# FEBC AUSTRALIA COVID-19 INTERNATIONAL

PRAYER GUIDE

#### A NOTE FROM REV. KEVIN KEEGAN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR FEBC AUSTRALIA

Our thoughts and prayers extend globally to the millions worldwide suffering through the COVID-19 Pandemic. Unprecedented numbers of people around the world are tuning into FEBC broadcasts desperately looking for comfort and hope in the midst of crisis.

We believe God is using our ministry to meet needs and to open hearts to receive Him; to replace uncertainty with hope, exchange fear with faith, and give certainty of a love that will never fail in this life time and for all eternity.

As you join us in prayer for these requests from the FEBC fields around the world, please also unite with us in prayer that -

- God will keep FEBC broadcasts on the air to deliver the Good News of Jesus to the unreached and the hardest-to-reach.
- FEBC team members will stay well and encouraged as they seek to answer difficult questions, bring peace and provide practical support and acts of love to those seeking hope.
- This world-wide health crisis will dissipate and millions of new listeners will find the infinite love of Jesus.

Thank you for your commitment to pray with us as a community of believers. We are trusting in God's promise to be in our midst as we seek Him, together, in prayer for the unreached (Matthew 18:20).

In His service,



**Rev. Kevin Keegan** National Director, FEBC Australia





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CHINA

Please pray for the protection of team members as they seek to produce broadcasts that will encourage listeners. Pray for the follow-up teams as they meet with listeners and take them

further on the journey of hope and life. Current programs seek to meet the needs of listeners by focusing on their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Praise the Lord that social media has been a strong tool for engaging listeners and there has been an increase in the number of listeners to FEBC programs. Since more people are at home and using the internet now, this has been a wonderful opportunity for more people to hear about the Gospel through FEBC programs.

The number of new cases of coronavirus have increased in Chad and facilities and resources are limited. **Pray for our partnership teams who are offering updates and support for COVID-19 through radio and Facebook Live, which are well received and appreciated by local authorities.** We are trusting the Lord for His grace as we share the hope found in Jesus Christ.



Please pray for this vast country as they seek to bring Covid-19 under control. Pray for all those outside the major cities and in rural areas that are struggling without resources and support.

Pray for our programs that are reaching into these remote areas, that they will bring comfort, help and hope.

Pray for the minority groups and those living in the border regions that are finding it difficult. Pray that many may turn to God during this crisis.

Praise God that this crisis has broadened FEBC's listenership and deepened the relationship between broadcasters and listeners. Many Chinese listeners in other parts of the world are contacting us and finding help, encouragement and hope in the broadcasts they are receiving online and via apps.

Pray for FEBC team members as they work through isolation, computer and programming issues, while under extreme pressure to produce programs on time.



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REJOICE IN HOPE, BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION, BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER. -ROMANS 12:12 ESV India is facing widespread infection of Covid-19 as many live in poverty and have no means to distance themselves. Additionally India's hospitals and care is not enough. FEBC is seeking to provide words of practical help, support and hope, and is also reaching out personally to listeners with gifts of food and other supplies. Pray for our radio messages and parcels wrapped in God's love as they are distributed.

Please pray for our team members and the many FEBC volunteers, for safety, strength and wisdom – which is so important here. Pray that their words and deeds will inspire many to follow the only one who can truly provide – Jesus.

Please pray for wisdom for Indonesia's authorities as they work through plans to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Praise God that our network of over 100 stations are able to provide support and information to communities all across the Indonesian's archipelago

Please pray for FEBC team members all across Indonesia. As restrictions are lifted pray for their safety and health, pray for their messages and follow-up. **Pray that many listeners will continue to be reached by our broadcasts and that lives will be changed.** 



Pray for our FEBC teams in Japan who are putting in long hours to produce programs and respond to an increased number of listener calls, texts, emails and letters.

Pray as they seek to deal with the fears and concerns of the people which are high as a result of the pandemic. During this time of heightened concern and anxiety pray that more people will tune into FEBC's broadcasts and find hope and comfort from our programs.



