



Prayer Initiative STANDING IN THE GAP



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DAY 22

Adoration

*You, the Lord, alone have declared
What is to come from the distant past.
There is no God apart from You,
A righteous God and a Savior;
There is none besides You.
You are God, and there is no other.* (Isaiah 45:21-22)

*You are our hope, O Lord God;
You are our trust from our youth.
We, we will always have hope;
We will praise You more and more.* (Psalm 71:5, 14)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession

You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; Evil cannot dwell with You. (Psalm 5:4)

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

Like Enoch, may I walk with God. (Genesis 5:24)

Like Noah, may I find favor in the eyes of the Lord. (Genesis 6:8)

Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.

Petition

May we consider the members of our earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming, and in them we once walked when we lived in them. (Colossians 3:5-7)

GROW IN CHRIST

- Greater desire to know and please Him
- Greater love and commitment to Him
- Grace to practice His presence
- Grace to glorify Him in my life
- **Special concerns**

Intercession

Just as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. And we have different gifts, according to the grace given to us. (Romans 12:4-6)

Christian Persecution in Uganda

OVERVIEW:

Uganda has the reputation of being one of the most Christianized countries in Africa. Many churches or organizations choose it as a destination for short-term trips and mission projects due to its ease of access and welcoming atmosphere. It remains a strongly Christian nation, with high church attendance. However, Uganda's unique history makes it particularly vulnerable to the influence of Islam. During the 1970s, Uganda was ruled by a dictator named Idi Amin. At one point, Amin visited fellow dictator Muammar Gaddafi in Libya. Gaddafi inspired him to make Uganda a member of the Organization of Islamic Countries and begin to Islamize the country. Many of the policies Amin put into place continue to influence society and government today. Uganda's parliament even recently passed Sharia banking, which gives zero interest loans to Islamic projects. Arab countries also continue to invest large amounts of resources into furthering Muslim interests within the country. As a result of this, radical Islam's influence has grown by more than 7 percent in the last three years, and many Christians within the majority Muslim border regions are facing severe persecution, especially those who convert from Islam. Despite this, evangelical churches in Uganda are trying to educate others on what is happening and rise up against the threat of Islam. Many churches are training their leaders how to evangelize Muslims and care for those who become Christians. Members within these churches in Muslim majority areas have even become full-time caretakers for persecuted believers.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Uganda is a majority Christian country.

PERSECUTOR:

Persecution comes from Islamists within communities, especially along the eastern, southwestern and northern borders.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN UGANDA:

Christian converts from Islam face family pressure and harassment from their Muslim communities. A number of young people who converted to Christianity have been severely beaten and injured by parents or community members. Pastors and churches have been attacked, and some converts have even been killed after their faith became known. The children of families who leave Islam are no longer welcome at school. In some places, laws are passed to limit the spread of Christianity or appropriate church land.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Uganda's stability so it can remain a haven for persecuted Christians.
- Pray for Christian women who are abandoned by their husbands because of their faith.
- Pray that Ugandan churches will find ways to support persecuted believers.
- Pray for those being trained to minister to Christian converts from Islam.
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Praying for the Unreached people of
MAHRATTA IN INDIA

Population: 30,768,000

Christian: 0.00%

INTRODUCTION / HISTORY

The Mahratta are proud Kshatriya people from Maharashtra, mainly speaking Marathi.

WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

They are located across Marathwaada while some are found along borders with Karnataka.

WHAT ARE THEIR LIVES LIKE?

They mostly belong to the upper echelons of a rural society. Mainly "kunbi" (farmer) by class, almost all rural Maratha families own land and raise farm crops. The lands are usually big enough to support both cash crops and food crops.

They are liberal compared to other Indian groups. Arranged marriage is not strictly enforced, and a boy can marry a girl of his choice as long as she is a Brahmin or a Maratha. Marathas, like all other Hindus, worship many deities, and usually revere their land and earth as their mother. Marathas are somewhat tolerant towards other cultures. But as they consider themselves upper caste, they usually look down upon people they consider as not their equal.

WHAT ARE THEIR BELIEFS?

They usually worship Shiva as their family god and consider Shivaji as their leader. They fiercely defend their culture, language and history.

PRAYER POINTS:

Praying the Scriptures for the Mahratta.

There is no one like you, Lord God; you are great, and your name is great in might among the Mahratta. Who should not fear you, King of the Mahratta? For glory belongs to you; because among all the wise men of the Mahratta., and in all their royal estate, there is no one like you. (Jeremiah 10:6, 7)

I pray that all the Mahratta will remember and turn to you, Lord God. May all the Mahratta worship before you. For the kingdom of the Mahratta is yours. You are the ruler over the Mahratta. (Psalm 22:27-28)

I thank you, Lord God, that the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without defect to God, can cleanse the Mahratta conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

Father, in your love for the souls of the Mahratta, deliver them from the pit of corruption. Cast all their sins behind your back. I praise you that you have swallowed up death forever! You Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces. You will take the reproach of the Mahratta, away from off all the earth, for you Lord God have spoken it. (Isaiah 38:17; 25:8)

Churches and Ministries in America

- My local church
- Other churches
- Evangelism and discipleship ministries
- Educational ministries
- More Special concerns

Thanksgiving

*We will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
With our mouths we will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.
we will declare that Your lovingkindness will be built up forever,
That You will establish Your faithfulness in the heavens.
And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord,
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the heavens can be compared with the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the sons of the mighty?
God is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones
And more awesome than all who surround Him.
O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You. (Psalm 89:1-2, 5-8)*

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.