

Praying Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem **and** in all Judea **and** Samaria, **and** to the end of the Earth.”

- Acts 1:8

One of the ways we can partner in the Great Commission is through praying on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering on the field (Matthew 9:38). Read through the descriptions below, consider what these areas represent for you, and think of specific ways you can be intentionally praying.

The mention of **Jerusalem** in this verse is referring to your hometown/city where you live. This could mean serving in your home church and in your local neighborhoods.

Geographically speaking, **Judea** was the city where Jerusalem was located. They would be people who lived and believed similarly to those living in Jerusalem. This could be the region where you live or could even refer to our westernized culture today.

In Jesus' time, the Jews would avoid **Samaria**. They were seen as outcasts. When Jesus met with the woman at the well, He told her, “You [Samaritans] worship what you do not know...” (John 4:22). From a spiritual perspective, Samaria could refer to cultures or nations that have access to the gospel but haven't fully accepted or believed the Good News.

Samaria is different from the “**ends of the Earth**” because there are still places in the world that don't have access to the gospel message! More than 2 billion people living on the earth today have never heard the name of Jesus. Look through the two people group profiles included in your packet and learn more about these unreached people in the world.

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

Ends of the Earth