Many educational institutions such as: Le Hong Phong High School for the Gifted, Vietnam National University - University of Science, and Saigon University are found in District 5.

Between the large and small markets of District 5 are miles of streets, narrow lanes, and twisted alleyways. Herbal medicine streets, Chinese lanterns, ceramic shops, and dumpling houses are found in the pathways of District 5.

With temples and pagodas dating back to the 1700's and boasting more temples than any other district of the city, this district is in need of prayer. Idols and incense within these temples offer little hope to those seeking prayers for help.

## Points of Prayer:

- District 5 is the center of the Chinese population in the city. The total Chinese population in the city is between 800,000 and 1 million with estimates of as few as 2,000 Believers. Pray for the salvation of the Chinese in HCMC
- Numerous hospitals are located in this district – pray for healing of bodies and salvation of those impacted by injury and illness.
- Pray for the students of the Medical University and Natural Sciences University among students of other schools in this district.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Ôn Lăng, Chùa Ông Bốn, Hội Quán Quỳnh Phủ, Hội Quán Tam Sơn, Hội Quán Tuệ Thành, Miếu Từ Đức, Nghĩa An Hội Quán, and Thánh Thất Sài Gòn.



Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



# District Six

## People of Idols

Quite similar to District 5, District 6 is also dominated by many markets and a hub for distribution of various goods, especially fruits and other delicacies from the provinces of Southwest Vietnam. A variety of Chinese and Vietnamese cuisine is easy to find on the streets and alleyways of District 6. In the evening, sidewalks become venues for street food with families and young adults getting their fill.

Markets and houses are accentuated with a Chinese style, and stats show as much as a third of the population having Chinese roots. District 6 is well-known for craftsmen of idols. The making of small statues as idols is a skill handed down from generation to generation for the past 100 years, this district needs prayer.

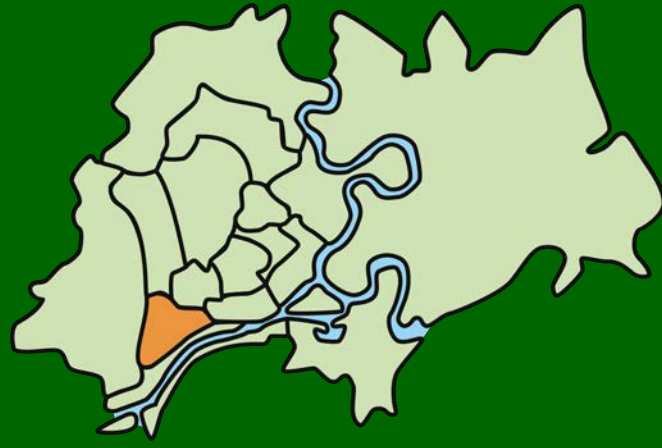
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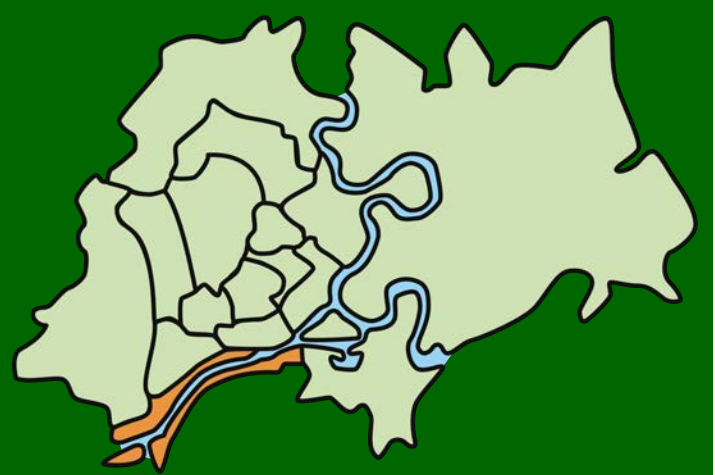
- District 6 is the other area largely populated by ethnic Chinese. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit on the Chinese in this district resulting in new Believers and new multiplying churches.
- Pray for laborers to rise up from among the people of this district to share the Gospel with their family, friends and co-workers resulting in new churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Thiên Lâm among other spiritual sites in the district.



The Lord is close to all who call on Him, yes, to all who call on Him in truth. He grants the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cries for help and rescues them. The Lord protects all those who love Him, but He destroys the wicked.

Psalms 145:18-20





# District Eight

## People Along the Canal

Almost half a million people live in this elongated district near the urban center. It follows one of the smaller side rivers feeding into the Saigon River, consequently many bridges are present, and there are many small boats that can deliver and moor in the waters. District 8 is adjacent to Districts 5 and 6 where large markets flourish, and goods can easily be transported to the markets from these small boats.

Hidden alleys yield plentiful Vietnamese delicacies brought in from the sea. Many people flock to District 8 for sea snail dishes each evening along with scallops, oysters, crab, and clams at incredibly cheap prices.

