



Prayer Initiative STANDING IN THE GAP



together with



DAY 16

Adoration

***"My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)***

You are the Lord, the God of all mankind. Nothing is too difficult for You. (Jeremiah 32:27)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession

***The heart is deceitful above all things
And incurably sick.
Who can understand it?
You, the Lord, search the heart
And test the mind
To reward a man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his deeds. (Jeremiah 17:9-10)***

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Renewal

³² "May we not profane Your holy name [treating it with irreverence or contempt or as a byword]; may we be sanctified (set apart as holy) among others. You are the LORD, who sanctifies and declares us holy. (Leviticus 22:32 AMP)

⁴ *"The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [the only God]!"*⁵ *We shall love the LORD our God with all our heart and mind and with all our soul and with all our strength [our entire being].*

(Deuteronomy 6:4-5 AMP)

Petition

May we fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith, so that there will be laid up for us the [victors] crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to us on that day; and not only to us, but also to all who have longed for His appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Family and Ministry

- Family
- Personal Ministries
- Being a witness to others as we live the gospels
- Encouraging others and Helping others grow in Him
- Special concerns

Intercession

The Lord told the apostles, "But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 - AMP)

Praying for the Persecuted Christian in Lebanon

OVERVIEW:

There is a unique openness to the gospel among Arab Muslims in Lebanon who have suffered greatly because of the war in Syria. Because Lebanon has a significant Christian population and is not a Muslim country, it has become a haven for persecuted believers throughout the region. More than 1 million Syrian refugees have entered the country over the past seven years, increasing Lebanon's population by nearly one-fourth, and they have not always been welcomed with open arms. Despite the hardships, many of the evangelical churches of Lebanon have not only welcomed but also cared for the emergency needs of Syrian refugees, who have limited resources and few rights in the country. As a result, over the past few years, many Syrian Muslims have heard the gospel message multiple times. Lebanese churches distribute Bibles and Christian literature alongside food and other necessities. Many Muslim refugees have been brave enough to attend home Bible studies and church services to learn about Christ. Significant numbers have placed their faith in Christ, been baptized and become active in local churches as they try to witness to other Syrian Muslims.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Muslims, evenly divided between Sunni and Shiite, are a slight majority, while Christians make up a large minority group. There is a small Druze minority, a secretive monotheistic faith that sometimes persecutes Christians.

PERSECUTOR:

Various extremist groups, including Hezbollah in the south and other Shiite regions, actively persecute Christians. Islamic extremist cells affiliated with the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS), al-Qaida and other groups are active near the Syrian border. In rural communities, Christians are persecuted by their tribes and families.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN LEBANON:

Lebanon has a reputation of being a free country and is highly westernized in urban areas. Those who are Christian by birth are allowed to worship openly. Christians face ongoing harassment from the Muslim majority, such as denial of land acquisition and increased tax rates. More severe forms of persecution occur when believers share their faith or when Muslims come to Christ. Christian converts from Islam are persecuted mostly by family and the community.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the spiritual health of influential churches in Lebanon.
- Pray that Lebanon will remain a place of refuge for those fleeing neighboring countries.
- Pray that Syrian Muslim refugees will respond to the gospel.
- Pray for pastors and churches who feel overwhelmed by the needs of refugees.
- Pray for persecuted Christians who feel alone in their suffering.
- Pray for the successful distribution of Action Packs and Outreach Packs.

Praying For The

YADAV (HINDU TRADITIONS) IN INDIA

Population: 58,32,000

Christian: 0.01%

Where Are they Located?

They live almost all over India and in southern Nepal. The highest concentration is in the states Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (north India) but also in east, west and south India.

What Are Their Lives Like?

The Yadav live in joint families. Most are vegetarian but many have started eating fish, mutton, chicken and sometimes pork, but not beef. Child labor is common among them.

The Yadav participate in local traditional and socio-religious festivals. They have expertise in oral traditions and group singing in praise of the god Vishnu, Krishna or one of the many other gods that they worship. Similarly, they are good in musical dance, wrestling and mock-fighting with swords. Boys are favored for formal education. They are known to have more faith in astrology and talismans rather than in the services of a doctor. They often pray to Singaji for the protection of their cattle from disease and often give thank offerings of butter, unripe mangoes and sugar.

What Are Their Needs?

They are in need to hear about the way of salvation. Most of the Yadav die never hearing the name of Jesus once in a lifetime!

But also life, lifestyle and living standard are changing all over the nation. The next generation will need to get other kinds of jobs. To get those jobs they need education but proper education is missing in many places.

More than 12 million live in Bihar. Every year Bihar knows major floods, killing hundreds of people, leaving millions homeless. They are badly in need of Christian relief workers who can give them more than food, clothes and medicines.

Prayer Points

- Pray for the salvation of the Yadav people.
- Pray for short and long term workers / teams to come and pioneer new ministries among them.
- Pray for new focused evangelism and church planting ministries.

¹⁵ ***For this nation's heart has grown hard, and with their ears they hardly hear, and they have [tightly] closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn [to me] and I would heal them [spiritually].*** (Matthew 13:15)

Missions In America

- Pray that God directs and leads the NWC & AMFB's Missions Survey team in DC this Weekend.
- Local missions, National missions, World missions
- The fulfillment of the Great Commission
- Special concerns

Thanksgiving

⁷ ***We have been loved of God, called to be saints (God's people) and set apart for a sanctified life, [that is, set apart for God and His purpose]: Grace and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] have been given to us from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*** (Romans 1:7 - AMP)

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.