

THE MAMANWA OF THE PHILIPPINES

HOMELAND: Northeast Mindanao Island

POPULATION: 8,800 (Est. 2015)

LANGUAGE: Mamanwa

RELIGION: Animism, Catholicism, Protestantism

EVANGELICAL BELIEVERS: 0.3% (Est. 2015)

SCRIPTURE: New Testament

CHRISTIAN RADIO: None

GENERAL: The Mamanwa are the descendants of the Philippines' earliest peoples. Timid and peaceable by nature, they are generally an impoverished, illiterate and despised people. The Mamanwa mark every full moon with rituals and are skilled in black magic. Though exposed to Christianity, many practice a mixture of Christian and animistic rituals.

“The MAMANWA will be God’s chosen people, His royal priesthood, His holy nation, a people belonging to God, that they may declare the praises of Him who called them out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV-personalised)

Father God, let Your Light pierce the darkness over the MAMANWA tribe. Dispel the clouds of fear, unbelief and the occult over their lives. Cause this despised tribe to find their true worth and dignity in You.

Bless the outreach work in their midst. As the Word is proclaimed, open the MAMANWA’s hearts. Let conviction come upon their influential tribal leaders and witchdoctors.

We praise You for the few MAMANWA believers. Cause them to be firmly rooted in their faith. Protect them from every form of heresy and legalism. Use them to carry Your Light to every unreached MAMANWA settlement.

Father, may the MAMANWA be counted among the joyful multitudes declaring Your praises in Heaven. This we ask through Christ our Victorious King. AMEN.

This is a series of prayers for specific people groups in Asia. The data has been collated from various online sources such as the following: <https://joshuaproject.net/>, <http://www.peoplegroups.org/>, <http://www.globalprayerdigest.org/index.php/issue/day/Animistic-Mamanua-people/>