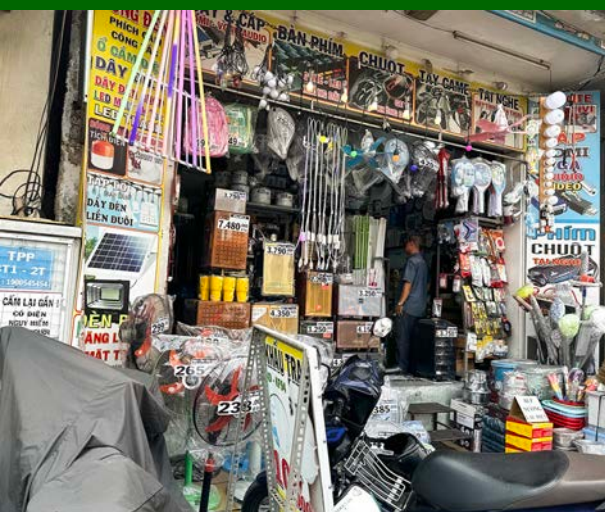
Sea snail streets stay open to 3am serving night owls but featuring more on beer than the dishes. Karaoke bars and clubs are active at night too.

District 8 needs your prayers for the people are walking in darkness and have yet to see the Light of the World.



## Points of Prayer:

- Rows of apartment blocks line parts of this district, filled with multiple generations of families ranging from blue collar as well as clerical and government service employees. Pray that the Gospel would take root in these apartments and multiply from block to block.
- This area also holds neighborhoods with strong Catholic traditions. Pray that the truth of the Gospel would speak to Catholic families and they would find justification through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- Pray for students in the Saigon Technical University as well as other schools in this area.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa An Phú and Chùa Huệ Lâm



So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16





# District Ten

## People Surrounded in Business

District 10 is also considered another area of Chinatown in the city with big and small businesses abounding. Many of the streets' vendors congregate to sell one particular item, for example: basket street, metal cabinet street, decoration street, or flower street ---several stores selling the same or similar product and located on one street.

Home to 3 major universities and 2 hospitals, there is lots of traffic to contend with during the day as the population comes in and out for education, goods, and services.

Within district 10 stands one of the most popular temples and 13-story pagodas, drawing many to kneel and pray to Vietnam's biggest bronze statue located in the main hall. It is quite common to find vendors housing birds in cages on the sidewalks around the temple area to be purchased and released in hopes of good fortune or answers to prayers.

The people in district 10 need prayer because they are looking for answers and do not know of God's love and salvation.

## Points of Prayer:

- University students and blue-collar workers represent much of the population of this district. Pray that God's Spirit would move and many would see their need to be born again.
- Pray for the Foreign Language University and the Technology University students among those of other schools here. The Technology University like many in the city has foreign (U.S. and European) universities that run degree programs on their campus. Pray that such university partnerships might pave the way for the Gospel to reach students.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Bửu Đà and the idol shops along Nguyễn Chí Thanh.



And we are confident that He hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases Him. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for.

1 John 5:14-15





# District Eleven

## People Trusting in the Past

Bordering to the north of Chinatown Districts 5 and 6, District 11 boasts a population of 41% Vietnamese of Chinese descent. The culture of the Chinese community in District 11 plays a big part in the locals' daily life. Like other districts in the area, there is no sign to welcome you to Chinatown, however, you can easily recognize it by the Chinese characters on signs and banners.

It is popularly known for its water park and encompassing sports stadium and center where groups of young people can be found. At night, the streets in District 11 are crowded and full of those living in the district and those coming to the district. An authentic, local, lifestyle of going out for dinner in open-air restaurants or shopping along the street, District 11 has everyone meeting up with one another.

District 11 needs our prayers as spiritual strongholds fool Vietnamese in trusting man-made idols. Hidden down several winding alleys and flanked by tombs towards the entrance, a 170-plus year-old pagoda hosts some 100 carved idols. How the heart of God must be saddened by gods that fail to offer help for the people of District 11.



## Points of Prayer:

- This is the most densely populated district in the city with rows and rows of traditional houses packed through most of the area. Pray for the families living in those houses to be presented mature in Christ – that they might hear, repent, believe, and grow as faithful disciples.
- Pray for new opportunities to initiate evangelism and church planting among the blue collar populations of the city.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Khánh Vân Nam Viện, Chùa Linh Quang Tự, Chùa Nam Phổ Đà, Chùa Phụng Sơn, and Đình Minh Phụng.



If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15



# District Binh Thanh

## People Following the Trends

Binh Thanh District is less than 4 miles from the city center, taking 15-20 minutes to reach depending on the time of day and the traffic. It's bigger than Districts 1 and 3 but overall, average in size compared to other districts.

