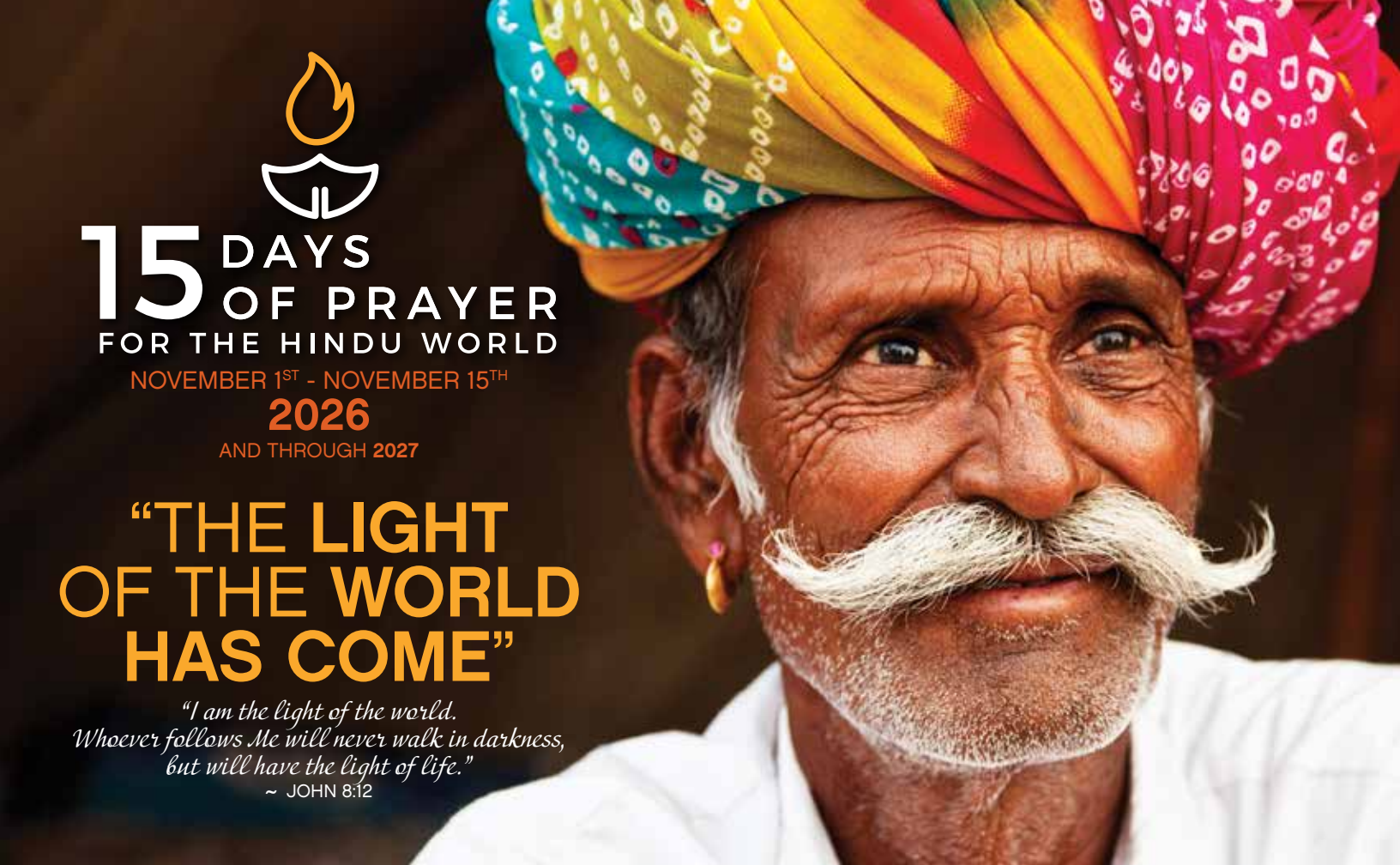
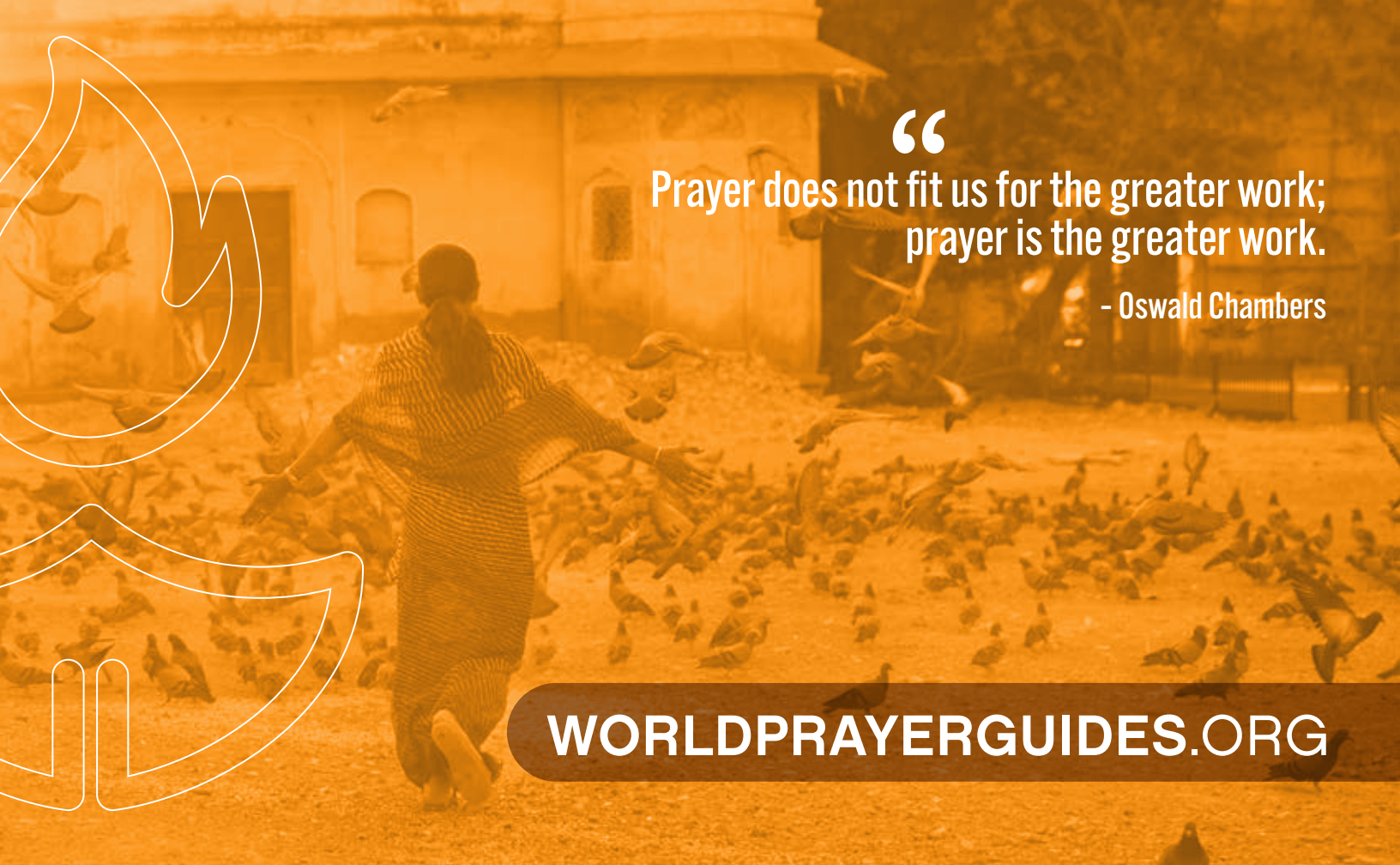

15 DAYS
OF PRAYER
FOR THE HINDU WORLD
NOVEMBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 15TH
2026
AND THROUGH 2027
"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME"
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."
~ JOHN 8:12


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Prayer does not fit us for the greater work;
prayer is the greater work.
- Oswald Chambers
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Welcome

LET THE LIGHT SHINE

Let us pray that Hindu people throughout the world will encounter Jesus Christ—the Light of the World.

