

## PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Title – “Praying for the World”
- On Thursday at the National Day of Prayer, my assignment in the community event was to pray for the “world”
- I want to tell you – what I said – and what I didn’t have time to say

- Some interesting background information  
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The world’s primary religions fall into two categories:

Abrahamic religions – Christianity, Judaism and Islam

Indian religions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and others

The largest religions:

Christianity – 2 billion	largest – Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox churches and the Protestant churches
Islam – 1.8 billion	2 main branches – Sunni are 80% – Shi’ah are 15%
Hinduism – 1.1 billion	primarily India (80% of population), Nepal & Indonesia
Buddhism – 500 million	250 million in China alone – 2 main branches
Shinto – 104 million	formally established in Japan
Sikhism – 25 million	founded in India
Judaism – 14 million	3 branches – Orthodox, Conservative & Reform
Daoism – 12 million	also known as “Taoism” – originated in China
Muism – 10 million	associated with traditional Korean culture
Cao Dai – 4.4 million	originated in Vietnam in 1926

- Interesting scriptures to study – before choosing my Scripture

Jer. 7:16	do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me – for I will not hear you
17	do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
20	therefore thus says the Lord God: “behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place (on man and on beast, on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched”
Jer. 11:14	so, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble
Jer. 14:11	then the Lord said to me: “do not pray for this people, for their good
12-16	prophets gave words that were too positive
John 17:9	at the moment – the Son of God said – He didn’t pray for the world

- Scriptures – that I could have chosen to read

Gen. 18:22-33  
Acts 17:22-31

Abraham prayed for the people of Sodom  
seek the Lord

- Scripture – that I chose to read

1 Cor. 15:24-28

all things under the Son – the Son under the Father