Much growth has been evident in the past several years with the iconic Landmark skyscraper, residence, and shopping area. This newly developed area is alongside the Saigon river and stands visible throughout the city, 81 floors plus a tower. While in other parts of the district, poor to average neighborhoods abound where the mass of the population lives, works, or attends one of the 10 universities.

The district also is situated beside one of the many water channels in the city, where greenery and park meet. Vietnamese young and old will come to exercise, meet up for conversations and enjoy the shade.

One of the congested streets in Binh Thanh district is noticeable for all the idol shops selling ceramic and varied statues to purchase for worship. This district needs your intercession of prayers to God.

## Points of Prayer:

- A mixture of businesses, schools, housing, and entertainment areas are found throughout this district. It is home to the Binh Quoi Tourist Village which represents in part the deep loyalty the locals have to their heritage, culture, and tradition. Pray they are able to see how God has blessed them through their culture and heritage while understanding that their need for God goes beyond anything else.
- Pray for students of the Foreign Trade University and Transportation University among other schools of this area. Pray that as students are educated, they will also accept God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ and that as future leaders they will share the Gospel with many others.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by idol shops along Bạch Đằng, Chùa Bảo Minh, Chùa Bảo Tịnh, Chùa Bát Nhã, Chùa Diệu Pháp, and Chùa Long Vân.



Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:19-20



# District Phu Nhuan

## People of the Neighborhood

Crowded with housing, businesses and restaurants, Phu Nhuan District borders the city center's districts. Beyond the main streets that run through this district are a labyrinth of back alleys that house the mass population, concrete home butted up against another with windows only on the front possibly the back and tops of houses. Alley ways only 3-4 feet wide separate one side to another. This district is densely populated.

Temples and pagodas are easily found throughout this district. As many homes and businesses found in this district, also are the number of altars worshipping idols and ancestors. Phu Nhuan District needs prayers for God to be made known to the people searching and ignorant of the One True God.

Also, in one area of Phu Nhuan District there is a significant number of Cham people (ethnic group found in S.E.Asia and predominately Muslim). This group would be considered an Unreached People Group where less than 2% of the population are believers. With Buddhist and Muslim people abiding in this district, prayer is needed to ask God to do a mighty work and be glorified. Please pray for this district.

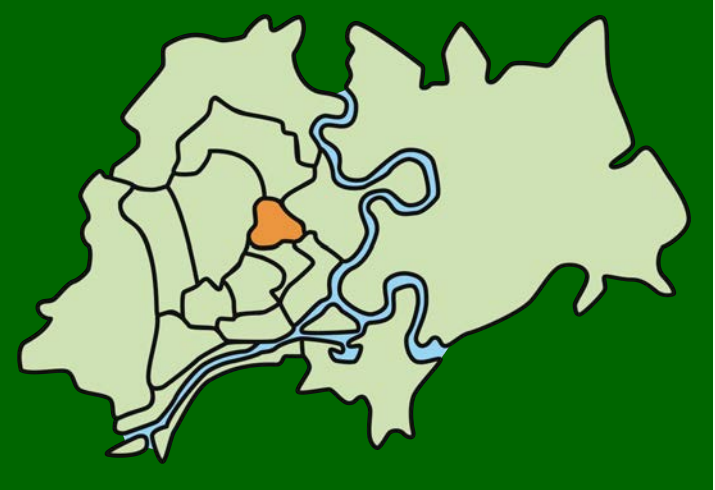
## Points of Prayer:

- District Phu Nhuan is another densely populated district within the urban districts. Traditional residential housing covers much of the area and there is a large amount of retail outlets as well as coffee shops and entertainment venues. Sadly, the great majority of people of this district are lost without hope in Jesus Christ. Pray that Phu Nhuan would become the center of a revival reaching all of the city.
- Pray for laborers to show the people of this district that they cannot rely on the "law" or "good works" promoted by many religious influences – pray they instead find understanding and acceptance of God's grace – pray that they believe and many new churches will be started.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Thánh Đ ờng Hồi Giáo Jamiyah Islamic, Tổ Đình Quán Thế Âm, Chùa Đại Giác, Chùa Giác Ngạn, and Thánh Thất Từ Vân.



In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Psalm 18:6



# District Go Vap

## People Striving for Something More

Situated just outside of the center of the city, driving to Go Vap district can still take you up to 30-40 minutes. Businesses, markets, restaurants, and high-end shopping malls attract Vietnamese to live and work increasing the residential count. One university alone in this district has a student population of well over 150,000. Factories such as Mercedes Benz and Toyota also employ workers in this district.

During several times of war and conflict, numerous Catholic families moved from the north to the south. Many of these settled into what is now Go Vap district accounting for the large number of Catholic churches. In 1965 the Catholic church granted Vietnamese Catholics permission to continue to venerate their ancestors. God will not share worship with any other. With a larger population of Catholics alongside Buddhists within the district, there is a great need for prayer.

