

Germany

Population: 83.5 million

Area: 137,847 sq miles

Language: German

Capital: Berlin

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 49.7% Christian, 46.2% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- Oktoberfest, despite its name, actually begins in September. Additionally, there are over 1,000 types of sausages.
- The Christmas tree tradition (*Tannenbaum*) originated in Germany in the 16th century.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a second reformation to make the Church culturally relevant and Biblically sound
- Pray for a spiritual awakening among the predominantly lost youth.
- Pray for wisdom, compassion, and provision as the nation receives and assimilates historic numbers of migrants.

Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

Curaçao

Population: 155,826

Area: 171 sq miles

Language: Papiamentu, Dutch

Capital: Willemstad

Currency: Caribbean Guilder

Religious Makeup: 90% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Curaçao is a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Temperatures are consistently around 86 degrees all year round.



Prayer Points

- Pray for vibrant, growing churches to permeate the island.
- Pray for increased production of Christian literature in the Papiamentu language.
- Pray for authentic relationships with the living Christ among nominal Christians.

Group E

Pos	Team
E1	 Germany
E2	 Curaçao
E3	 Ivory Coast
E4	 Ecuador

Portugal

Population: 10.7 million

Area: 60,462 sq miles

Language: Portuguese

Capital: Lisbon

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 80.2% Christian, 14.7% No

Religion

Fun Facts:

- Portugal has maintained the same borders since 1139.
- Portugal holds records for both the longest (Henrique, 73 years) and shortest (Luis Filipe, 20 minutes) reigning monarchs.



Prayer Points

- Pray for the Portuguese to desire more than religious tradition, and to know joy-filled life in Christ.
- Pray for authority figures to lead with honor and integrity.
- Pray for the Church in Portugal to preach the Gospel in relevant, heart-changing ways.

Group K

Pos	Team
K1	 Portugal
K2	 DR Congo ^[W]
K3	 Uzbekistan
K4	 Colombia

DR Congo

Population: 124.4 million

Area: 905,567 sq miles

Language: French

Capital: Kinshasa

Currency: Congolese Franc

Religious Makeup: 95.4% Christian

Fun Facts:

- Kinshasa, the capital of the DRC, is the largest French-speaking city in the world, surpassing Paris.
- Over 200 different ethnic groups live in the country, speaking around 250 languages and dialects.



Prayer Points

- Pray for a stable national government rooted in righteousness.
- Pray for followers of Jesus to be ambassadors of spiritual and national reconciliation.
- Pray for the Prince of Peace to heal those traumatized by widespread violence.

Group K

Pos	Team
K1	 Portugal
K2	 DR Congo ^[W]
K3	 Uzbekistan
K4	 Colombia

Netherlands

Population: 18 million

Area: 16,164 sq miles

Language: Dutch

Capital: Amsterdam

Currency: Euro

Religious Makeup: 56% No Religion, 31% Christian

Fun Facts:

- There are over 22 million bicycles for 18 million residents and 21,700 miles of dedicated bike paths.
- Approximately 26% of the country is below sea level, protected by a massive system of dikes, dams, and pumps.



Prayer Points

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Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[T]
F4	 Tunisia

Sweden

Population: 10.6 million

Area: 173,860 sq miles

Language: Swedish

Capital: Stockholm

Currency: Swedish Krona

Religious Makeup: 50% Christian, 30% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- In Sweden, Christmas is celebrated on the 24th of December rather than the 25th.
- Fika is a mandatory daily coffee break to share a pastry and socialize, which is considered essential to Swedish work culture.



Prayer Points

- Pray for agnostics, atheists and nominal Christians to personally encounter Jesus.
- Pray for godly stewardship of the nation's wealth and freedoms.
- Pray for more gospel workers among the youth and Muslims.

Group F

Pos	Team
F1	 Netherlands
F2	 Japan
F3	 Sweden ^[T]
F4	 Tunisia

Uzbekistan

Population: 38.3 million **Area:**

173,351 sq miles **Language:**

Uzbek

Capital: Tashkent **Currency:**

Uzbek Sum

Religious Makeup: 94.8% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Traditional Uzbek bread, *lepioshka*, is sacred. It is never placed upside down, broken with one hand, or put on the ground.
- The Aral Sea, once the fourth largest lake in the world, has largely dried up due to irrigation projects, creating the new "Aralkum Desert".



Prayer Points

- Pray for the gospel to spread freely despite governmental surveillance.
- Pray for God's Word to be treasured above all Islamic tradition.
- Pray for a redeemed and empowered generation of youth.

