

Etl 7 Spheres Prayer Points:

The 7 spheres are:

Government

- Corruption - Sadly, there are still many issues with systemic government corruption in Indonesia, though there have been marked improvements in the last few years. Pray for deeds of darkness to be exposed, for exploitation for financial gain to be stopped, for the voice of the average citizen to be heard.
- National Government - Pray for the national government of Indonesia today! The government faces a multitude of difficult issues as it tries to rightly govern this nation of millions, home to hundreds of disparate languages and people groups spread out over hundreds of populated islands. Pray for the president and the Representatives Council of Indonesia, that they would be granted wisdom and compassion for their people.
- Local Government - Pray that local governments all over Indonesia would rightly and honestly represent their people, not special interests that curry favor for financial gain. Pray for governors, mayors, down to even local neighborhood leaders, that they would be convicted by the Holy Spirit of any sin and false dealings, and that they would turn to Jesus in repentance.
- Influence of radical factions - Pray for the influence of radical factions to be weakened across the nation - there are many hate-filled voices vying for power in Indonesia. Pray that those voices would be silenced in the name of Jesus!

Family

- Broken Families - Indonesia is a sprawling nation of many millions of families, the overwhelming majority of which are broken in some way - through abuse, poverty, divorce, or dysfunction. Yet family is core in Indonesia, and God wants to redeem the institution of the family in Indonesia to be a foundation of strength and hope. Pray that God would use His people in Indonesia as an example of what He wants for families in Indonesia, and that Christian families would shine His light in their communities.
- Domestic & Sexual Abuse - Abuse is rarely talked about openly in Indonesia, but it is sadly a shockingly common reality in Indonesian homes, whether it be domestic abuse, child abuse, or sexual abuse or exploitation. This is a cancer at the root of the majority of Indonesian families, and only Jesus can bring healing and restoration in these places. Ask for God to shine

His light in the darkness, expose evil, convict abusers and bring them to repentance, and foster healing and restoration between abused and abusers in families.

- Poverty - Poverty is a crushing weight to many many Indonesian families, many of whom survive on a few dollars a day. Ask the Father to bring not just economic growth, but also to build just economic systems that allow the poor to not just survive but to work toward long-term financial stability. Pray that churches in Indonesia would seriously consider how they can address the issue of poverty in their communities.
- Spiritual Health and Restoration - some Christian ministries are starting to focus on inner healing in relation to the family, even using it as a means to share the good news. Pray for these ministries and ask the Lord to stir more believers to reach out to their broken neighbors by ministering life and truth to their families.

Education

- Modernizing Education - Indonesia is wrestling with how to modernize its educational system. The majority of schools have a very high ratio of students to teachers, and thus most students are not able to receive adequate education, especially if they struggle academically. Many schools in rural areas are plagued by lazy and inattentive teachers who may not even bother to show up to teach. Pray and ask God to raise up godly teachers, administrators, and government leaders at all levels who will challenge the failures of the educational system and fight for something better! Pray encouragement for the hearts of those who are already working toward a better future for Indonesian students.
- Creative learning & Critical thinking - Culturally, Indonesian students are typically expected to learn by rote, not by exploration or critical thinking. This kind of education does not produce the kind of leaders and thinkers that will be crucial to the future of Indonesia. Pray for God to inspire Indonesian educators to hunger for more in their classrooms, from kindergartens all the way up through doctoral programs, and ask Him to make connections and open doors for teachers that want to teach more effectively.
- Innovative schools - There are a small number of truly innovative schools that have grown up in the last several years, many of them Christian, that are showing a new and better way to prepare students for their future. Pray for these schools, for connection and encouragement between them, for favor for them from the government, and for more and more schools like this to be started, especially in underserved communities.