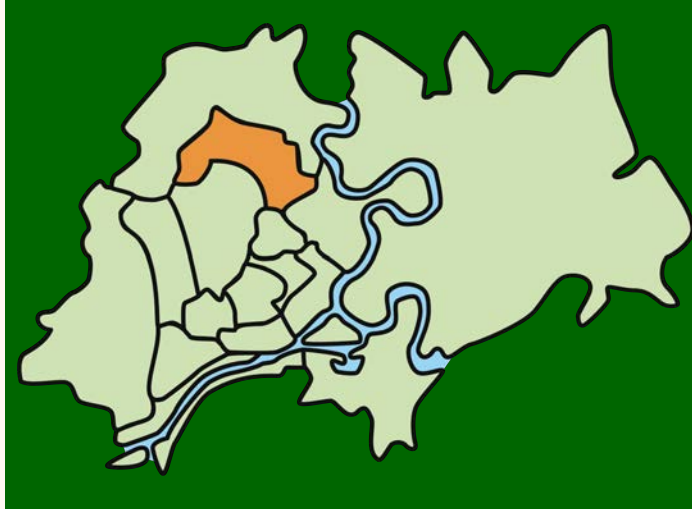
## Points of Prayer:

- Go Vap is primarily a residential area but there are a large number of temples and spiritual sites in this district, many bars and a high crime rate, there is also a large student population. Pray that the Gospel will be received in Go Vap and the people will turn from darkness to light.
- Pray for the students of the University of Industry among other schools in the district. UI has perhaps the largest number of students of any single campus in the city pray for a great work of God's Spirit among them that will see many come to faith and new churches started.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Châu An, Phù Châu Miếu, Tịnh xá Ngọc Phụng, Tu Viện Quảng Hưng Gia Lam.



Seek the Lord and His strength; seek  
His presence continually!

1 Chronicles 16:11



# District Tan Phu

## People Not Forgotten

Tan Phu District runs alongside Tan Binh District and in years past was actually a part of Tan Binh. Located away from the city center, this district is not as bustling as others and because of that daily life is seemingly more local.

Street food, small farmers markets, sidewalk coffee and drinks give the district a slower and less hurrying environment, where customers are there to make conversations with one another.

Along the street, in businesses and homes, small altars with containers for incense and a fruit offering for prayers lifted to provide protection or success are found. This district is in need of our prayers.

## Points of Prayer:

- A patchwork of parks, factories, businesses, and worker housing spreads randomly through Tan Phu – who will share the Gospel with them? Who will disciple them to pass on what they have learned to reliable men who will in turn share with others? Pray for laborers.
- Pray for the students of the Ho Chi Minh City University of Food Industry to be reached with the Gospel and a church to be started among them.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Pháp Giới, Tu Viện Huệ Quang, Chùa Pháp Vân, Vệ Quốc Miếu.



And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2



# District Tan Binh

## People on the Go

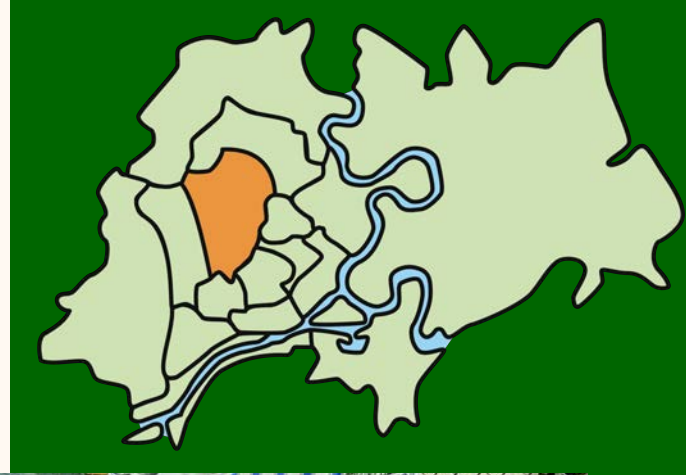
District Tan Binh is where millions will enter Ho Chi Minh City from the air, home to an international airport. It is situated in one of the outer edges of the city center, so not yet quite urban and very local abiding together to give travelers their first impressions. Close to half a million people live in District Tan Binh.

There seemingly is a constant flow to this district, as people travel from the airport into other parts of the city, are out and about to work or take care of their daily life.

One of the oldest and largest pagodas (built in 1744) is found in Tan Binh District. Spiritual life plays an important part in the life of Vietnamese. They are looking for hope, for help, for something more than they can do on their own, but not yet knowing or understanding the One True God. Please pray for this district to know God Almighty and glorify Him.

## Points of Prayer:

- Tan Binh is anchored by the Tan Son Nhat international airport that covers a large part of the land area of the district. Pray that God will call out many more laborers from around the world to fly to HCMC and share the Gospel, disciple Believers and start churches.
- Many factories and businesses also surround the airport, including many workers – pray for the Gospel to penetrate those businesses and neighborhoods and that we would see thousands rise up to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior and give glory to God.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Bạch Liên, Chùa Giác Lâm, and idol and altar shops along Cộng Hòa.



