

'Step Outside  
the Resort'



## 7 Days of Prayer for Bali

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*'Prayer is the greatest weapon that any disciple maker can wield... Prayer takes the spiritual battle out of the human realm and puts it fully into God's hands, and not even the powers of hell itself can stand against His mighty Spirit.'*

*Jerry Trousdale, 'Miraculous Movements'*



# Day 1 – Selamat Datang ke Bali! Welcome to Bali!

We all need a holiday sometimes- time to refresh, hang out with our family and enjoy some down time. And Bali is a great place to go.

We want to encourage you to make this holiday a time to pray as well. A time to be used by God.

Because if you scratch beneath the surface and can see behind the smiling faces, it becomes very obvious that Bali is an island in need of our Saviour's help.

90% of the people in Bali are Hindu. They are trapped in an endless cycle of sacrifices and festivals to please the gods and their ancestors. Around 10% of people are Muslim - trying to earn their way through good deeds into Paradise. Amongst both groups social problems like prostitution, slavery and drug and alcohol abuse are real and present.

## PRAYER

*As you start your holiday in Bali, pray that you will be open to the Holy Spirit this week. Pray that our Father will help you to see the spiritual reality of this island.*

*Pray for His Spirit to move in the hearts of Muslims and Hindus in Bali, so that they will have a relationship with our Father through Jesus.*

*Pray that God will refresh you during this holiday and use you to make a Kingdom difference.*

*If you have come to Bali with children, pray that God would speak to them too, and that as a family, you can worship God by praying together.*

## Day 2- Muslims

Did you notice the large white domes of the local mosques when you left the airport?

The number of Muslims in Bali is increasing quickly –as Muslims move here from surrounding islands to look for work. In urban areas like Denpasar, almost half the population is made up of Muslim people.

Life is often very difficult for Muslims living in in Bali- they are usually poorly educated, living in slums, earning money by doing the most menial tasks which are available. Looking and acting ‘religious’ is so important to Muslims, but they have no understanding of mercy, of love, of joyful holiness in response to the grace of Jesus.

Bali is a strategic place for sharing Christ with Muslims because Islam is not the dominant religion. This means Christ followers have more freedom to share their faith – and Muslims have more freedom to find out who Christ is.

*Pray that Muslims in Bali will have dreams about Jesus- Isa Al Masih. Many Muslims have a miraculous encounter with Jesus before choosing to follow Him.*

*Pray that God will bless the effort of Christians who are trying innovative ways of sharing their faith.*

*Muslims are often offended by the nudity, drunkenness and immorality of tourists who they equate with Christianity because they are from the West. Pray that Christians are able to gently overcome the objections Muslims have to following Christ.*

PRAYER

## Day 3- The Balinese

They are everywhere in Bali- at the entrance of restaurants and hotels, on street corners... sometimes even taped to the front of cars and scooters. At any time, on any day, there always appears to be someone who is laying a small offering basket (called canang sari) before the Hindu gods.

Bali is an island of Hinduism in an otherwise Muslim archipelago. Hinduism touches on every part of life – from the design of houses and villages, to the right time to be married. There are thousands of temples (pura) in Bali- ranging from small, household temples to famous landmarks like Uluwatu. Hindu people have no hope of eternity and no relationship with a loving Father God. The Balinese people live in fear of spirits and magic, and even educated Balinese will wear amulets to protect themselves from curses and black magic.

*Today, when you walk past the small offering baskets, pray for those who offered them. Pray they will know the God who has given His life so they might be free.*

*Pray that the Balinese will be willing to worship Christ alone- rather than adding Him to their collection of gods.*

*Pray for those who are currently translating the Bible into a readable and contemporary version of Balinese- a large and important project.*

*Bali is often called the Island of the Gods because of the many Hindu gods who are worshipped. Pray that it will instead be called the Island of the One True Living God!*

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## Day 4 - The dark underbelly of Bali

Behind the smiling faces, manicured hotels and fragrant food, lies a much darker side to Bali.

The U.N estimates that 40,000-70,000 children in Indonesia are victims of sexual slavery – concentrated in tourist sites like Bali. Each of these children, who are often sold by their impoverished families, represents a shattered life, a broken spirit, a child unwillingly abused.

Many thousands of women are also victims of human trafficking and prostitution in Bali. They come from poor surrounding islands to find work in Bali, and end up working in the red light districts in Kuta and Sanur.

Thankfully, there is a small but growing number of Christians who have started reaching out to these women and children. They are building friendships, offering a safe house and a new life. In late 2013, the first children were able to enter into a new life of freedom through this ministry.

