



Prayer Initiative STANDING IN THE GAP



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DAY 19

Adoration

*How lovely are Your dwellings,
O Lord of hosts!*

*My soul longs and even faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. (Psalm 84:1-2)*

*Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens,
You who have done great things.
O God, who is like You? (Psalm 71:19)*

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession

*Does God not see my ways
And count all my steps? (Job 31:4)*

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

knowing that this is a critical time. It is already the hour for us to awaken from our sleep [of spiritual complacency]; for our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed [in Christ].¹² The night [this present evil age] is almost gone and the day [of Christ's return] is almost here. So let us fling away the works of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light.

(Romans 13:11-12)

Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. The weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but divinely powerful to overthrow strongholds, casting down arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3–5)

Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.

Petition

Therefore as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, let us walk in [union with] Him [reflecting His character in the things we do and say—living lives that lead others away from sin],⁷ having been deeply rooted [in Him] and now being continually built up in Him and established in our faith, just as we were taught, and overflowing in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7)

Relationships with Others

- Greater love and compassion for others
- Help us be sensitive, praying for those in darkness bound by Satan
- Help us to be sensitive and patient to the needs of those have emotional and psychological scares.
- Special concerns for others
- Understanding, insight and obedience to Your word
- Special concerns

Intercession

All things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: namely, that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were appealing through us [as Christ's representatives], as we implore others on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:18–20)

Praying for the Persecuted Church in Mauritania

OVERVIEW:

Mauritania is among the world's poorest countries and also has a significant corruption problem. Located in the Maghreb region on Africa's western coast, it is an Islamist country with three distinct people groups: Fulani, White Moor and Black Moor. Slavery still exists within tribal groups, with black Christians commonly subservient to Arabs. There are churches in Mauritania, but they are relatively new and need leadership development and training. In 2009, an American missionary was martyred in Mauritania, and

many mission agencies subsequently pulled their workers from the country. Some Christian workers, however, are starting to return. Mauritania has been staunchly Islamic for more than 1,000 years, and the training needs among indigenous leaders as well as security risks for both native Christians and foreign missionaries remain obstacles to reaching Muslims with the gospel.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Mauritania is nearly 100 percent Sunni Muslim.

PERSECUTOR:

Families, tribes, communities and the government persecute those who leave Islam in Mauritania.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN MAURITANIA:

Fewer than 150 believers are known to live in the country, and only foreigners can worship openly. All indigenous Christians converted from Islam, which is illegal. Jobs are difficult to obtain in the poor economy, especially for Christians. Believers have been arrested in the past.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that Christians will openly express their faith even though leaving Islam is punishable by death.
2. Pray that new believers will grow in faith even though they lack fellowship.
3. Pray for the protection of new believers, as leaving Islam is illegal.
4. Pray that Christian converts from Islam will stand firm amid persecution.
5. Pray that those imprisoned for their faith will be bold witnesses.
6. Pray for the spread of the gospel in this country where there are few believers.

Praying For The Unreached People of **Teli (Hindu traditions) in India**

Population: 18, 686,000

Christian: 0.02%

Introduction:

Within the caste system of India there are numerous communities which have a given task to benefit others. The Teli community is one of these. "A community which derives its name from the Sanskrit word talika or taila, used for the oil extracted from sesame and mustard, thus alluding to their traditional occupation... Mythological origin of the Teli is traced to Lord Shiva who created them to destroy five demons. However, their legend also says that the first Teli was created by Shiva to rub him with oil." (Singh, K. S., India's Communities, p. 3462)

What Are Their Beliefs?

The Teli are mainly Hindus who have special celebrations at weddings and the birth of a child. They cremate the dead, and scatter the ashes in a river, preferably the Ganges, a river that Hindus consider to be holy. They worship their ancestors and seek protection from evil spirits. This people group is pragmatic in their spiritual practices. They worship a "wish-fulfilling goddess" whom they hope will answer their prayers.

What Are Their Needs?

The Teli people are not usually poor, but they need better access to higher education and good job opportunities. They also need access to meeting the Risen Christ and the opportunity to follow Him.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray that the Teli people will develop a hunger for the true God.
2. Pray that believers will reach out to this people with the blessings of Christ.
3. Pray that soon the oil of the Holy Spirit would anoint Teli community leaders and lead them to throw open the doors for their people to follow Jesus.
4. Pray for the Lord to raise up Teli believers who will disciple others and begin the process of starting a Disciple-Making Movement among this people group.

Standing in the Gap for Miscellaneous Needs and Requests of Others

1. Sick and shut in
2. Pastors and Teachers
3. Friends
4. Relatives
5. Neighbors
6. Coworkers
7. Special opportunities

Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord!

We will thank the Lord with all our heart

In the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord;

They are pondered by all who delight in them.

Splendid and majestic is His work,

And His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused His wonderful acts to be remembered;

The Lord is gracious and compassionate. (Psalm 111:1-4)

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.