And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8



# Northern Districts

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Often considered rural districts, District 12, Hoc Mon, and Cu Chi are located on the northern edge of Ho Chi Minh City. These suburban districts have lower population densities and seem less jammed with people and traffic.

Moving out from the urban center, costs of rent, price of goods, and modernization lessens. For instance, the electric power grid does not support the whole of the city at times, and power outages in the outer-lying districts are more commonly cut for a time than the city center.

There's a sense of a rural feel with more spaces between buildings or businesses and fields of rice or agriculture. People coming in from the rural areas into the city might also begin new lives here because it is less stressful than the urban city.

Culture and tradition among Vietnamese are ingrained with religious practice. The people in these northern districts need the Good News to be made known in their lives. Please pray for God to call out believers into full-time ministry to focus in these areas.



# District Twelve

## People on the Urban Fringe

Headed north from the city center, District 12 is a crescent-shaped area with less of a tightly packed urban feel but still densely populated with people. Living in the city center means the cost of living is higher, while living further from the center, rents and food costs are cheaper. More of a local Vietnam feel that has not been influenced by the global world, there are no Starbucks much less a co-working space in District 12. Families starting their day, headed with children going to school, and adults to work driving motorbikes or taking the bus to get where they need to be.

This district also concentrates on software development, as economic incentives are in place for new industries to develop. For relaxation several parks are adjacent to one of the small tributaries off of the Saigon river where Vietnamese can enjoy open spaces.

With two Buddhist monasteries serving thousands and several pagodas in this district, darkness pervades, and the Light of God needs to shine.

## Points of Prayer:

- District 12 is home to the Quang Trung Software City as well as FPT University and other schools that focus on technology. The technology sector is a major focus of the city's plans for economic development – pray that spiritual development would be a greater priority of the people living here as they find faith in Jesus Christ alone.

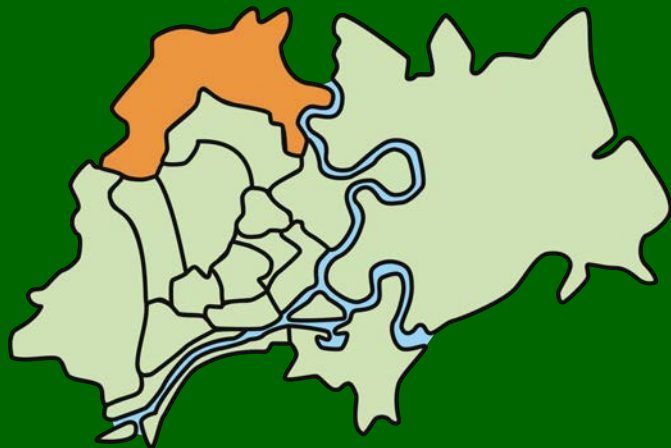
- Pray for laborers to rise up from among the young professionals of this district and throughout the city that they would not be ashamed of the Gospel but rather proclaim it boldly to their co-workers, friends and family.

- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Tịnh Quang, Chùa T ờng Quang, Chùa Vĩnh Ph ớc, and Miếu Bà Chúa Xứ.



Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8



# District Hoc Mon

## People Living the Simple Life

Hoc Mon District is located between District 12 and Cu Chi District, northwest of the city center. Going further out from the urban center, it is less tightly packed, but busy because of the large number of trucks bringing produce, lumber, and metal goods into the city. Hoc Mon District is often thought of as the gateway district.

Open spaces in this district offers opportunities for kite-flying among families and children in-between rice fields. The simple life can be seen everyday.

Individuals, families, and average blue-collar workers live in Hoc Mon District. The struggles of daily life with hopes of getting ahead loom in the dreams of Vietnamese living in Hoc Mon District as many pagodas and temples offer their altars for something imitation. Pray for Vietnamese who live in Hoc Mon District.

## Points of Prayer:

- Historically very swampy, this district was also known for growing taro root. It later become known as the center for much anti-colonial sentiment and was the place of execution by French firing squad of Phan Đăng Lưu, Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, Võ Văn Tần and Nguyễn Văn Cừ.
- Pray for local Believers to take up the ministry of reconciliation that has been given to them and share the Gospel with everyone in this district – pray for new Believers, obedient disciples, and new multiplying churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Hoằng Pháp among other spiritual sites in the district.



And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.

2 Corinthians 5:18



# District Cu Chi

## People with a History

Away from the busy Ho Chi Minh City center, in the northwest area of the city, Cu Chi District is located. As a suburb and furthest north, the feel of small community, nature and even rice paddies are positioned. Compared to the urban city, Cu Chi District seems 20 years or more back in development.

