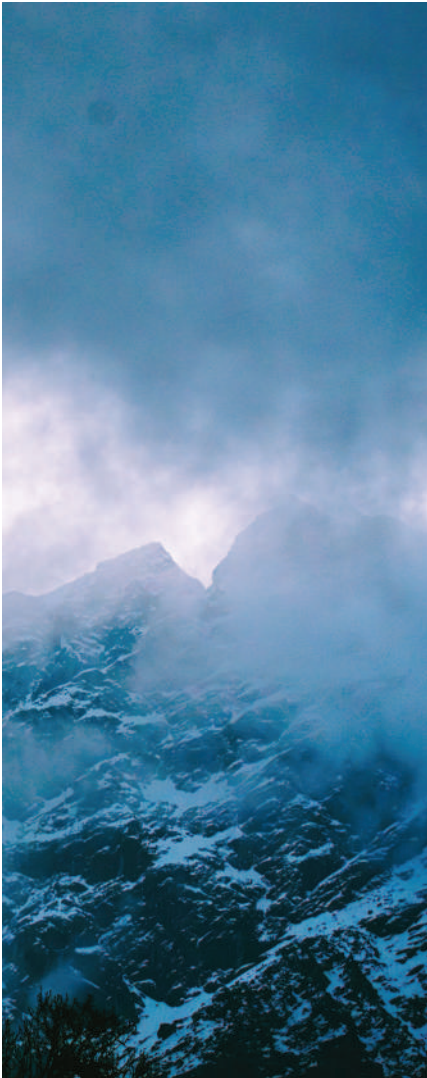


How to Pray for Nepal

12 SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

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Welcome to our prayer guide for Nepal. Situated between India and China, this South Asian nation is shrouded in spiritual darkness. It's a relatively small country, yet it's home to millions of people who are far from God.

Our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ are working to advance the gospel across hundreds of small—and remote—unreached villages. As the good news spreads, the Body of Christ is multiplying rapidly. But many in Nepal oppose the church, and that's why your prayers are so important.

As you read the pages that follow, we pray this complimentary prayer resource blesses you on your faith journey. We believe that when we hold the persecuted in prayer and intercession, God deepens our faith by teaching us valuable lessons through suffering. Enjoy the prayer guide, and discover how you can send Bibles to Nepal and beyond by visiting us online at GCRelief.org/Nepal.

Combatting the roots of indigenous religion

Nestled in the Himalayas, Nepal is home to 30 million people and hundreds of villages. 5% of the population practices folk religion, ancestral worship, animism, shamanism and/or indigenous faith. Pray for these 1.5 million lost individuals.

Prayer 1

Lord, destroy the powers of darkness in Nepal.

In Ephesians, the apostle Paul reminds us of spiritual warfare in our world. Pray for Pulmaya, a former witch doctor in Nepal, and others like her.



“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”— Eph. 6:12

Prayer 2

Draw the lost through joyful worship music.

Praise the Lord that Pulmaya's grandson drew her to church with the sounds of godly music. There, she encountered the peace of Christ for the very first time.



“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise ... Many will see ... and put their trust in Him.”— Psalm 40:3



Prayer 3

Grow new believers with the audible Word of God.

Like 23% of the population, Pulmaya is illiterate. An audio Bible in her Newari native language has strengthened her faith—but millions more are needed.

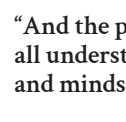


“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom ...” — Col. 3:16

Prayer 4

Father, may new converts remain steadfast.

Pulmaya's relatives pressured her to give up Christianity by abandoning her. Ask God to help Nepali believers resist returning to their former ways.



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



Stopping the tide of Hinduism

Over 80% of the Nepali population (24 million) identifies as Hindu. Based on current trends, some researchers project that by 2050, the populace of Hindus will increase by more than 58% to surpass 38 million. Pray for the exponential growth of Christianity.

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“Christianity is growing rapidly. God Himself is working very powerfully in Nepal.”

**DILLI RAM,
A PERSECUTED
NEPALI EVANGELIST**

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Prayer 5

Bring generational Hindu priesthood to an end.

Dilli Ram's father and grandfather were Hindu priests. They expected him to follow suit, but he bucked tradition and chose the path of Christ. Praise God!



“I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.” – Ex. 20:6

Prayer 6

Lord, may Hindus discover You: the one true God.

Hindus worship many gods using statues of idolatry. Lord, lead the Nepali people to repentance and salvation, just as You did with Dilli Ram's father.

“So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols.” – 1 Cor. 10:14

Prayer 7

Provide discipleship for former Hindus.

While Christianity is growing, 80% of Nepali pastors have no theological training. Pray for knowledge and discipleship strategies to shepherd new converts.

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” – Proverbs 16:3

Prayer 8

May Nepali Hindus encounter more Christians.

Dilli Ram initially discovered Jesus during a trip to Korea; sadly, he had never met a believer in Nepal, where geographic isolation presents a challenge to evangelists.

“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.” – Psalm 66:16





Persevering amid heightened persecution

Nepal is a secular nation, yet millions have never heard of Jesus because the constitution prohibits converting people to another religion. As a result, new believers experience threats and violence, while those who proselytize may be subject to prison time.



Prayer 9
God, plant a new believer in every Nepali village.

As the first Christian in his community, Arjun endured persecution. Today, his village has six church fellowships! Give the Lord a shout of praise for this multiplication.

Prayer 10
Protect new converts experiencing persecution.

When Arjun led his sister to accept Christ, her father was furious. He threatened her, saying, "I'll kill you." God, shield new converts from physical harm.



"... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." – Acts 2:47

"No weapon forged against you will prevail ... This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord ..." – Isaiah 54:17



Prayer 11
During trials, give persecuted Christians patience.

Ostracized when he converted, Arjun persevered over time to see the fruit of his labor. "Now, we have 71 believers among our [extended] family alone," he says.

Prayer 12
We pray for an end to Nepal's anti-conversion laws.

Nepali church leader Dipesh says, "Carrying a Bible would be attempted conversion. That is a criminal offense." Ask God to protect Christians from the threat of arrest.

"Let us not become weary ... for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9



"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness ..." – Isaiah 5:20

Send Bibles to Nepal

Nepal is home to a rich and vibrant oral culture where most people prefer to learn by hearing, rather than by reading. That's why illiterate believers like Pulmaya are asking for audio Bibles. You can make God's Word accessible to the persecuted church in Nepal and beyond through a gift to GCR today.

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