JAPAN



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE WORLD GIVES. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED AND DO NOT BE AFRAID. -1 JOHN 14:27 NIV

# KAZAKHSTAN

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Kazakhstan is beginning to experience large numbers of coronavirus cases, and authorities have ordered a "shelter at home" protocol. Please pray that people in this Central Asian country will remain healthy, and also attentive to those who are more vulnerable and in distress due to the pandemic.

FEBC continues our live broadcasts through the Internet, which include a number of talk-shows where broadcasters answer questions posed by listeners. Our broadcast team recently began interviewing Kazakh believers and sharing those messages on YouTube and other social media. **During this time of worldwide crisis, people are much more open to God and hearing the Good News. Pray for open hearts and changed lives.** 



Praise God for the minimal new cases of coronavirus in South Korea. Please pray for those still recovering. Pray for those who have lost jobs and for others living in fear of how they will

be affected. FEBC-Korea is broadcasting worship services on Wednesday and Friday evenings, as well as two services every Sunday, until churches re-open. **Please pray that these broadcasts will provide encouragement for listeners who are desperate for hope and open to God.** Pray for protection over the team members in Korea; pray that the Lord will continue to use them in this season of uncertainty.

KYRGYZSTAN

Please pray for our team of broadcasters who are continuing FEBC's 24/7 programs on 5 FM stations. While Kyrgyzstan does not have the large number of COVID-19 cases as some parts of the world, the authorities are wisely following restrictions put in place by other countries. As a result, many more people are home and tuned into media. **Pray for our team who are ministering to people in distress and encouraging them to trust in God.** 

Pray against domestic abuse, which has long been a problem in Kyrgyzstan. Due to "shelter at home" restrictions, domestic abuse is increasing. Children and wives are unable to leave their homes to get to a place of safety. Suicides are more common now. Our broadcast team deal with these issues in their programs - please pray the Lord will give them wisdom.



MAL

Please pray for the country of Malawi, as they do not have adequate resources for combating the virus. It has been devastating for the health and well-being of its people, as well as the economy. The government has put measures in place to help lessen the spread of the virus. Please pray for the physical and emotional health of the people, as they continue to live through this.

Pray too, for wisdom for FEBC's broadcasters. Currently, some programs help to inform listeners on health measures to protect against the virus, while other programs are evangelistic in nature, helping listeners to understand that true hope comes through Jesus.

Please pray for the COVID-19 outbreak in Mali. The United Nations recently provided support to Mali to provide a rapid response to the health crisis. **Pray for daily needs to be met** and that people will not panic.

Pray, too, for our team who are preparing and broadcasting daily updates on COVID-19, as well as encouraging listeners to turn to God.

Many of FEBC's team members in Mongolia are still working from home. Pray for their health and safety. Please pray for God to inspire them to produce broadcasts that provide encouragement that will reach many hearts during this dark time. Pray for the team as they provide expressions of God's love in practical support as listeners come to the station. Pray for wisdom and God's provision.

Pray for the health of the Mongolian people as they endure the effects of the virus. Pray that the country will experience unity and peace during this epidemic. FEBC team members are hopeful that the church will be a unified and strong representation of hope for the people of Mongolia. Please pray that many will hear the Good News and respond to God's grace.





GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR... -PSALM 46:1-2A NIV



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Like many countries around the world struggling to keep their people safe amid the spread of the coronavirus, businesses have been forced to close in Mozambigue. Only travel for

procuring essential items is permitted. The poor are especially hard hit, as this restriction prevents them from earning wages that puts food on the table. **Pray for daily needs to be met. Pray that people will not panic.** 

Praise God that the government of Mozambique is open to the work of FEBC and is willing to work closely to disseminate critically needed information.

Pray for our broadcasts on three stations; people need to know about Jesus who offers hope unlike anything the world offers. Pray for the people of Mozambique to turn to God.

Pakistan has experienced devastating effects from the coronavirus. **Pray that the Lord will use this situation for His glory and that listeners will turn to Him.** Please also pray for Pakistan's authorities to know how to accommodate those who are suffering, as many are living in vulnerable situations, exacerbated by the spread of the virus.

Listener responses to social media, shortwave and FM programs have doubled during the pandemic. **People are hungry for hope and are** reaching out to FEBC team members for prayer and encouragement. Listeners can now turn to a social media program called "Don't Be Afraid" based on the book of Psalms.