Cement houses and shops are congregated and then spaced out throughout the district.

Many tourists come to visit the area because of the famous Cu Chi tunnels from war-time eras. However, this district needs God to be made known for His victory of salvation for the whole world instead of history and sadness of wars past. Please pray for the people living in Cu Chi District to know Jesus and not just unhappy memories from time before.

## Points of Prayer:

- This area is perhaps best known for the intense fighting and heavy bombing that happened here during previous wars; painful memories of loss remain. Pray that the people of Cu Chi would be able to see God's love for them and that they respond in faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for laborers to rise up from among the people of this district to share the Gospel with their family, friends and co-workers resulting in new churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Giáo xứ Bắc Hà among other spiritual sites in the district.



The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



# Southern Districts

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The three districts in the southern district, District 7, Nha Be, and Can Gio vary with urbanization. District 7 is highly urbanized with a large population of expats, luxury housing, and businesses mostly from other Asian countries. Nha Be and Can Gio tend to be more rural after crossing district lines, though as population increases, urbanization will continue to grow with construction and development.

Traveling through these rural districts can require transportation across small rivers by ferry until bridges are constructed. Can Gio district extends to the coast and is comprised of marsh and mangrove trees that are salt-tolerant but provides much oxygen to the urban city.

The people in these southern districts need your prayers as the distraction of materialism to feelings of isolation among growth separates them from the love of God. Ask our Creator God to make Himself known and be victorious in lives searching for Him.

# District Seven

## People Between Two Worlds

People most often associate district 7 as the flashy, new, high-end drag area of the city. Most street food and vending are banned in this area, allowing for cleaner, wider sidewalks. For young people, District 7 is a paradise for taking selfies with bustling entertainment areas and unique restaurants.

District 7 has a strategic position for the development of waterway and land transport with easy access to the Saigon river and the East Sea, making it ready to become a large export processing zone.

One of the bigger districts in the urban city, district 7 is modern and developed with luxury apartments, shopping areas and streets, yet it also includes poor shanty-housing for the district poor. Outer edges of this district show life that has been passed over for areas of modernization.

People in district 7 need our prayers because earthly wealth is easily seen but the need for the treasures of God and His salvation are what will satisfy.

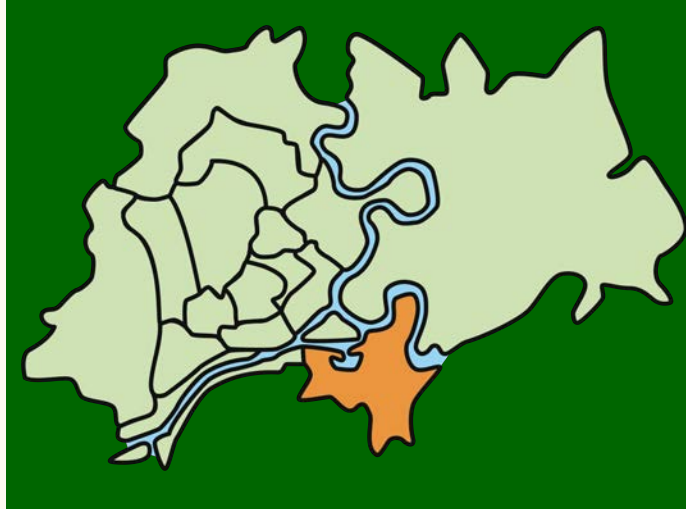
## Points of Prayer:

- This district has been one of the more poor areas and pockets of greater poverty still exists in parts. At the same time it is also home to areas of modern development and a large population of expats, particularly Koreans.
- Please pray for the many Korean Believers in this district to continue to be bold and faithful in their witness to locals. Pray especially that Korean business owners and managers will see their work as a platform for the Gospel.
- Pray for many students and young people who travel to park areas in this district to respond to the Gospel and as they grow as disciples to start new churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Đình Tân Quy Đông, Tịnh xá Ngọc Quy, Tu Viện Đình Thành.



And also pray for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:19



# District Nha Be

## People Spreading Out

One of the outer districts of the city to the south and next to District 7, many might consider this one of the more rural districts.

Almost half of this district follows alongside the Soai Rap River direct from the East Sea of Vietnam that turns into the Saigon River. The northernmost area of Nha Be District is developed and with full streets, sidewalks, and curbs. The number of people living in this area is spread out compared to the urban center, but less settled with coffee shops, markets and apartments found just a district away in the northern section. The farther south is as if you were in the countryside with sparse shopping and living areas.

In the near future this district will continue to develop with ports for goods to flow in and out as an economic hub. Nha Be District is the home of many pagodas and memorial houses (fallen soldiers from the area) where worship and prayers are made to idols and the dead. This district is in need of our prayers as development continues to accelerate and darkness will continue to expand and abound.

