

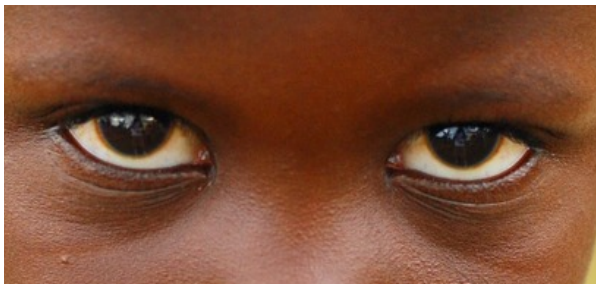
# LORD, OPEN THEIR EYES

## ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SENEGAL



SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

### INTRODUCTION



*"I have now seen the One who sees me" (...) God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water.*

*Genesis 16:13b and 21:19*

*God meets Hagar twice, where she is, in the desert, rejected, fleeing, thirsty, dying.*

*He reveals himself to her; she realises that He sees her in her distress, and He provides for her.*

*This year we want to pray that God will open people's eyes to see Him for who He is: their saviour, their provider, their comfort, their shepherd, the living water and the life.*

#### **Let us pray for the *talibés* (Arabic for 'disciple'):**

There are between 300,000 and 400,000 children, according to estimates, between the ages of 6 and 16, sent to religious leaders to memorise and recite the Koran, begging every day in the streets of the towns and cities in Senegal. They are children treated without rights, placed by their parents with these Koranic teachers to gain merit before God and society.

#### **Let us pray:**

- that the God who sees will take care of each of these children and that He will open the eyes of the civil and religious authorities, parents and Koranic teachers and that all that is done in darkness may come to light
- May the glory of God shine forth in the homes, in the villages, and even in the *daara* (Koranic schools)



**Let us pray for the lost youth of Senegal:** Every year, several hundred young Senegalese drown in the Mediterranean on their way to Europe. The deteriorating living conditions, the lack of future prospects, but also the potential financial gain for their parents, push these young people to risk their lives to reach the European "paradise". **Let us pray :**

- that the God who sees will show these young people what their value is in His eyes
- that He will open their eyes so that they can see their future in Him
- that Senegalese believers will be faithful ambassadors of the Kingdom to young people and their families

**Pray for the women of Senegal:** In Senegal, many women are under the control of their own families. If their husbands commit themselves to Jesus, the woman's family can take her and her children away. There are also single mothers, with small mouths to feed, for whom life is extremely hard.

**Let us pray:**

- that the Lord will reveal himself to the women of Senegal in dreams and visions, to show them the source of living water, that they may follow Him (John 4:1-42)
- that the Lord will provide for the needs of these women

**Pray for the Senegalese church:** Many local evangelical churches use French as their main language, although Wolof is the main language of communication between different peoples. As a result, the witness of many church communities lacks effectiveness. **Let us pray:**

- Open their eyes, Lord, so that the churches can see the importance of contextualised evangelism!
  - Allow them to look outward and have a desire to share the Good News with their fellow countrymen.
- Isaiah 54:2: "Enlarge the space of your tent; stretch your tent curtains wide; do not hold back; Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes!"*

**Let us pray for our priority people groups:**

The Wolof and Wolof-speakers, the Fulani (Peuls), the Soninké and the Maure are the peoples among whom we want to work and for whom we need workers. There are so few followers of Jesus among these peoples, despite decades of missionary work! Among the Wolof, for example, there are less than 200 believers out of 6 million people. This number has not changed for over 20 years...

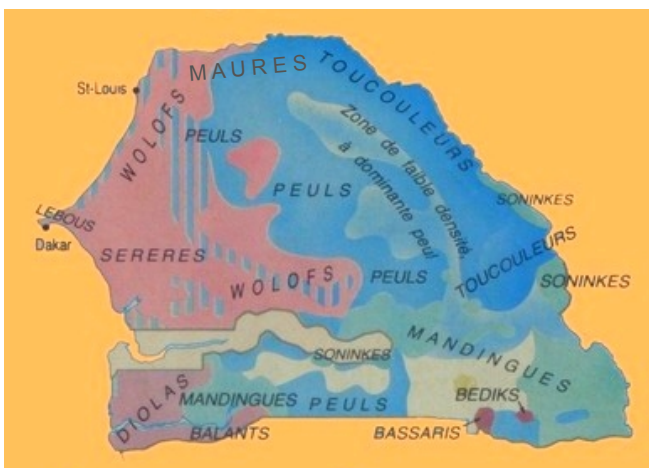
Wolof	6 million	< 0.01% believers
Fulani	4 million	< 0.01% believers
Soninké	400,000	< 0.01% believers
Maure	200,000	< 0.01% believers

**Let us pray:**

- That the power of God's Spirit will remove the veil that prevents them from seeing the truth
- For more workers among these people groups

*"The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."* 1 Corinthians 2:14

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*"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

*John 4:35b, Matthew 9:38*

**Could the Lord be calling you to work in his harvest field in Senegal?**

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