

7 Day Prayer Guide: Praying for the Hindu World



PRAYING FOR HINDUS

There are over 1.2 billion people in the world who claim Hinduism as their faith. Hinduism is believed mostly in South Asian countries. God has a heart to see the Hindu people reject worshiping their many gods and believe in Him alone. Would you pray with us for 7 days for the Hindu world?

The One True God

Hindus believe in a pantheon of gods and are happy to add another god to their worship Pray that Hindus in their search for a god would come to know the One True God and the only way to receive eternal life is through Jesus. **Pray John 14:6.**

Bible Translation Work

Many Hindi-speaking evangelists believe that the present Hindi Bible translations are not ideal for evangelism and discipleship for the everyday Hindi. Pray for translators and South Asian nationals as they create an easier to read Bible. **Pray Colossians 4:3.**



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Hindus will carry heavy *kedavis* (physical burdens) up hundreds of temple stairs to lay it before an idol of a god to gain that god's favor. Pray that Hindus will lay their burdens at the feet of Jesus instead of the feet of idols. **Pray Matthew 11:28-30.** "One day a woman came and told me about a God who loves me and wants to have a relationship with me. She said that He has made a way for us to be free from the burden of our sins. No more fear? That seemed amazing. She taught me that He is a jealous God and I could not worship these idols and this One True God at the same time. I was tired of a life serving these statues, so I praved for God to come into my life. Then it was there. Light. Bright, beautiful and glorious light. I told my husband. He beat me. I was no longer a good wife because I refused to complete all the prayers to these worthless idols... Our little group of God followers then began to pray that my husband would stop drinking. He was a mean drunk and this added to my misery. Soon, every time he took a drink he would vomit. This shook him and he decided to come to church. Now, my husband also follows the One True God. We have seen many others turn away from idols to worship God. So, you see, I can tell you the difference between light and dark. It is the difference between life and death. I chose life."

Cost of Following Jesus

New believers are considered threats to Hindu society. They are attacked and shunned from their family and community. Pray for boldness for people choosing to follow Jesus and would stand up strong under persecution. **Pray John 15:18-25.**

Children in South Asia

In India and Nepal, millions of children are subjected to child labor and sex trafficking. Millions of children are also orphans, abandoned, and live on the streets. Pray that God will rescue these children from evils they can not fight against. **Pray Psalm 82:3-4.**



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Fear of Karma

Hindu people's greatest fear is karma- actions whether good or bad that dictate how they will be reincarnated in the next life. Pray that Hindus will find the only way to break free of this fear is trusting in Jesus for salvation. **Pray John 11:25-26.**



Who Will Go?

There are still 2,328 unreached Hindu people groups. Pray that God would raise up people to take the gospel to these unreached peoples. Pray they would go and find ways to share the good news that will resonate with Hindus. **Pray Romans 10:14-17.**

The first time Kahan stepped foot in a house church, his neighbors carried him inside. He hadn't walked in four months. When he heard the gospel, he knew it was true and gave his life to Jesus on the spot. Four members of the church prayed for Kahan and asked for his leg to be healed. The brand-new believer had heard of other people being healed, so he asked if it really worked. The church leader shrugged and said, "We don't know. It's God's work." The believers understood that God is powerful and can certainly choose to heal. This leader left for another meeting and called back to this house to see if someone took Kahan home... The believers casually said he walked home. Kahan soon hit the dirt paths, going to all the homes in his village telling them about Jesus... He started a church in his home and hosted discipleship trainings. He walked miles every week, sharing the gospel, despite the heavy Hindu influence in the area. While running an errand, Kahan was killed with a blow to the head. The suspect confessed to doing it because Kahan was "poisoning people's minds and changing their religion." The man was angry because Kahan wouldn't stop sharing his testimony and people kept putting their faith in Jesus. Kahan's work didn't stop at his death. He passed his passion for sharing the good news to other believers in this area.

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