## Points of Prayer:

- Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would send out laborers into the harvest field of Nha Be District and reach the more than 100,000 people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Less densely populated than many areas, this district contains several factories and workers for them as well as new residential developments and schools – pray for new churches to be started.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Pháp Võ among other spiritual sites in the district.



And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Luke 10:2



# District Can Gio

## People Abiding in Nature

Can Gio is the only coastal district of Ho Chi Minh City, found in the Southeast region meeting up with the East Sea. Because it is surrounded by rivers and the sea it is an island, requiring ferries for individuals, motorbikes, cars and trucks to use to go to and from this district.

District Can Gio is largely an ecosystem with unique mangrove trees filling the landscape and often called the 'lungs of Saigon' due to the high number of greenery. After crossing by ferry from the north, a small community serves to work the waterways living in stilt houses. Further in small shops and businesses support those living in the area. An hour drive from the ferry and at the southern coast another small population lives along with beachfront hotels and shops.

It's a beautiful area that continues to slowly develop, but the people of this district need for God to be made known in their lives. Prayer is needed for the Gospel to penetrate and give God glory.

## Points of Prayer:

- This is the least densely populated district of the city and yet there are still more than 70,000 men and women, boys and girls, families, young and old in need of Christ – pray they abandon their thoughts of the cross as foolishness and turn to the power of God.
- Can Gio is often referred to as the “lungs of Saigon” because of its extensive plant life, swamps, mangrove trees, all producing oxygen – pray that the people will know that life comes from God alone and worship Him giving thanks for the beauty of His creation.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Hải Đức, Chùa Tịnh Độ, Thạnh Phúc Cổ Tự, Phúc Hải, and Quang Minh Nh Lai.



For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18



# Western Districts

*All the People - All the City*

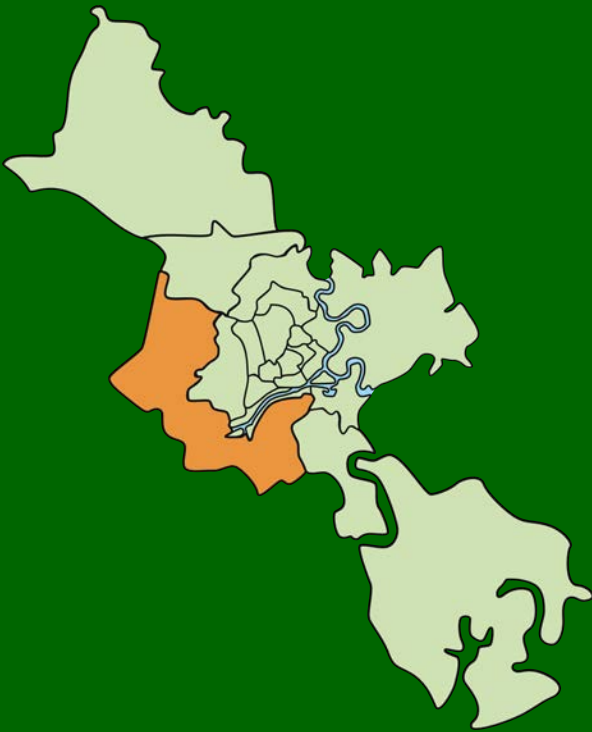


The two western districts of Ho Chi Minh City continue to grow in population as more factories are located in these areas. A gateway to the west and southwest Mekong Delta brings many people from rural into the city. Growth and urbanization from outside the center to the western districts is the idea as the city develops. Highways connecting the outer districts into the urban center makes living in the western districts easy.

Idols and altars are common as Vietnamese people are very spiritual and seeking hope. God loves the people who live in these districts and the people are waiting for someone to share about the One True God. Thank you for your prayers.

Pray with us for these districts on the urban fringe filled with factories and families the vast majority of whom have no relationship with Jesus Christ.





# District Binh Chanh

## People in the Workforce

Binh Chanh District is located to the southwest of the city center. Families usually live in houses or apartments and often enjoy spending time together at local markets and parks. The district is home to many businesses such as restaurants, shops, and factories. Binh Chanh District offers a glimpse into the rural and agrarian side of Vietnam, providing a contrast to the urban areas of Ho Chi Minh City.

This district is known for its industrial development including electronics, textile, garment, and food processing factories and many of the employees come from minority groups of central Vietnam. Poverty in their home province leads them to come to the city looking for work, but they also bring with them a historical and cultural background in Christianity. This district needs our prayers because the potential to start multiplying churches in these factories will spread and bring God's Kingdom to throughout the city.

