



# Prayer Initiative STANDING IN THE GAP



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## DAY 21

### Adoration

*Your testimonies, which You have commanded,  
Are righteous and trustworthy.  
Your righteousness is everlasting,  
And Your law is truth.* (Psalm 119:138, 142)

*Our hearts are steadfast, O God;  
We will sing praises with all our souls.  
Awake, harp and lyre!  
We will awaken the dawn.  
We will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;  
We will sing of You among the nations.  
Your merciful love is higher than the heavens,  
And Your truth reaches to the skies.* (Psalm 108:1-4)

*Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.*

### Confession

*Blessed is the people You discipline, O Lord,  
The people You teach from Your word.* (Psalm 94:12)

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

***You are God Almighty; may we walk before You and be blameless.*** (Genesis 17:1)

***May we love our enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then our reward will be great, and we will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and evil. May we be merciful just as our Father is merciful.*** (Luke 6:35–36)

***Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.***

## Intercession - Standing In The Gap

***May I not be dishonest in judgment, in measurement of weight or quantity. May I be honest and just in my business affairs.*** (Leviticus 19:35–36)

## Intercession

***Defend the weak and the fatherless;***

***Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.***

***Rescue the poor and needy;***

***Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*** (Psalm 82:3–4)

## Praying For Our Persecuted Brothers And Sisters In Comoros

Comoros remains one of the world's most restricted countries. The government openly welcomes tourists, and although resident foreigners are allowed freedom of religion, Comorians are not. For them, conversion from Islam is illegal. Sharing the gospel and discipling new believers is also highly restricted and can lead to expulsion for foreigners and imprisonment for locals. Muslims who become Christians must meet in secret for study and worship. Some Christian organizations are allowed to operate, but they are strictly monitored and restricted to humanitarian projects. Despite these challenges, the gospel continues to spread through the boldness of underground believers and secret distributions of biblical material.

### MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Nearly 99 percent of Comorians are Sunni Muslims.

### PERSECUTOR:

Anyone who leaves Islam is heavily persecuted by family members and the government.

## WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN COMOROS:

Believers must meet in small groups and can only share their faith through one-on-one personal relationships. Every time believers gather to read their Bibles or speak about their faith they risk physical and societal persecution from their communities as well as imprisonment by the government. Recently, five believers who hosted a debate in a private residence were imprisoned. In addition, all foreigners associated with an international church were expelled, and some locals were arrested after a children's Bible was discovered in boxes of toys for Comorian children.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for VOM-supported training for evangelists serving in Comoros.
- Pray for new believers, who are persecuted and ostracized.
- Pray that believers will be able to meet and worship safely.
- Pray that believers will be bold, courageous and wise in their Christian witness.

*Praying For The Unreached People of*

**Badhai (Hindu traditions) in India**

**Population: 6,477,000**

**Largest Religion: Hinduism (99.88%)**

**Christian: 0.01%**

## INTRODUCTION / HISTORY:

The Badhai of India are also known as the Jangid Brahmins. The Jangid Brahmins were the chief architects of Hindu temples. Before the Industrial Revolution, the Jangid Brahmins enjoyed the status of being the chief engineers and architects in Indian cities and villages. The building of temples, chariots and war equipment were part of their wisdom and knowledge. They provided the sketches or blueprints to various other building trades. Today the Badhai are usually employed in the fields of engineering, education and industrial manufacturing. Some Jangid Brahmins work in the areas of carpentry, stonework and the timber trade.

## MINISTRY OBSTACLES:

The Badhai, like many Brahmins, can be proud of their high status in Hinduism. Pride can be an obstacle to coming to know Christ.

## OUTREACH IDEAS:

Bibles and literature exist in the main language of the Badhai, Hindi. Hindu background believers can share with them the blessings of knowing Christ.

## PRAYER POINTS:

### Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no known believers among the Badhai. Pray that God brings many Badhai into his kingdom soon through the witness of Indian believers.

### Pray for the entire people group

- Pray the Lord will start a movement of Badhai families experiencing God's blessings.
- Pray for the Badhai people to be delivered from their fear of Christianity and to embrace God's blessing through Christ.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give the Badhai people a love for God's Word and a desire to spread its influence.

### World Affairs

- Revival in the Churches
- Evangelism and Discipleship ministries
- The Return of Christ (Lord Jesus Come)

### Personal Concerns

- The sick and shut in
- Encouragement for retired pastors
- Church members with addictions (Freedom in Christ)
- Fallen believers – restoration
- Special concerns for others (Standing in the Gap).

## Thanksgiving

***Since God's children have partaken of flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*** (Hebrews 2:14-15)

***Christ had to be made like His brothers in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.***  
(Hebrews 2:17-18)

***Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.***

## Closing Prayer

*Blessed is are the people who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked  
Or stand in the way of sinners  
Or sit in the seat of scorners.  
But their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
And in His law they meditates day and night.  
And they shall be like a tree planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season  
And whose leaf does not wither;  
And whatever they does will prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)*