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**VIRTUAL PRAYER WALK**  
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Reach a child, transform a community.

## Guide for Virtual Prayer Walk



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# How to use this prayer guide

This prayer guide is a companion tool for your virtual prayer walk through a slum in India. Join us as we head toward a Mission to Children gospel outreach. Learn about challenges front-line Christians face while spreading the gospel in India.

## *Watch*

Come along on the virtual prayer walk at:  
[www.missiontochildren.org/pray2020](http://www.missiontochildren.org/pray2020)

## *Pray*

You can use the suggested verses on the next pages to intercede for those you see along the way. They represent a country that is less than 2.1% Christian!

## *Share*

Take a next step on behalf of those in India who need to hear about Jesus. Contact us to find out how.



## Prepare your heart

R.E.A.C.H. a child, transform a community.

**RISE** up to praise the Lord.

*“Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.”* Psalm 148:13

**EXPRESS** thankfulness to God by submitting to His will and authority.

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

**ASK** the Lord, for He hears our prayers.

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”* 1 John 5:14

**CONFESS** your sins.

*“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”* James 5:16

**HONOR** the Lord.

*“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!”* Psalm 57:5

## Intercessory prayers

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14*

**Pray** that children and family members in India hear the gospel and respond through faith, believing that God has fulfilled His promises through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Pray** for state programs and loving Christian ministries to address desperate needs. Pray that God will change attitudes and practices in society to reflect His care for women and children.<sup>1</sup>



There are over 2,400 unreached people groups in India.<sup>2</sup>

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

Colossians 4:2-4

**Pray** that believers would not lose heart, but expectantly wait for God to open doors for the gospel in India.

**Ask** God to encourage and inform the role of western Christians in global missions during these times of uncertainty and change.





*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:36-38*

**Pray** that God raises up more workers for the harvest in India.



90% of India's population lives in an  
unreached people group.<sup>3</sup>

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. Philippians 1:27-28*

**Ask** God to strengthen and encourage persecuted Christians.

**Pray** that their courage as believers serves as an unforgettable testimony to their persecutors.



India is ranked #10 on the world watch list for extreme persecution.<sup>4</sup>

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. Hebrews 13:7-9*

**Pray** that new believers in India are filled with discernment against false religions and false gospels.

**Pray** that new believers are connected to a church.

If no church exists yet, **pray** that new believers are encouraged by the Spirit to meet together, study God's word, and worship the Lord.



Kolkata is West Bengal's capital city, and was once the capital of India. It is named after and dedicated to Kali, the Hindu goddess of destruction. Many people live in slums in this crowded, polluted city, and up to 1 million people live on the streets.<sup>5</sup>

*One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4*

**Pray** that God calls a new generation of disciples who boldly and accurately handle Scripture.

**Pray** that gospel movements transform whole families in communities across India.



*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6*

**Pray** that messengers of the gospel are equipped to coordinate discipleship movements in the communities that have been reached.



India has more human need than any other nation. We must respond to India's suffering with intelligent action and sustained prayer! Poverty affects hundreds of millions. In India, many people are not just poor but have nothing.<sup>6</sup>

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you . . . Ephesians 1:16-18*

**Pray** that believers in India will know the hope of their calling found in Christ.



For every 30 missionaries that go to the reached people groups of the world, roughly 1 missionary goes to the unreached people groups, including frontier groups.<sup>7</sup>

*... what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints ...*  
Ephesians 1:18

**Pray** that believers in India grow in the knowledge of their inheritance through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Pray** that believers are connected to essential resources such as the Bible in their own language, training materials, and discipleship opportunities.



## Principles of Partnership

Preserve and honor the work of the local church, don't replace it.

Work must be Bible-based, gospel-driven.

We work through local Christians who can ensure that our mission is culturally insightful and empowering to the communities we help.

*... and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe according to the working of his great might . . . Ephesians 1:19*

**Pray** that believers in India will experience God's surpassing power in their lives.

**Pray**, so that through the gospel, children see themselves not as recipients of charity, but as participants in the Great Commission.





*Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.*

Matthew 10:42

**Pray** that children who come to the gospel outreaches will return to their families with a clear testimony of God's grace through Jesus Christ.



After four decades, Mission to Children continues to equip front-line Christians who spread the gospel in truth and deed to children in poverty.

Our God-given capacity is fueled by prayer, and by partners helping to provide vulnerable children with meals, access to yearly education, and shelter (as needed).

... after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. Hebrews 10:32-35

**Pray** that persecuted believers fix their eyes on the lasting inheritance they possess in Christ Jesus.



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“... I wonder when God’s people will awake, and understand that there is yet very much land to be possessed . . . there are towns where work is being done, but it needs supervision, and the missionaries are too few to do it thoroughly. There are towns and numbers of villages where nothing is even attempted . . . how much would you know of Jesus if you only heard a parable or a miracle or a few facts from His life or a few points of His doctrine once in two years? I do not want to write touching appeals, or to draw one worker from anywhere else,— it would be a joy to know that God used these letters to help to send someone to China, or anywhere where He has need of His workers,— **but I cannot help wondering, as I look round this bit of the field, how it is that the workers are still so few.**”<sup>8</sup>

- Amy Carmichael (1867-1951), 55 years as a missionary in India

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Near Rajahmundry, India: A young girl prays during a gospel outreach.