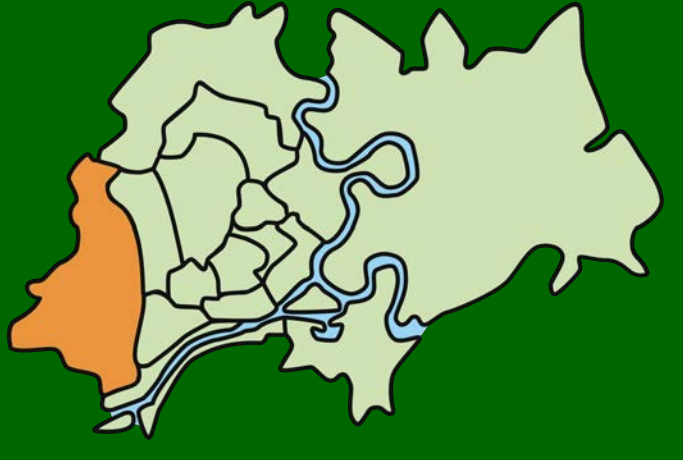
## Points of Prayer:

- Binh Chanh represents one of the areas of suburban fringe of the city, less densely populated and home to many factories, factory workers as well as more agricultural workers.
- Pray that Believers of the city would intentionally go out to the Binh Chanh area as the Master has commanded to share the Gospel, disciple Believers and start churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Ni Viện Điều Quang, Huệ Nghiêm, Nam Tông, Sùng Quang, and Từ Hạnh.



And the Master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that My house may be filled.'

Luke 14:23



# District Binh Tan

## People Waiting for the Gospel

Binh Tan District is considered the westernmost district in Ho Chi Minh City. The Saigon River runs along its southern border. This district is closer to rural and suburban areas compared to the more central and densely populated districts of the center of the city. As a result, this district has experienced significant industrial and economic growth, making it a prominent area for factories and industrial zones within the city.

Tao Tao Industrial Park, Vinh Loc Industrial Park, and Pham Van Hai Industrial Park are the largest zones in Binh Tan District that have contributed to the economic growth and provided employment for many residents of the district.

The people in this district are quite familiar with two prominent temples. The burning of incense, offerings for idols and prayer all reveal the desire and hope for the troubles of the day. The people in District Binh Tan need our prayers because they are waiting for someone to tell them the Good news of Jesus.

## Points of Prayer:

- Ask God to send Believers to proclaim the message of salvation to the people of Binh Tan District. Pray that families and workers will accept His gift of salvation.
- Some have described this district as an 'inner city of migrant workers'. Far from the city center with lower costs of living many of those who have migrated from rural areas to work in the city live here. Pray that churches would start and multiply among them who will in turn take the Gospel back to other parts of the country.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Bình An and Đình Nghi Xuân.



How can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!?"

Romans 10:14-15

# Sub-City Thu Duc

*All the People - All the City*



The birth of Thu Duc City came about in 2021, merging 3 previous districts into the one sub-city. Re-organizing Thu Duc city aims to create new growth and administrative changes for an effective benefit to the area. The expansion is intended to turn the region into Vietnam's own 'Silicon Valley', zoning areas to flourish schools, businesses, startups and incubators.

Even as Thu Duc City eyes economic development, the lack of dependence and focus on the One True God will keep this area in darkness. The Light of God needs to shine in Thu Duc City. Your prayers are needed. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers before the throne of God.



# Thu Duc City

## People of the New City

Thu Duc City is a city within Ho Chi Minh City, comprised of what was formerly District 2, District 9 and District Thu Duc as of 3 years ago. These 3 areas note a population of over 1 million people.

This large area stretches to the northeast part of Saigon and encompasses those living in poor to luxury accommodations. Also, many expats live in this area with a good number of international schools as families are located here. New highways, new apartments, shopping malls and an above ground metro brings this sub-city closer into central activities as it continues to urbanize.

Two particular interests, a university village with 12 universities for college students and a large technology zone for manufacturing high-tech production are found in Thu Duc. Both university students and workers are found in masses.

All the people and all the city is looking for hope, peace, and salvation. They are waiting to hear from Believers, they are searching online with Bible-content videos, and in many cases ready to make a decision. This sub-city is in need of our prayers, for laborers and those who will make digital engagement available.



## Points of Prayer:

- Many factory workers, business employees, teachers, day-laborers and poor live in this area. Pray as this sub-city represents many from the whole of Ho Chi Minh City, that God's promise of a Savior for 'all the people' would be true and His Kingdom come. Pray for this sub-city to be used for God's glory and He receive honor as One True God in the hearts of Vietnamese people.
- Pray for young adults studying in the university village, and in other parts of Thu Duc City to be reached with the Gospel. Pray for students and laborers to rise up from among the people of this sub-city to share the Gospel with their family, friends and co-workers resulting in new churches.
- Pray for the people trapped by the spiritual strongholds represented by Chùa Kiêu Đàm, Hue Nghiem Pagoda, Miếu ngũ hành Tây A, Chùa Quoc Huong, Minh Dang Quang Pagoda, Chùa Diệu Giác, and Đình Bình Khánh and large idol shops and idol manufacturing locations in this sub-city.



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be **for all the people**. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11