Arts & Entertainment

- Redeeming Culture: Indonesia is home to many distinct cultural art forms. Ask the Father to redeem the vibrant creative spirit of this nation for His purposes! Pray that He would open doors for the arts to be used effectively, and in culturally relevant ways, to penetrate communities of lost people with the good news.
- Entertainment Stars: Indonesia loves its TV, film, and music stars. Pray for those who are already well-known and well-loved in Indonesia for their work in the arts, that God would draw them closer to His heart. Ask for many of these people to be radically saved and to use their encounters with Jesus to share His love and forgiveness from the platforms the Lord has given them.
- Revelation of Beauty: Ask God to give fresh and creative ideas to artists of all kinds who are followers of Jesus. Ask that they would be given a deeper and broader and more vibrant understanding of the beauty of the gospel, and that they would have great success in communicating that beauty effectively in all forms of art, so that many millions would taste the goodness of the gospel and be drawn to Jesus through their experience of His beauty.

Business

- Greed & Covetousness: The vast majority of wealth in Indonesia is held by relatively few people, many of whom are from one people group. The fact that so much wealth is in the hands of so few leads to anger and jealousy that has overflowed into violence in the past. Pray for the wealthy, that their hearts would be softened with compassion to the millions around them that live on very little each day. Ask God to shift the hearts of the rich toward vast generosity, especially as it feeds sustainable initiatives that pull people out of poverty for the long term.
- Small Business: Small businesses are still the economic lifeblood of Indonesian communities. Ask the Lord of the harvest to capture the hearts of small business owners, to show them how to use their businesses to shine the light of His gospel to people in their communities.
- Employment: Many new believers who convert from a majority-religion background are fired from their jobs because of their new love for Jesus. Ask the Father for supernatural provision, as well as for natural provision in the form of good, steady jobs for these new believers who have lost so much as they've chosen to follow Jesus.

Media

- Gospel through Media: Indonesians love media in all its forms - ask for great grace and favor for the many platforms being used to proclaim the gospel through media - TV, film, radio, youtube, social media, and more. Ask for grace on content creators to learn how to effectively communicate the good news in ways that are understandable and accessible to the average person.
- Effective Coordination of Media Ministries with Local Missionaries: Many ministries are seeing fairly large numbers of people express interest in the gospel, but without a way to connect those interested people with Indonesian believers who can effectively follow up, much potential fruit is lost. This has been a major hindrance to effective media ministry for many years. Ask the Lord for a supernatural breakthrough in building an effective alliance of media ministries and local gospel workers such that every interested person can connect with a believer who can share more deeply with them about Jesus.
- Media used for evil purposes: Other groups are also learning how to use media more effectively, be it for religious or political purposes. Ask the Lord to hinder the efforts of evil people who would seek to use media to influence people, especially the young, toward radical or violent beliefs or actions. Ask also that the Lord would fight through His church against the increase of pornography and all its attendant social sickness (sex trafficking, sexual abuse, etc.) in Indonesia. Ask God to stir up His church to lead in the fight against the increase in these evils in Indonesia.

Religion

- “Tolerance”: Religion is important in Indonesia - there are 5 recognized religions, and while over 90% of the population is one religion, the other minority religions are generally well tolerated. This tolerance, however, can be a double-edged sword, as the push for “tolerance” can also stifle serious discussion about religion and belief. Ask God to help believers understand how to navigate this tricky religious landscape as they seek to share the good news with the lost.
- Fear in the Church: Many churches in Indonesia are bound by fear of the majority religion, often for good reason. But for the church to play a part in the many movements that God wants to unleash on this nation, it must shake off its fear and grow in boldness, even if that means an increase in social pressure, persecution, and loss. Pray that the Indonesian church would be challenged and stirred by prophetic voices to break the power of fear and embrace the call to share the gospel boldly, no matter the cost.

- Religion in the Church: Unfortunately, although there are many churches in Indonesia, many of them are bound the worst of Christianity imported from abroad. The church is rife with division and denominationalism, drowning in empty programs and meaningless ceremony, and so inward-looking that most believers are content to let millions go to hell all around them. Ask that the Lord would raise up bold, passionate voices that would penetrate the religious fog in the churches and call God's people to be obedient to their calling, to rediscover their first love, and to shake off the empty baggage of Christian religion as they seek the true meaning and expression of living the glorious gospel of Jesus of Christ.