



Prayer Initiative

STANDING IN THE GAP



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DAY 6

Adoration

The Lord our God is God in the heavens above and in the earth below. (Joshua 2:11)

The Lord stretches out the north over empty space; He suspends the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7)

*He who made the Pleiades and Orion
And turns deep darkness into morning
And darkens day into night,
Who calls for the waters of the sea
And pours them out over the face of the earth—
The Lord is His name.* (Amos 5:8)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession

Let the power of our Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, "The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression." (Numbers 14:17-18)

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 the name of the Lord Jesus be magnified in my life. (Acts 19:17)

In view of God's mercy, may I present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is my reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)

Pause to add your own prayers for personal renewal.

Petition

May we do no injustice in judgment, nor show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge our neighbors fairly. (Leviticus 19:15)

PERSONAL CONCERNS

- Spiritual warfare
- The world
- The flesh
- The devil
- Growth in character
- Personal disciplines
- Physical health and strength
- Special concerns

Intercession

O Lord, be gracious to us; we have hoped in You.

Be our strength every morning,

Our salvation in time of distress. (Isaiah 33:2)

Christian persecution in Qatar

OVERVIEW:

Qatar is an extremely affluent country. However, in 2017 most Arab countries severed diplomatic relations with Qatar, accusing it of supporting terrorist groups. The few Qatari believers living inside the country must worship in absolute secrecy, while Christians who are not citizens must worship in a government-controlled compound known as "Church City." Qatari citizens are not allowed to visit Church City. About 65 percent of the country's population is composed of foreign workers, and roughly 6 percent of the workers are Christian, mostly Filipinos, Indians and Lebanese. In recent years, a few expatriate Christians have been deported for evangelistic activities among native Qataris.

MAJOR RELIGIONS:

Nearly all native Qataris are Muslim, and most are Sunni Muslim.

PERSECUTOR:

Both the government and the community persecute those who leave Islam.

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN QATAR:

Converting to Christianity means losing everything, and the small number of Qatari believers must gather for teaching or worship in absolute secrecy. Although sharing the gospel with Muslims is strictly forbidden, some Christians still take great risks to evangelize Qatari citizens.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those undergoing persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that Qataris will respond to the gospel shared through Arabic broadcasts and websites.
- Pray that the places where believers meet will remain safe and undetected.
- Pray that culture and tradition will not hinder people from coming to Christ.
- Pray that believers will overcome fear and that the gospel will be freely shared.
- Pray for the protection and encouragement of the few believers in the country.

Praying for the Unreached people of
GUJJAR (MUSLIM TRADITIONS) IN INDIA
pronounced: GOO-jur

In Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal states, Gujjars are mostly pastoral nomads, having no villages or other permanent settlements. They roam behind their herds of cattle on carts and horses and make their temporary settlements under tents in forest areas. They move to high altitude hills in summer while come back to pastoral grounds of lowlands in winter. Some are Hindu, but the majority are Muslim in both India and Pakistan.

MINISTRY OBSTACLES

Gujjar people are usually on the move with their livestock. It will take some special believers to live among these livestock herders and teach them to "follow the Lamb of God."

OUTREACH IDEAS:

Global Recordings Network (GRN) has produced audio Bible teachings in their Gujarati language. It would be helpful for Christians to live among them with veterinarian skills, etc.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST:

Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Gujjars will excel in love and peace-making as they interact with other people. Pray that they will exhibit the joy of the Holy Spirit in abundance.

PRAY FOR THE ENTIRE PEOPLE GROUP:

Pray for a spiritual hunger that will give the Gujjars a desire for a relationship with a holy God rather than a religious system. * Pray for the Lord to raise up a team of disciplers who will live among the Gujjars and show them how to live for Christ and how to teach others to do the same. * Pray for abundant rain for their livestock and a good education for Gujjari children.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

"The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:34)

World Affairs

- The poor and hungry
- Those in authority
- Current events and concerns

Pause to reflect upon these biblical affirmations.

Thanksgiving

Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as the children of Israel have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by miraculous signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord God did for Israel in Egypt before their very eyes? The Israelites were shown these things so that they might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him. Out of heaven You made the children of Israel hear Your voice to discipline them. On earth You showed them Your great fire, and they heard Your words out of the midst of the fire. Because You loved their fathers, You chose their descendants after them, and You brought them out of Egypt by Your presence and Your great power; You drove out from before the Israelites nations greater and mightier than they, to bring them in and to give them their land as an inheritance. (Deuteronomy 4:33–38).

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we have nowhere else to go; You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God. (John 6:68–69)

You are the resurrection and the life. He who believes in You will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in You will never die. (John 11:25–26)