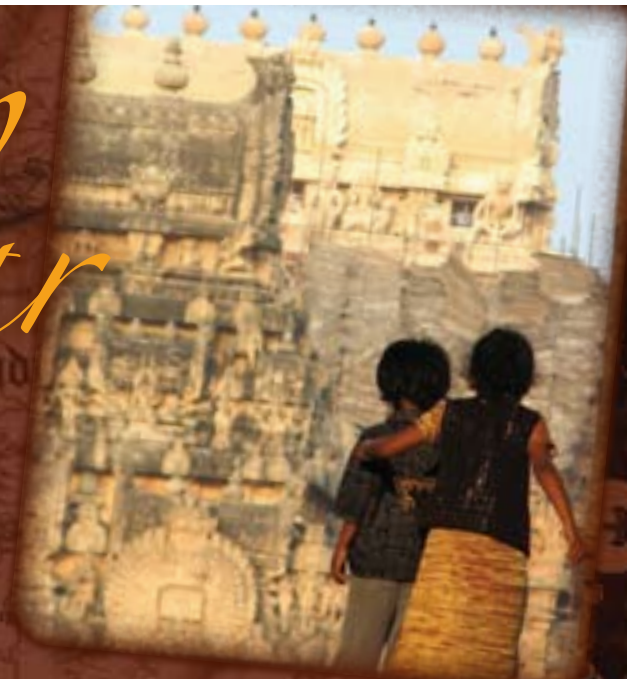


# Pray for the *Kaikolar* of India

The Kaikolar are a weaving caste found in southern India between the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The people live primarily in extended families with the eldest male as the head of the household. The vast majority of the Kaikolar practice a form of Hinduism mixed with animism and ancestor worship. Women typically oversee the religious rituals for the family.

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My name is Anand. I am 21 and live with my father's family in the city of Erode in Tamil Nadu in southern India. My brother and his wife also live with us.

I finished the second standard (2nd grade) in school and am semiliterate. I am the only one in my family with any schooling. After second standard, I had to stay home to help with the family business.

Our family business is weaving. My father, brother and I weave beautiful sari material that is sold in a local shop. My mother and sisters also help by spinning the thread for us to weave.

We work very hard every day. Then many evenings, we go to the Murugan Temple to pray and take offerings. Murugan is the patron deity of Tamil Nadu. We pray to him for protection and success. I also pray to find a good wife.

My mother and father are looking for a bride for me. When they find a suitable woman, they will arrange the marriage for me. When I am married and have children, I will send them to school so they can become literate and maybe work for the government when they grow up.

*(Anand is a fictional character whose story is based on research and anthropological profiles of the Kaikolar.)*

\*Note: Photos of this people group are intended to be representations and may not necessarily be photos of this specific people group.



## **Fast Facts**

Religion: Hinduism  
Language: Tamil  
Population: 1.981 million  
Division: South

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