



DAY 4

Adoration

*The Lord Most High is awesome,
The great King over all the earth!
God is the King of all the earth,
And we will sing His praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on His holy throne. (Psalm 47:2, 7-8)*

*You must be treated as holy by those who come near You, and before all people, You will be honored.
(Leviticus 10:3)*

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession

*Lord, we have heard of Your fame, and we stand in awe of Your deeds.
O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years,
In our time make them known;
In wrath remember mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2)*

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

May we not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all our hearts. May we not turn aside to go after worthless things which do not profit or deliver, because they are useless.

(1 Samuel 12:20–21)

The works of the flesh (the sinful nature) are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envyings, drunkenness, revelries, and the like. Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:19–23)

Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.

Petition

When we ask, it will be given to us; when we seek, we will find; when we knock, the door will be opened to us. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7–8; Luke 11:9–10)

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

- Understanding and insight into the word
- Understanding my identity in Christ
- Living with purpose, living on Mission with Christ
- Special concerns

Intercession

For God is our witness, whom we serve in our spirits in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly we make mention of you in our prayers. (Romans 1:9)

Praying for the Persecuted Church of Nigeria

OVERVIEW:

Nigeria is sharply divided along religious lines with a Muslim-dominated north and a majority-Christian south. There are more than 80 million professing Christians in Africa's most populous nation, the fruit of both pioneer mission work and the return of freed slaves who carried the gospel with them to the continent from Europe following the abolition of slavery in England in 1833. Foreign missionary activity in the Muslim majority north has declined significantly over the past 10 years as a result of the emergence of the Islamic militant group Boko Haram. Based in the north, Boko Haram is affiliated with al-Qaida and has also aligned itself with the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS).

Although Boko Haram appears to have weakened in the northeast, it is believed to be the source of increasing attacks on Christian villages by a group of militant Fulani herdsmen, a tribe known for its adherence to strict Islam. They have attacked Christian villages for many years, and in the last two years they have committed more acts of extreme violence against Christians than any other group globally. Muslims in the north want to create a separate country governed by Sharia, or Islamic law, and those in the middle states, such as Kaduna, Plateau, Benue and Abuja, are strategic in the battle. The terrorist groups want to drive Christians out of these mixed states and continue their push for an Islamist nation. Nigerians are divided between Hinduism, Buddhism and animism.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

The nation is divided between Christians and Sunni Muslims, with most Christians in the south and most Muslims in the north.

PERSECUTOR:

Boko Haram militants and Fulani Islamic militants work together to target Christian villages for destruction.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN NIGERIA:

Nearly all Christians in northeastern Nigeria have lost family members in attacks by Boko Haram or Islamic Fulani militants. Entire congregations have been displaced, and many pastors have been forced to leave the region. Being active in the church looks much different than it did 15 years ago. Today, it takes great courage and faith to openly worship and serve Christ. Thousands of Christians remain in camps designated for internally displaced people. With few schools able to function because of the violence, families are concerned about their children's education. Life is a constant struggle, and in some places it's even difficult to find food. Famine in the north has resulted from ongoing jihadi activities: Farmers aren't working because of their fear of attack, food shipments are stolen and Fulani Christians are often detained for short periods in community prisons based on Islamic Sharia.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that literacy programs will help Christians learn to read the Bible.
- Pray for believers recovering from attacks in southern Kaduna state.
- Pray for believers who are disowned by their Muslim families and ostracized by their communities.
- Pray for teens attending a summer camp for children whose parents were killed by Boko Haram.
- Pray for Fulani evangelists who bring the gospel to their fellow tribesmen at great risk.
- Pray for Christian widows whose husbands were killed by Boko Haram.
- Pray for the many believers in northeastern Nigeria who do not own a Bible.

Praying for the Unreached people of **KURMI (HINDU TRADITIONS) IN INDIA**

Population: 18,883,000

Christian: 0.00%

INTRODUCTION / HISTORY

Kurmi is the name given to a Hindu caste in India. The caste system in India is a pattern of social stratification associated with Hinduism. The word "kurmi" literally means the "I cans" or the "I am ables". The Kurmi are also known as Kunbi. The Kurmi are believed to be descendants of some of the earliest Aryan immigrants to India and come from the Kshatriyas (warrior caste) who became farmers. Kurmi are known in India as the chief agricultural caste.

WHAT ARE THEIR LIVES LIKE?

Modern Kurmi are relatively prosperous and educated. Their lifestyle is associated with farming and trading. Due to their agricultural link, the Kurmi are viewed as one of the 'backward' or lower castes. Some Kurmi have formed a national movement in the northern and eastern Indian regions for advocacy purposes.

WHAT ARE THEIR BELIEFS?

Kurmis are Hindus. Buddhists and Jains can be found amongst them, as well.

WHAT ARE THEIR NEEDS?

The Kurmi need the salvation offered by God. They need Jesus Christ. A key issue for the Kurmi is their desire to be recognised by other castes as belonging to the warrior caste of Kshatriya.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray that the Kurmi may realize that Jesus is their only hope for salvation and any lasting status.
- The Lion of Judah is offering the Kurmi the right to be a special people and royal priests of the Almighty.
- Pray that the Kurmi as a whole heed this call and give their hearts in a positive response.

Standing in the Gap for special needs that God has placed on our hearts for others

- Personal friends
- Those in ministry
- Those who are oppressed and in need
- More Special concerns

Thanksgiving

*We will remember the works of the Lord;
Surely, we will remember Your wonders of long ago.
we will meditate on all Your works
And consider all Your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
You have revealed Your strength among the peoples.
You redeemed Your people with Your power,
The descendants of Jacob and Joseph. (Psalm 77:11-15)*

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.