Pray for our teams operating 12 stations throughout the Philippines who broadcast critical information and Gospel programming 24/7. Some team members have been living in FEBC offices around the clock in 2 week intervals to be available to prepare programs, respond to listener calls/texts, and offer up-to-date health information, which they receive directly from authorities. **Pray for physical strength and wisdom for our team.** 

Pray that many will tune into FEBC's hourly national prayer broadcast, as well as a new devotional program designed to lift their spirits and point people to Christ. **Pray that many will commit their hearts to Jesus.** 



PHILIPPINES

Please pray for the desperate, frustrated, and scared people of Russia who have begun to see the full impact of COVID-19 in their country. Many are beginning to open up and share their concerns.

FEBC's new counseling hotline is working non-stop. Please pray for more Christian counselors who can answer difficult questions, offer biblical insight and direct people to local churches. Our broadcasters are working overtime. Pray for emotional and physical strength.

Pray, too, that FEBC team members inspire listeners to look to God. Pray for open hearts. **Pray against a wave of suicides that are expected as a result of the virus. Pray, too, for evangelicals suffering persecution.** 

Like many countries around the world struggling to keep their people safe amid the spread of the coronavirus, businesses have been forced to close in South Africa. Only travel for the purchase of essential items is permitted. The poor are especially hard hit, as this restriction prevents them from earning wages that puts food on the table. Pray for daily needs to be met. **Pray that people will not panic. Pray for South Africans to turn to God at this critical time.** 

Pray that the fall-out from this pandemic will not cripple the country. Pray that businesses will rebound and people will find jobs and get back to work as soon as possible. While the economic health of the country is important, people need to know their Savior, who offers hope unlike anything the world offers. Pray for South Africans to turn to God.

**NOTE FROM JURIE VERMEULEN,** *Director of South Africa* ALSO OVERSEEING MINISTRY IN CHAD, MALI AND MOZAMBIQUE

"The reality of lockdown in Africa is not the same as in the US or other firstworld countries. Here, it means that families have to live inside a small 4x4 meter tin house without running water or electricity. In Africa it means that you cannot sell your 50 packets of peanuts per day that are keeping you and your family alive. It means that you cannot sell your labor for that day in order to buy food. So, this leads to people ignoring the lockdown out of necessity, increasing the spread of the virus, feeding the cycle." DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

-PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 NIV

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Praise God that COVID-19 has not affected Taiwan as drastically as other countries. Please pray for continued

health for the people of Taiwan. Pray that the epidemic would continue to stay under control and not become a great threat here. FEBC team members continue to take precautions to ensure their health and safety. **Pray that the Lord will keep them healthy.** 

As there is a great need for more messages of hope and grace to penetrate the fear that is so prevalent in the world today, FEBC Taiwan team members continue to produce programs that provide peace for listeners.

> Many of our listeners are poor and work on farms but unable to earn an income during the coronavirus lockdown. While the government provides some financial relief, it's not enough.

Pray that the lockdown will soon be over and people can get back to work. Pray too, that this downtime won't affect FEBC's overall ministry in Thailand.

Pray for FEBC team members working from home who are committed to keeping our radio programs on the air. Pray for protection from the virus so they can continue encouraging and praying for our listeners. **Pray that they will have the wisdom and discernment to minister to people severely affected by the lockdown, as well as those who are sick with the virus.** 

Pray for the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians who were working in Italy and Spain, but hurried out of the country when the virus hit. They are now out of work, possibly infected and living in Ukraine, which has an inadequate health care system. **Pray that this crisis will open the hearts of the Ukrainian people and lead them to Christ. Pray for the millions who may become desperate; pray against suicide.** 

Pray for our broadcasting team who must prepare their programs from home, rather than a studio. Pray for our counselors and volunteers who are helping listeners struggle with their fears and health concerns. Pray that they will be a source of hope, as they lead by example, showing listeners how those who have hope in Christ respond during difficult days. **Praise God that many listeners are opening their hearts to Him and the Holy Spirit, allowing our teams to be ever more evangelistic in their messages.** 



**MID. EAST** 

Please pray for FEBC's team in this southern African country. **Pray for the leadership team of Zimbabwe to lead with transparency as they deal with ongoing government authority issues.** Pray also for the struggling economy. Pray also for the marginalized minority groups the team are working so hard to reach with plans for new community radio stations in the near future. Pray for critically needed resources to support day-to-day operations. Currently, their power supply is working poorly, which impacts their ability to remain on air. Pray for people to not only hear the Gospel, but receive it. Pray that their radio programs will be a source of comfort and bring healing to a divided country.