Walking in darkness is difficult. Without light, a person can stumble, lose direction, or move forward without seeing what lies ahead. In the same way, people can move through everyday life surrounded by family, tradition, education, work, and religious practice while still carrying deep questions about truth, hope, identity, and God.

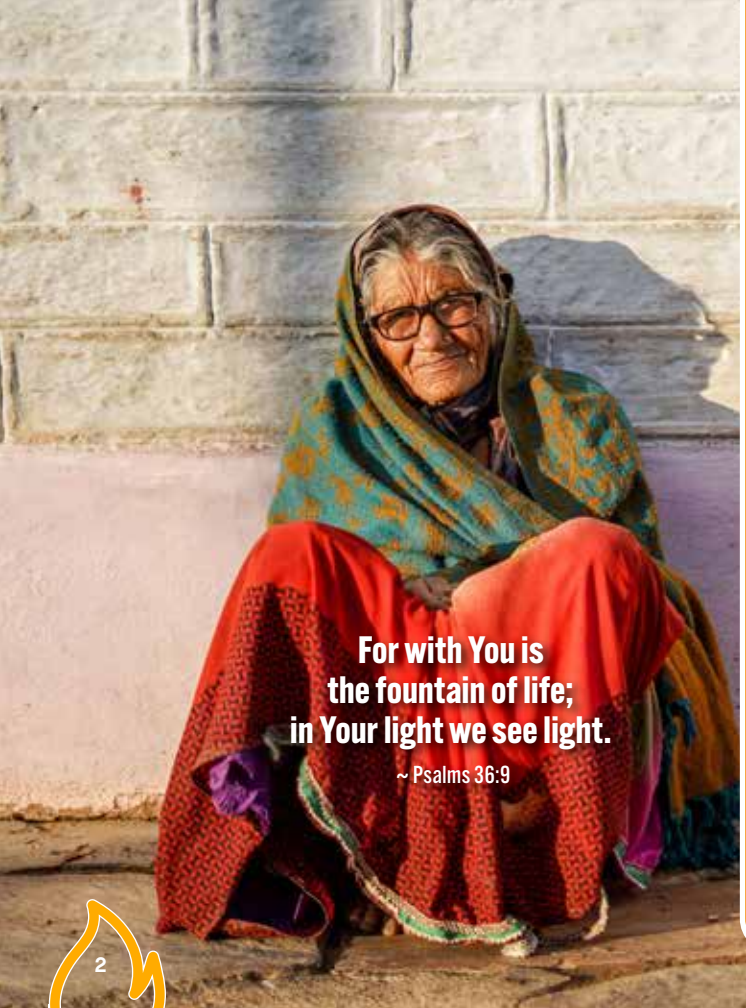
Across the Hindu world are more than a billion people representing many languages, communities, traditions, and expressions of Hindu belief. For many, Hindu identity is inherited from birth and woven deeply into family and culture. Some are deeply devoted to their religious practices. Others participate primarily because these traditions are part of the world they have always known.

Yet Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Our Heavenly Father sent Jesus Christ for the world, and Hindu people are part of that world—people created in God's image and deeply loved by Him.

During these fifteen days, we will pray for Hindu men, women, young people, families, and communities. We will also pray for Hindu-background believers who have encountered Jesus and are learning to follow Him, sometimes in the face of pressure or opposition.

Our prayers will move through three connected themes: first, that the Light of Christ will be revealed; second, that His Light will break through fear, wounds, and barriers; and finally, that His Light will shine through His people as they pray, serve, disciple, and share God's Word.





ABOUT THE PRAYER MOVEMENT

HOW DID THIS GUIDE GET STARTED?

The 15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World is part of a continuing movement of Christian prayer for Hindu peoples and communities. This movement has been strengthened through years of outreach and relationship with Hindu communities, building on prayer efforts that had emerged during Hindu festival seasons in the 1990s.

The guide was reintroduced as more than a booklet. It became a tool to mobilize believers toward informed, compassionate intercession. Through the years, Christians around the world have prayed for Hindu peoples and places, while testimonies have continued to emerge of people encountering Jesus, workers being sent, and Hindu-background believers growing in courage and faith.

The 2026 guide continues that journey. Its purpose is not simply to provide information about Hinduism. It is designed to help the Church pray with love, understanding, faith, and perseverance.

This year, the central image is light. As Diwali draws attention to lamps and the theme of light overcoming darkness, we turn our hearts to the declaration of Jesus in John 8:12 and pray that the true Light of the World will be revealed in lives, families, and communities.

UNDERSTANDING THE PEOPLE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

WHO ARE THE HINDU PEOPLE?

Hinduism is one of the world's oldest major religious traditions and includes a wide range of beliefs, philosophies, rituals, deities, and cultural expressions. Today, there are approximately **1.18 billion Hindus worldwide**. About **95% live in India**, where Hindus make up roughly **79% of the population**. Nepal is the world's other Hindu-majority nation, with approximately 2**3.7 million Hindus—81% of its population.** Hindu communities are also found throughout South Asia and around the world.
(Pew Research Center)

Hinduism does not trace its beginnings to one founder or a single historical event. It developed over many centuries through sacred writings, oral traditions, philosophies, local customs, and forms of worship. Because of this diversity, no single experience describes every Hindu person.

BELIEF AND PRACTICE

Hindu religious life can include devotion to different gods and goddesses, temple worship, household rituals, festivals, pilgrimage, meditation, and other practices. Important concepts include *karma, dharma, samsara, and moksha*. Beliefs and practices vary significantly by region, family, language, community, and religious tradition.

PEOPLE, NOT CATEGORIES

As we pray, we must remember that we are not praying for a religious system in the abstract. We are praying for people—mothers and fathers, children and students, workers and leaders, neighbors and friends. Each has a story. Each is created in the image of God and worthy of dignity, compassion, and love.

HINDU-BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

Throughout this guide, you will encounter the term **Hindu-background believers (HBBs)**—people from Hindu family or community backgrounds who have come to faith in Jesus Christ. Their experiences vary widely, but some face significant family, social, or community pressure because of their decision to follow Jesus.

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WHY THESE 15 DAYS?

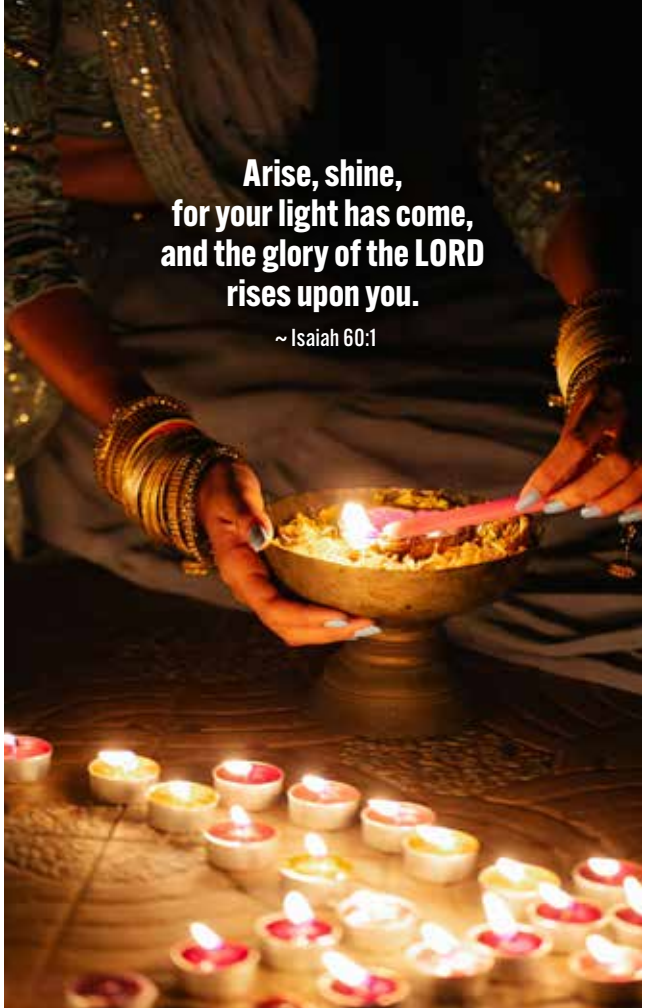
WHY WE PRAY DURING DIWALI

Diwali, often called the Festival of Lights, is one of the most widely observed Hindu festivals. Celebrations vary by region and tradition, but lamps, family gatherings, worship, gifts, food, fireworks, and the imagery of light are prominent features.

