

# South Asian Peoples

*The greatest concentration of lostness on Earth*



## Praying for: Jains

“These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, humility, and severe bodily discipline. But they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person’s evil thoughts and desires.” – Colossians 2:23 (NLT)



**The word Jain** comes from the word Jina, meaning ‘one who is victorious over the self and worldly passions.’ This word defines the Jain religion very well. The goal of a follower of Jainism is to overcome anger, greed, pride and deceit through a strictly disciplined lifestyle.

Jains typically believe in the concept of god, but do not believe in one Supreme Being who is creator and caretaker. Rather, they believe that a human can become god and that salvation, which they see as release from the cycle of reincarnation, comes through renunciation of physical attachment and practicing right faith, knowledge and conduct.



### **Prayer points:**

Father, there are so few Jains who follow Christ, and with over six million people following the Jain religion, the task of evangelism seems overwhelming. Please raise up intercessors who will faithfully commit to pray for the Jains’ salvation. Call out your chosen servants to carry the Gospel to these precious people.



Awesome God, you created the heavens and the earth, and everything in them. Yet, Jains do not believe in a creator God, nor in heavenly beings that would have

anything to do with earthly beings. Plant in their hearts and minds a seed of doubt about these views. Show them through the majesty of your creation that you are God, and that you cared enough about your created people to send them a Savior. We pray that Jains will question their own views on creation, resulting in an openness to the Gospel.

Jesus, Jains believe they are responsible for their own salvation. We pray they will understand their helplessness and that they will seek salvation from you, the only source of everlasting life.

Holy Lord, we pray that when Jains compare the truth as they understand it with the truth of your Holy Word that their eyes and minds will be open to perceive the real Truth. Show them that they will only find the right faith, the right knowledge, and the right conduct as they enter a relationship with Jesus Christ.



God of the Nations, we pray that Jain-background believers will continue to live as Jains as far as it does not compromise their faith or witness, so that they may be able to reach other Jains with the Gospel.

Almighty God, we praise you for the few known Jain-background believers scattered around the world. Thank you for showing them that they are not the only ones! We pray that as others come to faith in Christ they will receive encouragement and training in how to reach their families, friends, and other Jains.

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