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Prayers *for*
Persecuted
Christians

IN INDIA

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Thank you for accessing this complimentary prayer resource from Global Christian Relief. We exist to meet the needs of millions of persecuted Christians around the world—so they can be a light in their communities and advance the Great Commission.

This prayer guide will walk you through the harrowing experiences of new Christian converts, church leaders, and widows in India. Discover how some of the nation's 70 million Christians live among Hindus and Sikhs, growing the church despite fierce opposition to the gospel. Plus, see how your prayers and support serve as a first line of defense for our suffering brothers and sisters. **Learn more at gcrelief.org/india.**



Prayers 1-4: The Cost of Christian Conversion

Suman's story sheds light on the difficult experiences of countless Christian converts in India. New believers often pay a steep price for following Jesus, as Hindu family members and neighbors react with threats and extreme violence.

Prayers 5-8: Unwavering Faith Amid Tragedy

Simran, a Christian widow, exemplifies how many faithful believers must persevere through extreme hardship in India. She and her husband—former Sikhs—came to know Jesus Christ, but their calling into ministry would be fraught with danger.

Prayers 9-12: Good and Faithful Servants

Discover how local Christian leaders, including Pastor Kumar and an elderly woman named Mamta, are working to advance the gospel in India. Despite physical assault and arrest, they embrace the power of forgiveness—and boldness of faith.

HOW TO USE THIS PRAYER GUIDE:

- 1** Pray one prayer per week on behalf of the persecuted church. Reflect on the prayer and Bible verse throughout your week.
- 2** Scan the QR code to view exclusive stories, photos and videos on the GCR website.
- 3** Share this prayer guide! Invite a family member, friend or fellow church member to pray along with you.

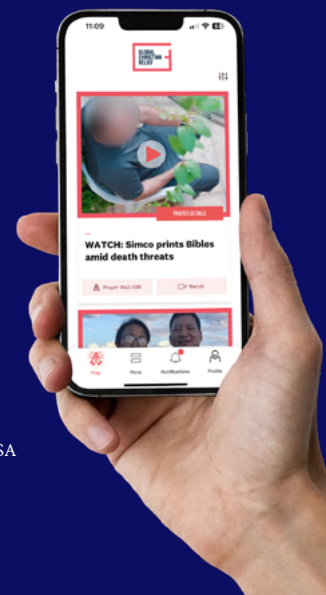
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PRAYER 1

Lord, draw Hindus to You through divine miracles.

Suman, a former Hindu, first came to faith in Christ after the Lord miraculously healed her brother of chronic illness. Praise God for this testimony.

“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs ... through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”
— Acts 4:30



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PRAYER 2

God, sustain the church amid familial persecution.

After Suman dared to leave the Hindu faith for Christianity, her uncle and cousins were furious. They murdered her sister, Bindu, in retaliation.

“Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you ...” — Psalm 55:22



PRAYER 3

Father, may Christian martyrs be remembered.

Bindu made an eternal impact in India. Her brother recalls, "When she shared the Word of God, so many people came to Christ through her life."

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants." – Psalm 116:15

PRAYER 4

Jesus, heal family divisions and displacement.

Bindu's Hindu family continues to issue threats toward her Christian brother, Bima. He is now displaced. Pray for the family's repentance and salvation.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds ..." – Phil. 4:7



PRAYER 5

Abba, advance the gospel among India's Sikhs.

India is home to over 20 million Sikhs. Simran was raised in a Sikh home, but became Christian after she received an invitation to church. Praise God!

"... Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" – Isaiah 30:21



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PRAYER 6

Turn extremist Sikhs through Christian kindness.

Simran's husband was murdered by Sikhs at a church dedication. With regard to her persecutors, the widow says, "Because of the Lord ... I could forgive."

*"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink."
– Proverbs 25:21*



PRAYER 7

May Simran call on Jehovah Jireh who provides.

After her husband died, GCR and our partners helped Simran launch a small business. Now, she operates a grocery shop and has hope for the future.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly ... having all that you need ...” – 2 Cor. 9:8

PRAYER 8

May Simran’s sons answer Your call.

Simran hopes her three boys will lead their father’s ministry. “I dream that my children study well ... that they become good servants for God,” she says.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” – Proverbs 22:6



PRAYER 9

God, bless India's church leaders with boldness.

Pastor Kumar, a former Sikh, was violently attacked by men with swords. Despite narrowly escaping death, he boldly continues his Christian ministry.

"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."
– Psalm 121:8



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PRAYER 10

May the power of forgiveness bring breakthrough.

In his community, Pastor Kumar sees his attackers frequently. We pray that his gentle countenance will move their stubborn hearts to repentance.

"... If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."
– Matthew 5:39



PRAYER 11

Lord, where
persecution exists,
move strongly.

Mamta, an elderly Christian, was arrested for hosting prayer meetings at home. But she used the time wisely by sharing the gospel with those in jail.

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done ...”
– Gen. 50:20


PRAYER 12

All spirits of fear
must cease, in
Jesus’ name.

When police arrested Mamta, God gave her courage. “I was scared,” she says. “But when they entered inside, I suddenly felt that my fear was gone.”

*“Though a mighty army surrounds me,
my heart will not be afraid ... I will
remain confident.”* – Psalm 27:3





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