For Christians, this season provides a meaningful opportunity to pray. We do not pray against Hindu people. We pray for them in love. We ask God to bless families and communities with opportunities to encounter truth, hope, healing, and the love of Jesus Christ.

The theme of light gives this year's guide a natural prayer focus. As lamps are lit in homes and communities, Christians around the world can remember the words of Jesus: "I am the light of the world." We pray that people who are searching will encounter Him, that those carrying fear or pain will experience His freedom, and that Hindu-background believers will shine His light faithfully.

These fifteen days are not intended to be the only days we pray for the Hindu world. They are a focused beginning—a way to learn, listen, intercede, and allow God to deepen our compassion.





Prayer for Hindu people should begin with the love of Christ. We are not called to pray from fear, hostility, or superiority. We pray because God loves people, because every person bears His image, and because Jesus calls His followers to love God and love their neighbors.

READ.
LISTEN.
PRAY.
KEEP PRAYING.

PREPARE YOUR HEART

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

PRAY WITH LOVE

Ask God to give you genuine compassion for the people and communities you will encounter in these pages. Let the stories move you beyond statistics and into thoughtful intercession.

PRAY WITH UNDERSTANDING

Allow each devotion to teach you something about the experiences of Hindu seekers, Hindu-background believers, families, communities, and Christian workers. Pray specifically rather than generally.

PRAY WITH FAITH

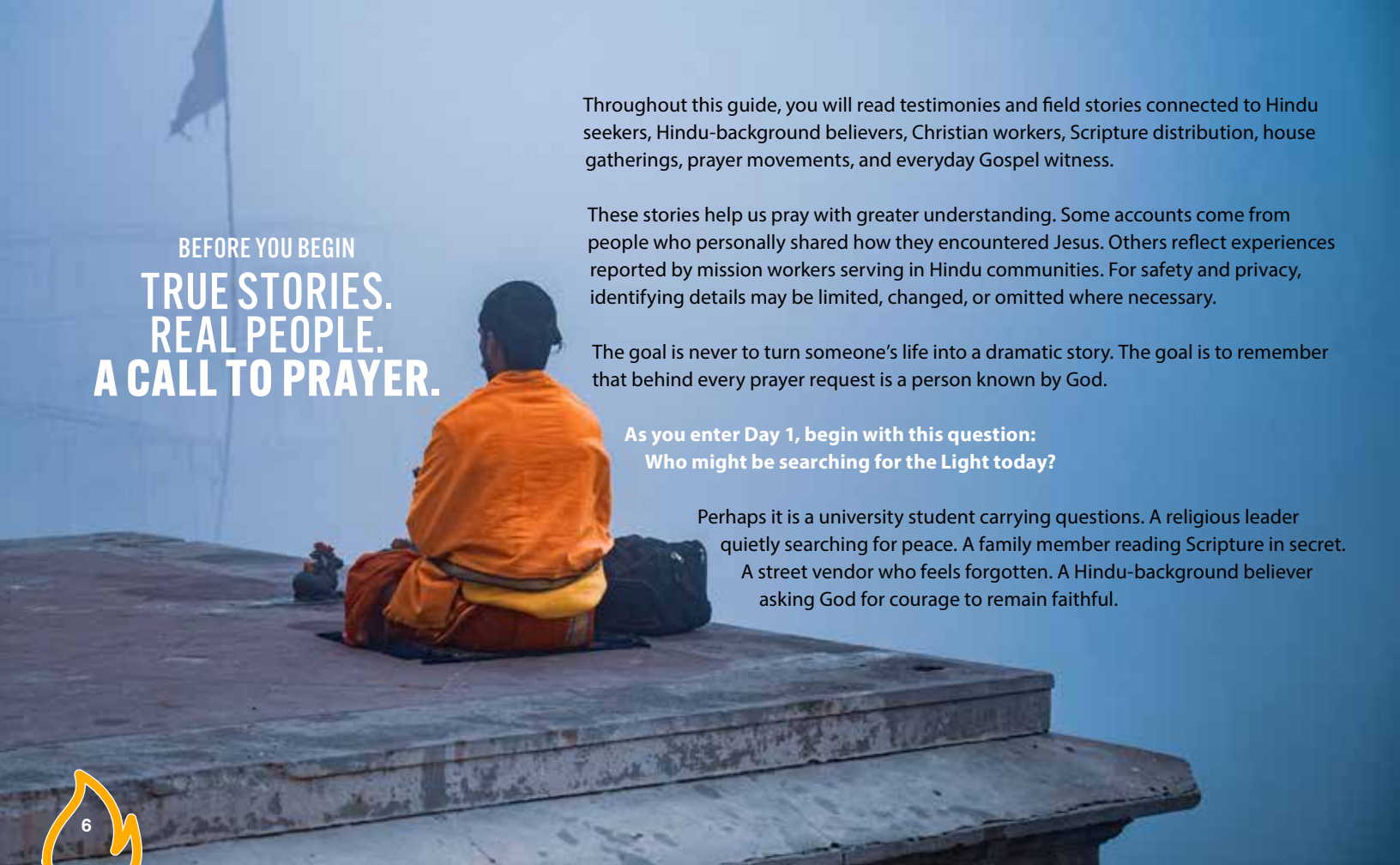
The testimonies in this guide remind us that God is already at work. People are reading Scripture, asking questions, encountering believers, gathering in homes, and choosing to follow Jesus. Pray expecting God to continue drawing hearts to Himself.

PRAY FOR PEOPLE, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

Remember that when one person encounters Jesus, the impact can reach far beyond one life. Pray for entire families and communities to experience the love of Christ. Ask God to bring healing to relationships, open doors for the Gospel, and strengthen believers as they share their faith with those closest to them.

PRAY FOR HINDU-BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

Pray for courage, discipleship, protection, fellowship, identity in Christ, and opportunities to share the Gospel with wisdom and love.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TRUE STORIES. REAL PEOPLE. A CALL TO PRAYER.

Throughout this guide, you will read testimonies and field stories connected to Hindu seekers, Hindu-background believers, Christian workers, Scripture distribution, house gatherings, prayer movements, and everyday Gospel witness.

These stories help us pray with greater understanding. Some accounts come from people who personally shared how they encountered Jesus. Others reflect experiences reported by mission workers serving in Hindu communities. For safety and privacy, identifying details may be limited, changed, or omitted where necessary.

The goal is never to turn someone's life into a dramatic story. The goal is to remember that behind every prayer request is a person known by God.

As you enter Day 1, begin with this question:
Who might be searching for the Light today?

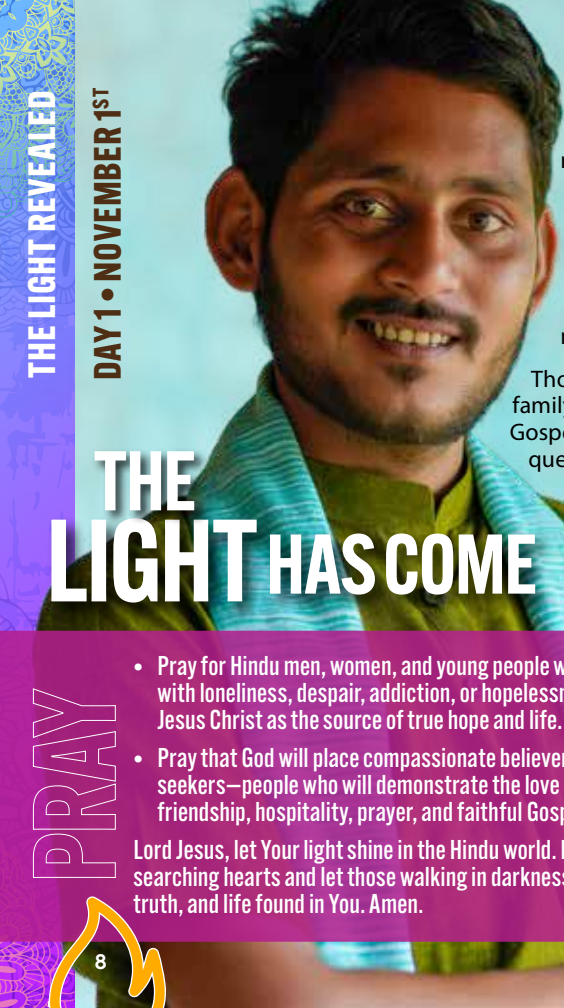
Perhaps it is a university student carrying questions. A religious leader quietly searching for peace. A family member reading Scripture in secret. A street vendor who feels forgotten. A Hindu-background believer asking God for courage to remain faithful.