Group K

Pos	Team
K1	 Portugal
K2	 DR Congo ^[W]
K3	 Uzbekistan
K4	 Colombia

Cape Verde

Population: 491,233

Area: 1,557 sq miles

Language: Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole

Capital: Praia

Currency: Cape Verdean Escudo

Religious Makeup: 81.7% Christian, 15% No Religion

Fun Facts:

- The beaches of Cape Verde are the third largest nesting site for loggerhead turtles in the world.
- The only mammal indigenous to the islands is the long-eared bat.



Prayer Points

- Pray for biblical preaching free of superstition and fetishism.
- Pray for vibrant relationships with Jesus to replace religious rules and traditions.
- Pray for encounters with Jesus among the many living abroad due to droughts.

Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

Saudi Arabia

Population: 33.7million

Area: 830,000 sq miles

Language: Arabic

Capital: Riyadh

Currency: Saudi Riyal

Religious Makeup: 97% Islam

Fun Facts:

- Saudi Arabia has no permanent rivers, relying instead on desalination plants and underground aquifers for water.
- Saudi Arabia was the last nation on earth to allow women to vote in 2015.



Prayer Points

- Pray for recent political and social shifts to open doors for Gospel proclamation.
- Pray for the emergence of a bold, vibrant, and Spirit-filled Saudi Church.
- Pray for the epicenter of Islam to become a launch pad for the Gospel to the Muslim world.

Group H

Pos	Team
H1	 Spain
H2	 Cape Verde
H3	 Saudi Arabia
H4	 Uruguay

Prayer for the FIFA Fan Festival

The Fan Festival in East Downtown will be the official site for watch parties and to connect fans from all over the world. Their website invites people to “connect with the soul of football” at the fan festival. We want to pray together for folks to have their souls connected to the One who formed them, loves them and gave His life for their rescue and redemption. We remember in Acts as people gathered from “every nation under heaven” in Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost; the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, and they proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Messiah. Pray for the gathering of peoples from many nations in East Downtown, that they would experience a fresh outpouring of the Spirit and be saved.

Pray from Scripture: Read aloud in your prayer group, and then pray aspects of this Scripture over The Fan Festival:

1When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Acts 2:1-8

Pray for God-moments to occur in the Fan Festival:

- Ask the Father to draw people to Jesus (John 6:44)
- Pray that believers in Jesus would demonstrate the joy and life of Christ in a way that draws inquiry of other fans in the zone for the hope and joy they have in the Lord
- Pray for discernment of believers to recognize where the Spirit is moving
- Ask for boldness to initiate spiritual conversations

Pray for Connection:

- Pray for genuine connections and friendships forged which would point to the Lord
- Pray for connections to the online gospel resources for every language.
- Pray that each guest who doesn’t have a translator for their language would connect with the digital resources available to them to hear the gospel in their own language
- Most of all, pray for individuals to be connected to Jesus Christ in salvation and experience eternal life in Him.
- Pray for people to be connected to a church and other resources for follow up

Wait on the Lord: pause to listen to God and then pray as you feel led

Prayer for the Greatest Goal

The Greatest Goal is the site of the World's Largest Soccer Goal in which guests from out of town can come see and interact with the goal as well as be welcomed by local Houston churches and ministries who are hosting the site.

Pray from Scripture: Read aloud in your prayer group, and then pray aspects of this Scripture over The Greatest Goal Outreach:

14For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:14-21

Pray for those coming:

- Ask the Lord to bring many guests from the city and outside of Houston to participate in the activities onsite
- Ask for hearts to be receptive to the gospel
- Pray that people would receive Christ and/or sign up for ongoing conversations and follow up
- Pray that the people would hear the Lord saying, "Seek my face," and they would respond by saying, "Your face, Lord, I will seek" (Psalm 27:8)
- Pray protection as they travel to and from the site
- Pray that each guest who doesn't have a translator for their language would connect with the digital resources available to them to hear the gospel in their own language

Pray for those serving:

- Bless the churches and ministries serving as host partners who will play a vital role in creating a welcoming, Gospel-centered experience for visitors from Houston and around the world.
- Pray for laborers for the harvest who will serve with excellence, hospitality, and a heart for evangelism.
- Ask for the leaders and coordinators of The Greatest Goal and for favor for all the logistics.
- Pray for divine appointments and ease of translation with foreign languages

Wait on the Lord: pause to listen to God and then pray as you feel led

Prayer for the Soccer Fests

SoccerFests are FREE events featuring soccer action and fun for all ages at locations across the greater Houston area. **SoccerFests** provide a unique opportunity to engage with people in an exciting way and to celebrate the world's premier soccer event coming to H-Town! We want to pray for each one of these events and the part of town in which they'll take place. Each prayer round, please pray the following for each part of town. Specific leaders and Scriptures will also follow for each part as well. For more Scriptures, see the additional prayer resources.

