

South Asian Peoples

The greatest concentration of lostness on Earth

Praying for:

Missionaries

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us ...” –John 1:14 (NASB)

Many missionaries are serving in countries where government or religious leaders are opposed to the spreading of the Gospel message. For this reason, the missionaries' names and details of their work often are not disclosed. How do you pray for these people? Many of the challenges these missionaries face are the result of living in a different culture. No one ever has crossed cultures like our Lord Jesus Christ.

Below are just a few of the issues Christ faced during His walk on earth. Pray that missionaries will reflect Christ in every situation.

Prayer points:

Christ knew how to respond to and relate with those in authority. This is an important issue for missionaries, whether the authority is the government, church leaders, supervisors, or simply heads of households.

Jesus became angry. He wept. He enjoyed life. Emotions are intensified in cross-cultural settings. Pray that missionaries will be able to understand and control their emotions.

When Christ hung on the cross in pain, the welfare of His mother was a primary concern. Missionaries usually are away from their families living in America and depend on others to care for them. Some of their families still need the Lord's salvation.

Christ enjoyed fellowship with other believers. He especially liked to go to the home of Mary and Martha. Missionaries need places to retreat and be refreshed. Pray for time and resources to do so.

Christ knew that people were most comfortable speaking in their heart language. Pray for missionaries learning languages and for translators to translate God's word into heart languages.

People responded to Christ by rushing to Him, by cautiously approaching Him at night, by walking away from His offer, and by trying to kill Him. The Gospel is received differently by different individuals. Pray for missionaries as they long to see the Gospel received joyously.



Christ's foremost relationship was with His Father. He nurtured that relationship through the study of the Word and prayer. Pray that missionaries on the field will take time to do the same.

There were times when Christ declined to say who He was, when He asked a man whom He had healed not to identify Him, and when He had to be cautious about which cities He entered. Missionaries in closed countries face these same issues. Pray that they will have wisdom about when to speak and when to be silent.

Christ often struggled to find places to be alone. He would go out in a boat or steal away to a garden. Many times missionaries live in cultures where open doors are expected even into the wee hours of the morning. Constant noise from traffic or chanting and bells from nearby temples also affect them.

Before entering His full-time ministry, Christ overcame temptations that Satan placed before Him. Satan also desires to see every missionary fall into temptation. Pray that their minds will be saturated with Scripture that enables them to overcome.

Christ called His disciples. He knew their hearts, their gifts, and their potential. He also said the laborers are few. Pray for nationals to rise up and spread the Gospel among their own people.