"I am the light of the world." ~ John 8:12



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DAY 1 BEGINS NEXT



THE LIGHT HAS COME

Rahul was only 20 years old when he left his village for New Delhi with dreams of continuing his education and building a successful future. Raised in a strict Brahmin family, religious rituals and Hindu traditions had always been a part of his everyday life.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
~ John 8:12

But in Delhi, Rahul's dreams began to unravel. While waiting for admission to a master's program, loneliness and depression overwhelmed him. He began chain-smoking and eventually reached such a desperate place that he attempted to take his own life. Christian friends intervened during those darkest moments. Yet Rahul did not realize that through their friendship, God was already reaching for him.

Those friends showed Rahul an unexpected kindness and love. Eventually, he met a pastor and his family, whose home became another place where he experienced genuine acceptance. Still, when the Gospel was shared with him, Rahul resisted. He argued and questioned what he was hearing. Then one question began troubling his heart: **If Christ is for everyone, why is He not for me?**

That question became a doorway. After wrestling with his doubts, Rahul surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. He later described what happened this way: it felt as though a great weight had been lifted. He had been walking in darkness, **but now he had seen the Light.**

Rahul's story is one testimony, but there are millions of Hindu men, women, and young people with their own stories. Some are searching for truth. Some carry questions they are afraid to ask. Others may be surrounded by religious traditions yet privately struggle with loneliness, fear, pain, or hopelessness.

The Light of the World has come for them too. Over the next fifteen days, we will pray for that Light to be revealed. We will pray for the Light to break through darkness, fear, and barriers. And we will pray for those who encounter Jesus to carry His Light into their families and communities. Today, our journey begins with one prayer: **Lord Jesus, let them see the Light.**

PRAY

- Pray for Hindu men, women, and young people who are silently struggling with loneliness, despair, addiction, or hopelessness. Ask God to reveal Jesus Christ as the source of true hope and life.
- Pray that God will place compassionate believers in the lives of Hindu seekers—people who will demonstrate the love of Christ through genuine friendship, hospitality, prayer, and faithful Gospel conversations.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in the Hindu world. Reveal Yourself to searching hearts and let those walking in darkness encounter the hope, truth, and life found in You. Amen.

WHEN GOD ANSWERS A SEEKER

In a village in Odisha, a highly respected Hindu priest was known throughout his community. Hundreds of people came to him seeking blessings. He performed sacred ceremonies, practiced spiritual rituals, and had extensive knowledge of Hindu scriptures.

From the outside, he appeared spiritually confident and fulfilled. **But inside, he was searching.** Despite years of religious devotion, rituals, and service to his community, he carried questions he could not answer and a longing he could not satisfy. Yet speaking openly about those questions could have cost him the respect and position he had spent years building.

Then one day, his guru told him something unexpected: **"I have found the One, and I am completely satisfied."** The priest listened as his guru explained how Jesus had satisfied the longing of his heart. Those words stayed with him.

For years, the priest had been searching for something he could not name. Now he began to wonder: **Could Jesus be the One I have been searching for?** He began praying to Jesus. Slowly, the emptiness within him gave way to peace. As he continued seeking, he experienced a fullness that his religious practices had never provided. He became convinced that he had found the Truth.

This testimony reminds us that spiritual hunger is not always visible. Behind religious titles, traditions, rituals, and outward devotion may be people carrying questions they have never spoken aloud. **But God sees the seeker.** He knows the questions hidden within the heart. And He can use a conversation, a testimony, a friend, a dream, Scripture, or a simple prayer to begin revealing Jesus Christ—the Light of the World.

As we pray today, let us remember those who may be searching in silence.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

~ Jeremiah 29:13

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in every searching heart. Reveal Yourself to those who quietly hunger for truth, and lead them into the peace, hope, and life found in You. Amen.

PRAY

- Pray for Hindu priests, gurus, spiritual leaders, and devoted practitioners who may privately be searching for truth. Ask God to meet them in their questions and reveal Jesus Christ to them.
- Pray that God will raise up compassionate believers who can build respectful relationships with Hindu seekers and faithfully share the truth and love of Jesus when He opens the opportunity.

DREAMS IN THE NIGHT

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God is not limited in the ways He can capture a person's attention. Throughout Scripture, dreams and visions appear at significant moments—bringing direction, warning, encouragement, or preparing someone for what God is about to do. Even today, there are testimonies from people who say that a dream or vision caused them to begin asking questions about Jesus.

But the dream is not the destination. **Jesus is.**

One such testimony comes from Satish, a young Brahmin man whose life had reached a critical moment. He lay unconscious in a hospital as doctors worked to save him. According to his testimony, his condition became so severe that his family began losing hope.

Then something unexpected happened. Satish regained consciousness. He later told his family that while unconscious, he had experienced a vision. Satish said he saw a man dressed in white who touched him and identified Himself as Jesus. According to Satish, Jesus told him that he was being given a new life and would be used to tell others about Him.

What appeared to be the end of Satish's story became the beginning of a spiritual journey. His testimony reminds us that there may be Hindu men and women whom God is already stirring in ways we cannot see. Some may awaken from a dream wondering about the name of Jesus. Others may experience something they do not understand and begin searching for answers.

When someone begins searching, **they need more than an experience—they need the truth of the Gospel.** They need access to God's Word and believers who can lovingly help them understand who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him.

As we pray today, let us ask God to reveal the Light of Christ to searching hearts—and to prepare His people to walk alongside those who begin seeking Him.

"Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."
~ Acts 2:17



PRAY

- Pray for Hindu men and women who are searching for truth or who have experienced dreams or visions that have caused them to ask questions about Jesus. Ask God to lead them to His Word and a clear understanding of the Gospel.
- Pray that God will connect seekers with faithful believers who can lovingly answer their questions, share Scripture, and help them understand what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in hearts that are searching for answers. Reveal Your truth, guide seekers to Your Word, and place faithful believers in their lives who will help them come to know You. Amen.

LIGHT IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

~ Isaiah 9:2

PRAY

- Pray that the Light of Christ will shine in marketplaces, villages, universities, workplaces, homes, and overlooked communities throughout the Hindu world, reaching people who may be silently searching for truth, hope, and acceptance.
- Pray for Christians who interact daily with Hindu neighbors, coworkers, students, customers, and friends. Ask God to give them spiritual sensitivity and courage to recognize opportunities to share His love, His Word, and the hope of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we expect God to work in places that appear spiritually prepared—among people already searching, in churches, or through recognized leaders. But God often shines His light in unexpected places and reaches people others might overlook.

A crowded marketplace. A village road. A college campus. A person simply trying to make it through another day. We cannot always see what is happening inside another person's heart. Someone who appears uninterested may be searching. Someone surrounded by people may be deeply lonely. Someone we might easily pass by may be the very person God is preparing to reach.

Deepak was a street vendor working simply to survive. Behind his daily routine, however, he carried rejection, loneliness, and depression. Then one day, a young man handed him a piece of Gospel literature.



It seemed like a small act, but Deepak read it—and wanted to know more about Jesus. When he later encountered the young man again, he was invited to church. Deepak had never heard the name of Jesus before, but he testified that when he entered the church, he experienced a peace unlike anything he had known. Overwhelmed by the love and acceptance he found there, Deepak gave his life to Christ.

But God's light did not stop with Deepak. After receiving discipleship training, he returned to his village and began telling his relatives and neighbors about Jesus. Others responded to the Gospel, and according to his testimony, Deepak eventually became the leader of a church reaching more than a thousand people.

