

# PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

## Media and mission

**A**s of 2018, there are more than 5 billion mobile phone users and over 4 billion who use the internet. Human ingenuity then spreads data further than the internet reaches; desert nomads can watch videos pre-loaded onto their mobile phones, for example. This revolution in communications is a massive boost to the spread of ideas generally, and increasingly to the spread of the gospel.

Communication and networking tools are being used in astonishing ways. For example:

1. For years, isolated Muslims have reported dreaming of a man dressed in dazzling white who speaks to them. Dreams like this have started some Muslims on the path to turning to Christ. These seekers can now be connected via social networking. A project to do this drew over 1000 responses in just one south-east Asian country. When the idea was replicated in the Middle East, the response overwhelmed the available resources.

2. One observer reports that thanks to messaging apps 'untold numbers of groups are emerging daily that encourage one another in the Word even in places where the gospel cannot legally go. The Persian church is exploding within the borders of Iran thanks in part to... Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) intended to shield online activity from prying government eyes.'



祷告祈求创造性和智慧，以便充分利用技术为我们提供的每一个传福音的机会。

祷告祈求圣灵的能力在每一个沟通方法中工作。

祷告祈求在沟通中保持正直。现在比以往任何时候都需要我们被衡量和宽厚，因为我们的言语可以传遍任何地方，而互联网永远不会忘记。

祷告祈求我们保持好奇心和开放的心态；互联网可以关闭思想，通过鼓励思想一致的人仅仅为了回声彼此而做到这一点。

祷告祈求宁静。基督教信仰有深邃的沉思和宁静的源泉。我们的教会，以及我们的生活，不需要充满社交媒体的屏幕；祈求在上帝超越喧嚣和表面噪音的相遇中。

## THE NATIONS

### EGYPT



**T**his North African state of 97 million people is the most populous country of the Arab world and the most culturally influential.

A popular uprising during the Arab Spring only led, in the end, to a new dictatorship. Among the priorities of the new leadership, three are worth noting for prayer. The government severely represses all critics. It is trying to revive the economy, though at the moment this is hurting ordinary Egyptians rather than helping them. And it is making efforts to protect Egypt's Christian community against the mob violence of radical Muslims.

Egypt's Church is one of the marvels of history. Mostly Coptic Orthodox, it may be 13% of Egypt's population, and has survived with vigour and spiritual life down through 2000 years. It is by far the largest body of Christians in the Middle East. It has endured long years of persecution. Killings, bombings, arson attacks, and crimes against Orthodox women have spiked in the past couple of decades. Yet acts of forgiveness by Coptic Christians have made a powerful impression.

祷告祈求埃及的领导人以智慧、人性和同情心治理国家。

祷告祈求埃及多元基督教社区的灵性复兴能够深化并结出许多果实。

祷告祈求埃及的兄弟姐妹们在许多试炼中得胜。

祷告祈求基督正在从伊斯兰背景中归回埃及，同时基督徒正受到压力而皈依伊斯兰教。祈求基督建立他的教会并使之荣耀。

祷告祈求埃及基督徒在卫星电视、社交媒体、印刷和广播等领域发挥影响力，这些领域能够触及数百万家庭。祈求埃及教会能够带领许多阿拉伯人归向耶稣。

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