Life for Christians in persecuted regions is extremely hard. Across the Middle East, there isn't a single country where Christians are not suffering for their faith. For them, following Christ costs everything and FEBC broadcasts are often the only source of spiritual nourishment they receive. **Please pray for the protection of the Christians in these persecuted regions and for the FEBC teams producing the broadcasts**.

#### FEBC BROADCASTS REACH 86 ETHNIC PEOPLE GROUPS.

Please pray that all of our broadcasts reach people around the globe with the Good News of Jesus, along with health updates and words of encouragement and hope during this coronavirus pandemic. Below is a small sample of many of the people groups we minister to:

#### MIEN

Please pray that specially recorded radio programs re: COVID-19 prepared by our Mien broadcaster will offer a great deal of comfort and hope to our Mien listeners. Pray too, for Facebook Live streaming programs and YouTube programs that were heard by over 10,000 people in three days. **Pray for our team who are responding to the many calls and texts coming in. Some are asking for the Bible in the Mien language and some are asking for prayer. Pray that many hearts will be transformed during this time.** 

#### **HMONG**

As the pandemic began to spread around the world, over 3,000 Hmong listeners a day tuned into FEBC broadcasts. Please pray that our programs will offer comfort and hope to those who are listening. **Hmong listeners prayed and a group of 13 accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. Pray that many more will want to know Jesus.** 





# THNIC PEOPLE GROUPS

**KIM MUN** 

Many from the Kim Mun people group are tuning into FEBC programs, especially during the pandemic crisis. Pray that many will respond to the Gospel and find hope in Christ. **Pray for physical stamina for our broadcaster, who was asked by listeners to visit their villages; he visited five in all, during which more than 30 people accepted Jesus and 17 were baptized. Pray that God will reach many more.** 

#### SHAN

Please pray that specially recorded radio programs re: COVID-19 prepared by our Shan broadcaster will lead many to faith in Christ, where they will find hope and comfort during these troubling times and for all eternity. **Pray too, for Facebook Live streaming programs made available to anyone tuning in.** 

#### **KHMU**

Please pray that specially recorded radio programs re: COVID-19 prepared by our Khmu broadcaster will lead many to consider the gift of grace that God offers us through Christ Jesus and turn to Him. **Pray too, for Facebook Live streaming programs heard by 2,000 listeners per day. Pray for believers to grow in their faith.** 

#### TAI LUE

Please pray that specially recorded radio programs re: COVID-19 prepared by our Tai Lue broadcasters will offer a great deal of comfort and hope to our Tai Lue listeners. **Pray for many to follow Jesus.** 

#### LISU

Please pray that many Lisu listeners will tune into FEBC broadcasts and find true peace and comfort during these difficult days. **Pray for many to follow Jesus. We're so grateful for the various methods of new media made available and being used by our listeners worldwide, including our ethnic people groups.** 



## LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER

THE PERSECUTED BELIEVER, THE UNREACHED FAMILY, & THE FORGOTTEN VILLAGES

# Calling all prayer partners to bring the world, and FEBC, before God today.

Right now, around the world, FEBC broadcasters are ministering under dangerous conditions and facing persecution as they share the Gospel.

Join us today on the front-line of ministry, praying intentionally for those in need of God's Word.

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### LET THEM HEAR

We are committed to one thing: sharing Christ with the world. Our passion is to share the Good News until every man, woman, and child has heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FEBC broadcasts the hope of Jesus Christ in more than 100 languages and across 50 countries reaching a potential listening audience of 2 billion people.



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\*Please note — for security reasons — some names have been changed and some photographs are representations of actual FEBC listeners.



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