What began with one street vendor and one simple act of obedience became an opportunity for the Light to reach many more. As we pray for the Hindu world, let us not decide who is ready for the Gospel based on outward appearances. **The person someone else overlooks may be the person God is preparing to use.**

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in unexpected places. Open our eyes to those You are drawing, and use ordinary acts of obedience to lead people to You and carry Your Light into families and communities. Amen.

PRAY

- Pray that Scripture will reach Hindu men, women, and young people who are searching for truth. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate God's Word and reveal Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.
- Pray for those who have encountered Jesus but face family or community pressure because of their growing faith. Ask God to give them wisdom, courage, and opportunities to grow in their understanding of Christ.



THE WORD THAT BRINGS LIGHT

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."
~ Psalm 119:105

Sometimes God's light enters a life through something as simple as His Word placed into someone's hands.

In a village in Odisha, a young woman received a small blue book from an evangelist while she was in college. It was the Gospel of Matthew. She knew little about what was inside, but as she began reading, she discovered the story of a man named Jesus.

Page by page, something began changing in her heart. She wanted to know more about Jesus. The more she read, the more she was drawn to Him. Her family noticed the change. She visited the temple less and spent more time reading Scripture. Eventually, they confronted her and told her never to read the Bible again. **But she had already encountered the Light.**

Hoping to strengthen her ties to Hinduism, her family quickly arranged for her to marry a Hindu young man. She wondered how she would ever explain her growing faith to her new husband. Then, on their wedding night, he told her something completely unexpected: "I have something to confess. I believe in Jesus. He is the Savior of the world."

Unknown to both families, God had already been working in both of their hearts. What appeared to be an attempt to pull her away from Christ became the discovery that **the Light had reached them both.**

God's Word had become exactly what Psalm 119 describes—a lamp and a light. Throughout the Hindu world, Scripture can enter homes and hearts in ways we may never see. A Bible, a Scripture portion, or God's Word encountered digitally can introduce someone to Jesus and awaken questions that lead to faith.

Throughout these first days of prayer, we have seen the Light of Christ revealed in searching hearts, unexpected encounters, ordinary places, and through the truth of God's Word. **But encountering the Light is only the beginning.**

When Jesus enters a life, His Light begins to break through the fear, pain, bondage, and barriers that once held that person captive. As we continue this journey, let us pray not only that Hindu men and women will see the Light, but that they will experience the freedom and transformation found in Jesus Christ.

FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM

Before her life changed, fear shaped nearly every decision Lisha made.

Raised in a traditional Gujarati Hindu family, she grew up believing that displeasing her deities would bring misfortune and punishment. Fear taught her to obey without question—to submit to her parents, the priest, and community elders, even when those expectations trapped her in an abusive marriage.

As a girl, Lisha occasionally attended a Christian children's program, but no one explained who Jesus truly was or why He had come. His name remained a distant memory.

Years later, after her marriage ended in divorce, Lisha was fearful of her future. A Christian friend invited her to study the Bible. About six months later, she had a vivid vision of herself sitting inside a church.

The following Sunday, Lisha entered a local church. She returned week after week. Through preaching and God's Word, she encountered a God different from the gods she had feared—a God who did not require her to earn His favor but had demonstrated His love through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gradually, Lisha understood the Gospel. Jesus was not merely another guru; He was the Savior who had borne her sins, broken the power of fear, and invited her into new life through grace. She placed her trust in Christ.

Today, no longer bound by fear, Lisha walks with Christ in peace, hope, and joy. Her life bears witness to the truth of 2 Timothy 1:7.



"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."
~ 2 Timothy 1:7

PRAY

- Pray that Gujarati Hindus living under spiritual fear and bondage will encounter the truth of the Gospel and experience the freedom found in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Gujarati believers and other Hindu-background believers will be filled with courage and wisdom to share the Good News with their families and communities in Christlike love.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in hearts bound by fear. Reveal Your perfect love, break spiritual bondage, and lead Hindu men and women into the freedom found in You. Amen.

WHEN THE LIGHT BREAKS THROUGH

Consider a student sitting in a classroom while Hindu beliefs, traditions, the caste system, and many expressions of worship are being discussed. Outwardly, the student listens. Inwardly, however, questions are growing.

What happens when someone has begun hearing about Jesus but is afraid to speak? What if a young person senses that there may be more to God than what they have always known, yet fears disappointing a parent, teacher, religious leader, or community?

For some Hindu seekers, the journey toward Christ can include deep inner turmoil. Curiosity about Jesus may exist alongside fear of rejection. Questions may feel dangerous. A person can long for truth while wondering where it is safe to seek answers.

Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." The Light of Christ does more than expose darkness; His truth gives a searching heart somewhere safe to stand.

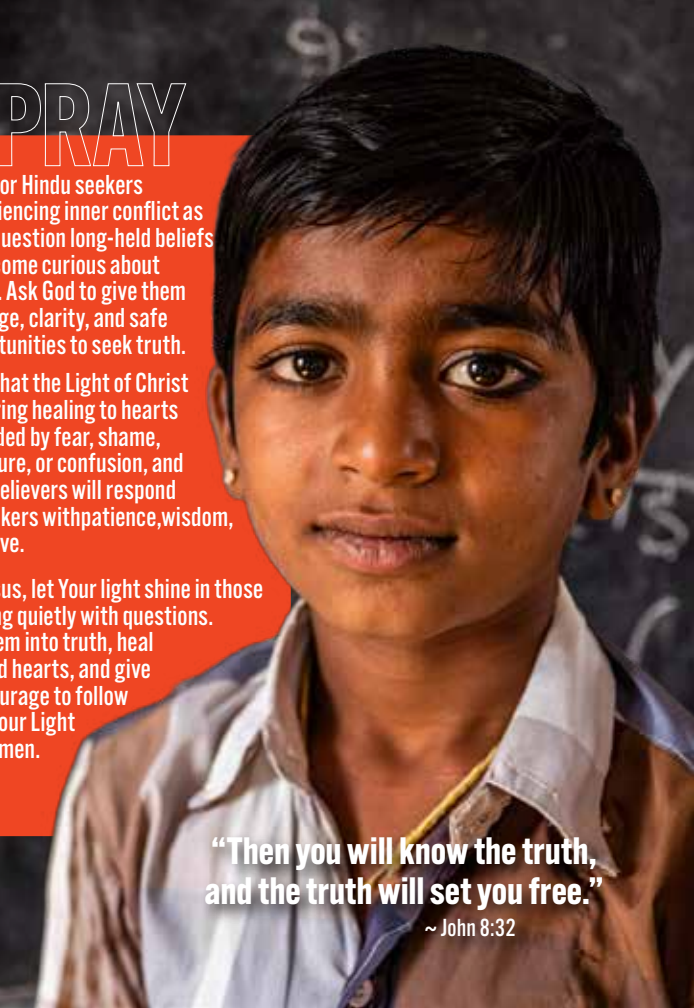
As the Light breaks through, we pray not only for understanding but also for healing. Religious fear, family pressure, shame, confusion, or years of inner conflict can leave wounds. Jesus meets people there too. He is able to heal what fear has wounded and restore what pressure has broken.

There may be students, adults, professionals, or religious leaders quietly asking questions today. They may not yet know whom to trust or where to turn. Let us pray that God will guide them toward Scripture and toward compassionate Christians who will listen without pressure, answer with humility, and point them clearly to Jesus.

PRAY

- Pray for Hindu seekers experiencing inner conflict as they question long-held beliefs or become curious about Jesus. Ask God to give them courage, clarity, and safe opportunities to seek truth.
- Pray that the Light of Christ will bring healing to hearts wounded by fear, shame, pressure, or confusion, and that believers will respond to seekers withpatience,wisdom, and love.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in those wrestling quietly with questions. Lead them into truth, heal wounded hearts, and give them courage to follow where Your Light leads. Amen.



"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

~ John 8:32

THE LIGHT GIVES COURAGE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
~ Joshua 1:9

For many Christians, gathering for worship is part of a familiar weekly rhythm. Families arrive together, children join age-appropriate ministry, and believers freely sing, pray, hear Scripture, and encourage one another.

But in some communities, gathering openly as a follower of Jesus can require real courage.

A Christian worker from India once described the pressure faced by a local congregation and its leaders. Those opposed to Christianity had entered church gatherings, confronted members, and even approached the pulpit to threaten or attack the pastor. Yet the believers continued to gather, pray, worship, and serve their community.

