

South Asian Peoples

The greatest concentration of lostness on Earth



Praying for the:

Persecuted

“If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you... But they will do all these things to you on account of My name, because they don’t know the One who sent Me.” – John 15:20, 21a (HCSB)

Following Christ in South Asia has never been easy. Believers in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, India, and the Maldive Islands face daily pressures that we can scarcely imagine. At the same time, these courageous followers are forever changing the social and spiritual landscape of their countries. They are, and will always be, our heroes of the faith.



Recently, strong persecution has been seen in Orissa, a state on the east coast of India. Violence against Christians in this state has existed for years but escalated in August 2008 when believers were blamed for the murder of a local Hindu leader. Even though a radical Maoist group claimed responsibility for the murder, more than 500 Christians were killed and many homes and churches were destroyed.

God, who spared not His own Son, is being glorified in the faithful witness of His servants. It is our prayer that God will turn the hearts of these oppressors to embrace the salvation that comes through Christ alone. These are difficult times for our national

partners precisely because these are the days of salvation for the lost of South Asia. Satan is filled with wrath against the children of God. But Satan knows, and we know, that his time is short. In the time remaining, let us pray diligently, labor ceaselessly, and persist faithfully alongside our South Asian brothers and sisters.

Join us in praying God’s Word from Revelation 12:10-12 (ESV):

Prayer points:

“And I heard a loud voice in heaven...” – God of all Truth, let our South Asian Christians clearly hear You speaking love and encouragement to them. May their persecutors hear You call their names and bow their knees, acknowledging You are God.

“...Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come...” Holy Spirit, affirm the faith of our national brothers and sisters. Empower them to claim Christ’s authority in their homes and villages.

“...the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.” – Victorious One, remind believers that the victory has already been won and Satan has been defeated.

“...and they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb...” – Lamb of God, may Your followers remember they are covered by Your blood and under God’s sovereign will. Make them bold in their obedience and service to You.

“...and by the word of their testimony...” – Heavenly Father, use the lives of the believers to show Your power

and love in ways that cannot be denied. May the lost around them be so impacted by their courage and grace that they ask to learn more about Christ.

“...for they loved not their lives even unto death.” – Savior, may the newer believers and those weak in faith be strengthened when pressured to return to their former religion. May persecution cause believers to draw deeper into Jesus’ love.

“...rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them!” – We praise You, Faithful One, for our South Asian brothers and sisters who stand strong for the sake of Christ, enduring persecution and demonstrating the love of Christ to their lost neighbors, family members and enemies.

“...woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” – Almighty God, we urgently plead for the millions in South Asia who have yet to give their lives to Christ. Fill our national brothers and sisters with a sense of urgency to persistently carry the Gospel across South Asia.