Each Round:

1. Pray through the Scripture Reading
2. Pray for the leaders and volunteers
3. Pray for the participants to have fun, learn skills, encounter Jesus and respond to the gospel
4. Pray for a blessing on the churches in the area and for attendees to be grafted into a local church family
5. Wait on the Lord and pray accordingly

Houston Soccer Fest 6/6 @ Wisdom High School

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-6

Leader: Elia Herbabdez Moreno

Pasadena Soccer Fest 6/13 @ Veterans Memorial Stadium

Scripture: Psalm 27:1-5

Leader: Fleceia Comeaux

Splendora Soccer Fest 6/20 @ H-Town Dream Center

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-12

Leader: Joshua Marson

Alief Soccer Fest 6/27 @ LeRoy Crump Stadium

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Leader: Pavel Khripunov

Sheldon Soccer Fest 6/27 @ Panther Stadium

Scripture: John 10:1-11

Leader: Maribel Villanueva

Katy Soccer Fest 7/11 @ Rhodes Stadium

Scripture: Isaiah 40:28-31

Leader: Pastor Raul (Powerhouse Church)

Tomball Soccer Fest 7/18 @ North Oaks Baptist Church

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: Eric Cowpersmith

Prayer for Internationals Living in Houston

“Nearly 1 in 4 Houstonians were born outside the U.S. (24.8%). Among the 1,862,626 foreign-born in the Houston metro area, 59.5% entered the U.S. before 2010.”¹ Let’s pray that those who’ve moved here will meet a follower of Jesus and be connected into His Body. For those who’ve never encountered Jesus before, may they meet Him and be saved.

Pray from Scripture: Psalm 67

*1May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
2so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
3May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
4May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. 5May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
6The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. 7May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.*

Psalm 67:1-7

Pray for the ministries that minister to the international community in Houston.

Pray for refugees and immigrants to find asylum, peace and a stable income for their families.

Pray for Houstonians to demonstrate hospitality without complaining towards them (1 Peter 4:9).

Pray for disciples to be made from every tribe and tongue represented in our city and that those saved would bring the light of Christ to their home countries and communities.

Ask for whole households to be saved as in the days of Acts.

Wait on the Lord and pray accordingly.

Prayer for Local Churches & Ministries

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; read and pray from this passage for the Church in Houston

42They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Pray for Lasting Fruit to be born out of all Houston outreaches (John 15:4-5)

Pray for Unity in the Body of Christ in Houston (Psalm 133)

Pray for Follow Up Efforts in the city, that God would place the lonely in families of faith (Psalm 68:6)

¹ <https://wpb.houston.org/app/uploads/2025/09/Houston-Facts-2025-Publication.pdf>

Additional Prayer Requests and Resources

Pray that the Church will “Engage the Nations — Right Here at Home.” Like Pentecost in Acts, the nations are coming to Houston June 11 – July 19, 2026.

Pray

- Believers would unite in prayer.
- That the Church would wait on God in expectation.
- That the Spirit of God would fall.
- That local Church engage creatively with outreach opportunities.
- That believers would be bold to proclaim the Good News.
- That people would hear the Good News of Jesus in their heart language.
- That they would be convicted of sin, would receive the Word and be baptized.
- That they would take the Good News with them to their countries.
- For connection and follow up for discipleship both digitally and personally.

Missions

Pray the Church United in Houston will seize the opportunity June 11 - July 19.

- Churches will take a **local mission trip with global impact right here in Houston.**
- The nations are coming to us through the World Cup — a rare opportunity.
- Churches would **reach the world without the cost or logistics of overseas travel.**
- The 500,000 international fans who come to Houston will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel or attend a church for the first time.
- Believers would share the Gospel with 40,000+ daily at the FIFA Fanzone in EaDo and at NRG (Houston) Stadium for the 7 matches played there.

Countries Playing in Houston

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| • Germany | • Democratic Republic of | • Uzbekistan |
| • Curaçao | Congo | • Cape Verde |
| • Portugal | • Netherlands | • Saudi Arabia |
| | • Sweden | |

Spiritual Awakening

- That fans and kids experience God's presence and open heart.
- That God uses the Body of Christ in Houston to bring revival and salvation for many.
- That divine protection and spiritual hunger

Scriptures for Prayer Walking

*May Your ways be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, O God; May the nations be glad and sing for joy!*
Psalms 67:1-4

Praise

"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."

Psalms 113:3

"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

Psalms 84:1-2

"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Psalms 78:4

Jesus is Lord of the Harvest

"Ask me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession."

Psalms 2:8

"Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Matthew 9:38

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:9,10

"Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11

Unreached People

"Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."

Romans 15:21

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"

Revelation 7:9,10

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Matthew 24:14

'He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make You a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6

Nations

"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 17:26, 27

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Jeremiah 29:7

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

Evangelism

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

Prayer

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Acts 4:31

"This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9,10

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."

Isaiah 62:6,7

"I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me."

Psalms 77:1