Their experience brings Joshua 1:9 into sharp focus. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is choosing faithfulness while trusting that God remains present.

For Hindu-background believers, following Jesus can affect family relationships, community standing, employment, and personal safety. Some meet quietly in homes. Others travel carefully to Bible studies or prayer gatherings. Pastors and ministry leaders may carry the responsibility of shepherding people while also facing opposition themselves.



Still, the Light gives courage. The same Jesus who calls people out of darkness strengthens them to remain faithful when following Him becomes difficult.

As we pray, let us stand with Hindu-background believers who need strength for another gathering, another difficult family conversation, another day of faithful witness. May they know that they are not forgotten, and may the Church around the world faithfully uphold them in prayer.

PRAY

- Pray that Hindu-background believers facing pressure or persecution will remain strong and courageous, rooted in Scripture and assured of God's presence.
- Pray for pastors, house-church leaders, families, and congregations serving in difficult areas. Ask God for protection, wisdom, unity, and grace to respond to opposition in a Christlike way.

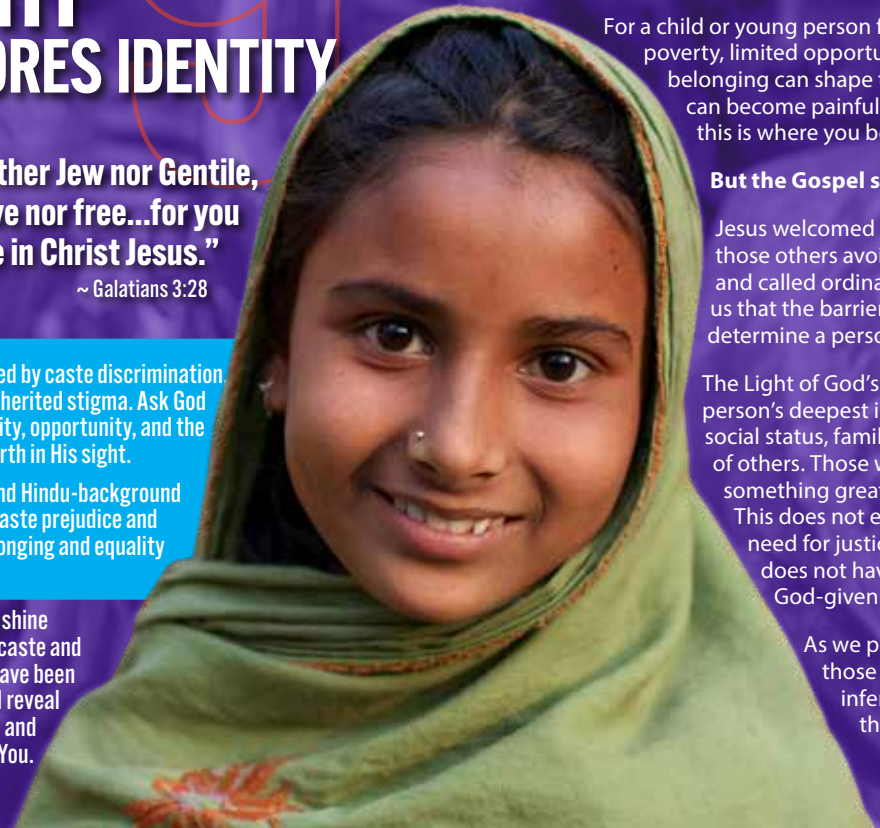
Lord Jesus, let Your light give courage to those who follow You at great cost. Strengthen Hindu-background believers to stand firm, love well, and remain faithful in every season. Amen.

THE LIGHT RESTORES IDENTITY

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"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free...for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

~ Galatians 3:28



For generations, many people have experienced social division, prejudice, or exclusion because of family background, caste, ethnicity, or community identity. Imagine growing up in a setting where others seem to have decided your worth before you have spoken a word.

For a child or young person from a marginalized caste community, poverty, limited opportunity, social exclusion, and the absence of belonging can shape the way life is understood. The message can become painfully clear:
this is where you belong, and this is all you can expect.

But the Gospel speaks a different word.

Jesus welcomed people society pushed aside. He touched those others avoided. He gave dignity to the overlooked and called ordinary people His own. Galatians 3:28 reminds us that the barriers human beings construct do not determine a person's standing in Christ.

The Light of God's love breaks through labels. In Christ, a person's deepest identity is no longer defined by caste, social status, family history, past failures, or the expectations of others. Those who receive Him are invited into something greater: the family of God.
This does not erase the real pain of discrimination or the need for justice. It does, however, declare that prejudice does not have the authority to determine a person's God-given worth.

As we pray for the Hindu world, let us pray for those who have been made to feel unseen or inferior. May they encounter Jesus, who sees them, loves them, and calls them by a new name: beloved, redeemed, and His.

PRAY

- Pray for people harmed by caste discrimination, social exclusion, or inherited stigma. Ask God to bring healing, dignity, opportunity, and the revelation of their worth in His sight.
- Pray that churches and Hindu-background believers will reject caste prejudice and model the radical belonging and equality of the Gospel.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine through every barrier of caste and status. Heal those who have been diminished by others and reveal the identity, dignity, and belonging found in You. Amen.

FROM FEAR TO FREEDOM

A Christian family serving in India had ministered in its community for more than a decade. Their family helped lead the church, gathering believers for prayer, Sunday worship, youth ministry, Bible teaching, and the sharing of Scripture.

Then opposition intensified. The pressure was real, but what stood out was not fear—it was resolve. Their personal walk with Jesus had given them a settled understanding of who they were. Accepting Christ as Savior had not merely changed what they believed; it had given them a new identity.

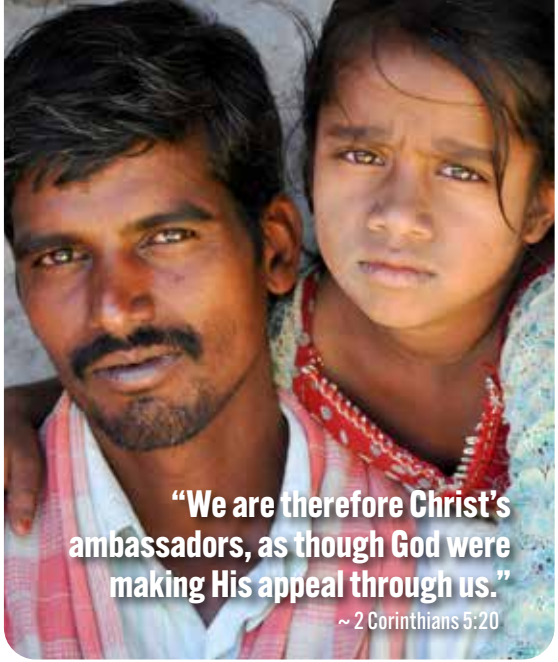
They were followers of Jesus. They belonged to Him. And together, they understood themselves as Christ's ambassadors in their community.

That identity gave them strength to continue serving when circumstances became difficult. Their confidence was not in the absence of opposition but in the One who had called them.

This is one of the beautiful ways the Light breaks through. Jesus brings freedom from fear, heals wounded hearts, gives courage under pressure, and establishes believers in a new identity. Hindu-background believers do not have to be defined only by what they left behind. In Christ, they are being formed into disciples, sons and daughters of God, members of His family, and witnesses of His grace.

And that leads us into the final movement of our prayer journey. The Light of Christ does more than transform who we are—it changes how we live. Those who discover their identity in Christ are also called to become His ambassadors, carrying His love and truth to others.

As we continue, let us pray for Hindu-background believers not only to stand firm in their new identity, but to become faithful witnesses through whom the Light reaches families, communities, and generations.



"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us."
~ 2 Corinthians 5:20

PRAY

- Pray that Hindu-background believers will be deeply rooted in their identity in Christ and strengthened to stand faithfully through pressure, hardship, or opposition.
- Pray for Christian families, pastors, house-church leaders, and emerging disciples to live as Christ's ambassadors, carrying His love and truth into their communities.

Lord Jesus, establish Hindu-background believers in who they are in You. Let Your light shine through their lives and make them courageous ambassadors of Your grace and truth. Amen.