### PRAYER

*Pray that God will destroy the strongholds that keep thousands of women and children trapped in this life of torture and exploitation.*

*Please pray for physical, emotional and psychological healing for those who have endured the trauma of rape and forced prostitution.*

*Please pray for safety and a great effectiveness in the ministry of those who attempt to share Christ with these victims.*

*Pray for a new spirit of righteousness in the police and government of Bali to address this issue.*

## Day 5 - New believers

The good news is that God is moving in Bali. Muslims and Hindus are receiving the Good News about Jesus and experiencing freedom! Despite the spiritual opposition in Bali, God is moving!

But it is not easy to follow Christ in Bali. When your whole village is Hindu or every person in your family is Muslim, choosing to follow Christ can be dangerous. When all of life revolves around Islam or Hinduism, stepping out to be a Christian is very lonely.

Many Hindu or Muslim background believers in Bali will share stories of being thrown out by their family and having their inheritance taken from them. These believers are unwelcome at community events. They are isolated and rejected.

Christians continue to be persecuted in Bali and churches are being shut down. These new believers need our prayers.

*Please pray that God will give new believers the strength to endure persecution for their faith.*

*Pray that these new Christians will still love those who are persecuting them.*

*Pray for reconciliation within families from the rifts that can form when one member becomes a follower of Jesus.*

*Pray that believers from a Hindu and Muslim background will find new fellowship within Christian communities of faith in Bali. Often these new believers find it difficult to fit into the traditional church.*

PRAYER

## Day 6- Go for a walk

If you have time today, why not go for a walk... a prayer walk.

It's pretty simple- head to the streets, soak up the life and culture of Bali and ask our Father to guide your heart as you pray for the people and places that you see.

Try getting away from the streets full of tourists (like the gated area of Nusa Dua), so that you can see the 'real' Bali. Going to markets are a great place to pray for people and see a different side of Bali.

*Haven't tried prayer walking before? Here are some steps to get you started:*

### A PRAYER WALK

*Before you begin:*

*Focus your mind on God and ask Him for guidance.*

*Choose some Scriptures that you can pray while walking. For example Ephesians 3:14-21 or Ephesian 6:10-18.*

*If possible, find a friend to join you as you pray.*

*During the walk:*

*Ask God to show you the city through His eyes and pray for the people you encounter.*

*Be sensitive to God's leading- is there anything that God wants you to do or say as you meet people on the streets?*

*It is often helpful to pray gently out loud, listening to and agreeing with your partner.*

*When you are finished:*

*Was there anything particular that God impressed on your heart?  
Spend some time praying about this thing.*

## Day 7 - Tourists

An incredible 3 million tourists go to Bali each year. And why not? Cheap accommodation, yummy food, great massages, amazing surf...

Bali is a 'boom island' right now because of tourism with a new airport, new bridge, new hotels and even rumours of a new formula one track!

Tourism brings lots of money and employment to Bali. But there is another side. Tourists can easily worsen social problems like prostitution, drugs, pollution and alcohol abuse.

Just like the Indonesian people, the tourists who come to Bali from places like Japan, Russia and Australia need to know the Good News about Jesus. Instead of being trapped by Hinduism and Islam, aren't most tourists instead trapped by the religions of pleasure or money?

One group which is trying to make a positive difference is Red Frogs. Each year they come to Bali to care for the Schoolies - year 12 students who descend on Bali after their final exams. Check out [www.redfrogs.com.au](http://www.redfrogs.com.au) to find out more.

# PRAYER

*Pray that tourists in Bali will realise that Jesus is the only source of fulfilment. He can satisfy like no holiday ever can.*

*Pray that while people are on holidays and out of their normal routine that they will think about the Father who made them and loved them.*

*Pray for Red Frogs and their ministry to Schoolies. Pray they will make a positive difference in the lives of many teenagers.*





## Want to find out more?

God is moving in this world and He invites us to be part of this incredible adventure. Amazing! Do you want to find out more about how you can be involved? Here are some websites which will stimulate your thinking and motivate your prayer life.

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Want to know more about the spiritual needs of Indonesia?  
Check out the Joshua Project : <http://joshuaproject.net/countries/ID>

Want to pray for Muslims as they seek God during Ramadan?  
Go to the 30days prayer network: [www.30-days.net](http://www.30-days.net)

Like watching videos on YouTube?  
Check out these great links about praying for Indonesia:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMT7Nc3o9zo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMT7Nc3o9zo)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm6R9EPtMHo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm6R9EPtMHo)

And, of course, one of the greatest resources for praying for the nations is  
Operation World.

Check out their website: [www.operationworld.org](http://www.operationworld.org)

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*'In a world where there is no loving, sovereign God, prayer would be weakness at best and folly at worst. No, each and every prayer is a tiny piece of a great cosmic puzzle, which when fitted together will allow for the completion of the grand picture of the Almighty Lord's plan for humanity and the universe... We pray toward something, and that something is magnificent – the fulfilment of the Father's purposes and His Kingdom come'*  
(Operation World)

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