THE LIGHT MULTIPLIES

"Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
~ Matthew 4:19

Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee and called ordinary people to follow Him. "Come, follow Me," He said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." One invitation became a community of disciples, and the early Church soon gathered from house to house, sharing meals, prayer, teaching, and faith.

That same pattern can still be seen when the Gospel enters a home or neighborhood.

Devi Parvathi was born and raised in a Hindu family. A Christian worker gave her, her younger brother, and several friends copies of the Gospel of John and encouraged them to read prayerfully. Devi began reading every day. John 3:16 especially captured her attention: "For God so loved the world..." She began asking, Does God really love me too?

As she continued reading, Devi came to understand God's love, grace, and salvation through Jesus Christ. She began attending a weekly home group where she listened to God's Word and joined in prayer.

But the Light did not remain with Devi. She began sharing with children on her street and inviting schoolmates of different ages to the home group. The Word that reached one young woman began moving toward others.

This is how the Light multiplies—one disciple follows Jesus and then helps another person take a step toward Him. A home becomes a place of prayer. A friend becomes an invitation. A young believer becomes a witness.

As we pray, let us ask God to multiply simple, faithful communities where Hindu seekers can encounter Scripture, ask questions, pray, and grow as disciples of Jesus.

PRAY

- Pray for home groups, house churches, and small Christian gatherings serving Hindu communities. Ask God to make them safe, welcoming places of Scripture, prayer, discipleship, and belonging.
- Pray that new Hindu-background believers will grow in faith and naturally share Jesus with family members, friends, classmates, coworkers, and neighbors.

Lord Jesus, let Your light multiply from one life to another. Strengthen disciples, bless homes where Your Word is shared, and draw families and communities toward You. Amen.

THE LIGHT OPENS HEARTS

"The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."
~ Acts 16:14

Have you ever prayed for someone and wondered if your prayers were making a difference? Sometimes we pray and see immediate change. Other times, nothing appears to be happening. Yet, like a seed beneath the soil, God may already be working where our eyes cannot see.

Throughout the Hindu world, believers faithfully pray for their families, neighbors, villages, and communities. Some practice prayer walking—intentionally walking through neighborhoods while praying for the people and places around them.

As they pass homes, schools, marketplaces, businesses, and places of worship, they ask God to prepare hearts, strengthen believers, and create opportunities for people to encounter Jesus Christ. They may not preach a sermon that day. They may not place Scripture into someone's hands. But they can pray.

In Acts 16, Paul shared the Gospel with a woman named Lydia. Scripture tells us, "The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message." Paul proclaimed the message, but God opened the heart. Before someone receives Scripture, God may already have placed an intercessor somewhere praying for them. Before a family welcomes a Christian worker into their home, someone may have prayed for an open door. Before a young person begins asking questions about Jesus, the Holy Spirit may already be stirring their heart.



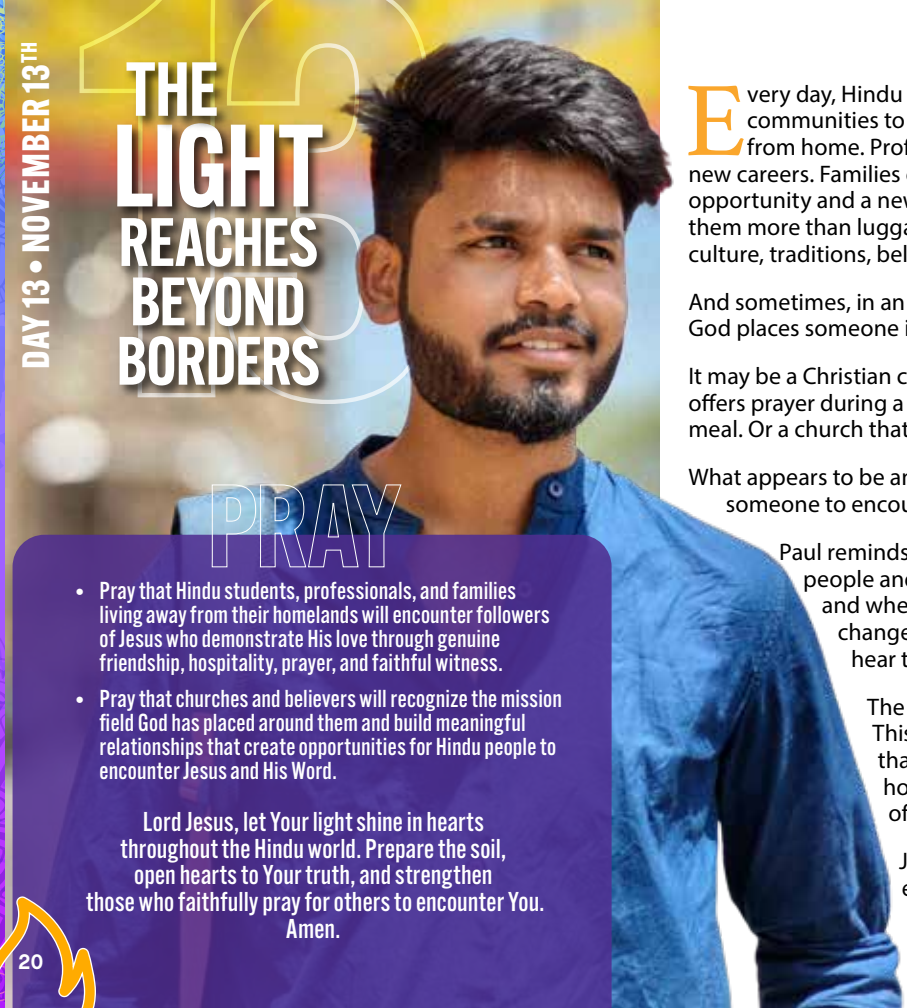
You may never personally walk the streets of India or Nepal, but your prayers can join the prayers of believers who do. Let us ask God to prepare the soil, open hearts, and allow the Light of Christ to break through.

PRAY

- Pray that God will open the hearts of Hindu men, women, young people, and families to receive His Word and recognize Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.
- Pray for believers who faithfully intercede and prayer walk throughout Hindu communities. Ask God to strengthen them, guide their prayers, and open opportunities for Gospel witness.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in hearts throughout the Hindu world. Prepare the soil, open hearts to Your truth, and strengthen those who faithfully pray for others to encounter You. Amen.

THE LIGHT REACHES BEYOND BORDERS



PRAY

- Pray that Hindu students, professionals, and families living away from their homelands will encounter followers of Jesus who demonstrate His love through genuine friendship, hospitality, prayer, and faithful witness.
- Pray that churches and believers will recognize the mission field God has placed around them and build meaningful relationships that create opportunities for Hindu people to encounter Jesus and His Word.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine in hearts throughout the Hindu world. Prepare the soil, open hearts to Your truth, and strengthen those who faithfully pray for others to encounter You. Amen.

Every day, Hindu students leave familiar communities to study in universities far from home. Professionals relocate for new careers. Families cross borders seeking opportunity and a new future. They carry with them more than luggage—they carry language, culture, traditions, beliefs, questions, and hopes.

And sometimes, in an unfamiliar place, God places someone in their path.

"He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands... so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him."
~ Acts 17:26-27

It may be a Christian classmate who becomes a trusted friend. A coworker who offers prayer during a difficult season. A family that opens its home and shares a meal. Or a church that welcomes someone who is far from everything familiar.

What appears to be an ordinary relationship can become an opportunity for someone to encounter the extraordinary love of Jesus Christ.

Paul reminds us in Acts 17 that God is not absent from the movement of people and nations. He knows where people live, where they travel, and where the paths of two strangers will cross. God can use a change of geography to create an opportunity for someone to hear the Gospel in a way they never have before.

The Hindu world extends far beyond the borders of India. This means the mission field we are praying for may be closer than we realize. The Light can shine through conversation, hospitality, friendship, listening, an invitation to dinner, an offer to pray, or a believer willing to share God's Word.

Jesus told His followers they would be His witnesses "to the ends of the earth." Sometimes we go to the nations. And sometimes, through the movement of people, the nations become our neighbors.

THE LIGHT SPREADS THROUGH HIS WORD



"My word... will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire." ~ Isaiah 55:11

Radhika was a first-year college student when an ordinary day at home became the beginning of an extraordinary journey. During a school holiday, she was sitting outside her family's home when a Christian worker stopped to share the Gospel.

He gave Radhika and her family the Gospel of John and began explaining the message of salvation. At first, they admitted that they did not understand. Rather than leaving, he patiently explained the difference between human love and the everlasting love of God.

As Radhika listened and read God's Word, something began to change. She and her sister came to understand how deeply Jesus Christ loved them and that salvation could be found in Him. Their hearts were filled with joy. That day, they prayed with the Christian worker, accepted Jesus Christ, and later began attending church.

But the Scripture placed in Radhika's hands did not stop with her. Later, she received three additional copies of Scripture. She gave them to her friends so that they, too, could learn about Jesus Christ.

This is how the Light spreads through His Word. One person receives the Scriptures. One heart encounters Jesus. Then God's Word is placed into another person's hands.

We may never know how far those three copies will travel or how many lives will ultimately be touched. But God has given us a promise: His Word will not return empty. Throughout the Hindu world, there are people like Radhika who need an opportunity to encounter the truth of God's Word—and who may then carry that same truth to others.

The Light does not have to stop with one life. Through His Word, it can continue to shine from one heart to another.

PRAY

- Pray that Scriptures placed into the hands of Hindu men, women, and young people will be read with open hearts and that the Holy Spirit will reveal the love, truth, and salvation of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that those who encounter Jesus through Scripture will become faithful witnesses, sharing God's Word with family, friends, classmates, coworkers, and neighbors.

Lord Jesus, let Your light shine through Your Word. Place the Scriptures into searching hands, open hearts to understand Your truth, and multiply Your Word from one life to another throughout the Hindu world. Amen.

UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD SEES THE LIGHT

God Fifteen days ago, we began this journey with the words of Jesus: "I am the Light of the World." Since then, we have prayed for that Light to be revealed in searching hearts. We have prayed for the Light to break through fear, pain, opposition, and barriers. And we have prayed for the Light to shine through His people as they pray, make disciples, build relationships, and share God's Word.

But all of these prayers are pointing toward something even greater.

In Revelation 7, the Apostle John was given a glimpse of a day yet to come. Before him stood a multitude so great that no one could count them—people from every nation, tribe, people, and language, gathered before the throne of God and worshiping the Lamb.

Among that multitude will be people whose lives were once shaped by beliefs and traditions passed down through generations, but who encountered Jesus Christ and discovered that He is the Light of the World. There will be those who found freedom from fear, those whose wounded hearts were healed and restored, and Hindu-background believers who remained courageous when following Jesus came at a cost.
There will be men and women who first encountered Christ because someone prayed. Someone welcomed them. Someone shared the Gospel. Someone placed God's Word into their hands. And when the Light reached them, they carried that Light to someone else.

The Light has been revealed. The Light is breaking through. And the Light continues to shine through His people.

These fifteen days may be ending, but our prayers for the Hindu world must continue. Let us keep praying for those who have never heard. Let us continue standing with Hindu-background believers faithfully following Christ. Let us pray for God's Word to reach searching hearts and for new disciples to carry the Gospel into families, communities, and generations yet to come.



"A great multitude... from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."
~ Revelation 7:9-10

THE **PRAYER** CONTINUES

Thank you for walking with us through these 15 Days of Prayer for the Hindu World. Together, we have prayed for the Light of Christ to be revealed, for His Light to break through fear and barriers, and for His Light to shine through Hindu-background believers and faithful witnesses.

But the final page of a prayer guide should never become the final prayer.

The Hindu world includes more than a billion people—families, students, professionals, children, religious leaders, neighbors, and communities—each known and loved by God. Many have never had a clear opportunity to understand the Gospel or personally encounter the hope found in Jesus Christ. Others are already searching, asking questions, reading Scripture, or quietly following Jesus in difficult circumstances.

So keep praying. Pray for those who are searching. Pray for Scripture to reach open hearts. Pray for courageous and compassionate witnesses. Pray for house churches, pastors, mission workers, and Hindu-background believers. Pray for families and communities to encounter the love and truth of Jesus.



KEEP **PRAYING.**
KEEP **BELIEVING.**
KEEP **SHINING HIS LIGHT.**

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"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

~ Habakkuk 2:14

CONTINUE TO PRAY

THE LIGHT REVEALED

Pray for Hindu men, women, and young people who are searching for truth. Ask God to reveal Jesus Christ through Scripture, dreams, relationships, Gospel witness, and the faithful love of believers.

THE LIGHT BREAKS THROUGH

Pray for freedom from fear, healing from wounds, courage under pressure, and a secure identity in Christ for those who choose to follow Jesus.

THE LIGHT SHINES THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

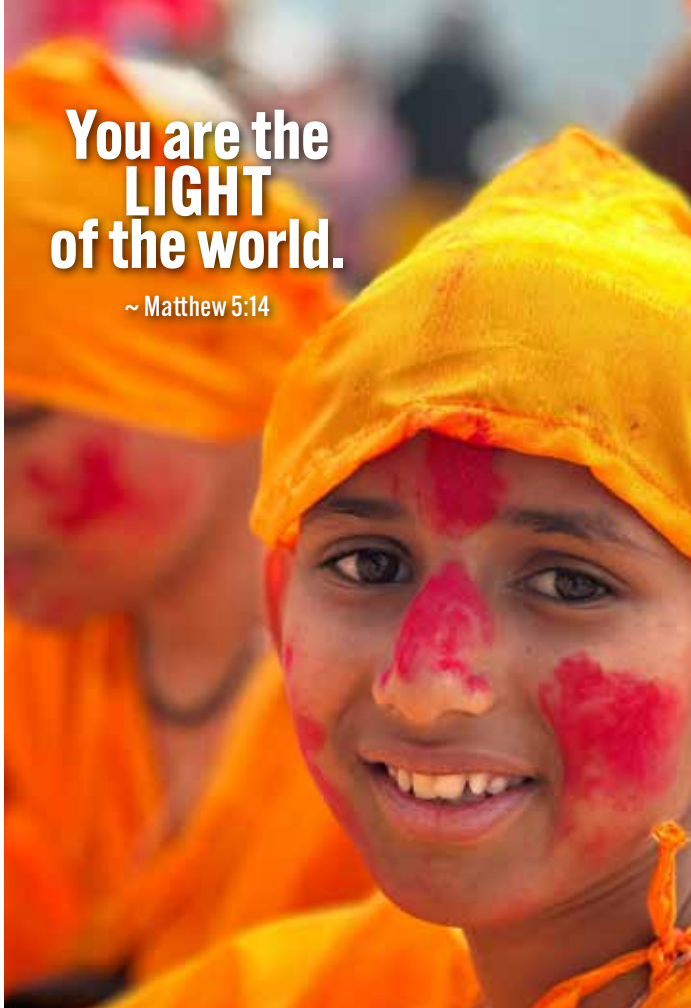
Pray for Hindu-background believers, pastors, house churches, Bible distributors, prayer movements, and mission workers to be strengthened as they make disciples and carry God's Word into families and communities.

PRAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Ask God to work through relationships, hospitality, acts of compassion, and faithful Christian witness so that entire households and communities have opportunities to hear and understand the Gospel.

PRAY FOR HINDU-BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

Ask God to strengthen believers who may face family pressure, social exclusion, or opposition because of their faith. Pray that they will grow in Scripture, find Christian fellowship, and live as courageous ambassadors of Christ.



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A WORD TO OUR READERS

Thank you for choosing to stand in prayer.
Your intercession joins believers around the world who are asking God to reveal Jesus Christ, strengthen His Church, and bring the hope of the Gospel to Hindu peoples and communities.

STAY CONNECTED

Continue using this guide throughout the year with your church, prayer group, family, or ministry. Revisit the stories.
Choose a people, city, family, or ministry focus
and continue praying beyond the 15-day journey.

THANK YOU
FOR PRAYING FOR THE HINDU WORLD

May the
LIGHT
of Christ continue
to shine.




"In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
so that they may see
your good works and give glory
to your Father who is in heaven."
~ Matthew 5:16

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