



## DAY 8

### Adoration

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
Or You brought forth the earth and the world,  
From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.  
You turn men back into dust,  
And say, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in Your sight  
Are like yesterday when it passes by  
Or like a watch in the night.* (Psalm 90:1-4)

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8)

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

### Confession

*God fashions the hearts of all  
And understands all their works.* (Psalm 33:15)

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

*Has a nation changed its gods  
Which were not gods?  
But my people have exchanged their Glory  
For that which is worthless.*

*By Your grace may we not forsake You,  
The fountain of living waters,  
To dig our own cisterns,  
Broken cisterns that can hold no water.* (Jeremiah 2:11, 13)

*As one who shares in the heavenly calling, may we fix my thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.* (Hebrews 3:1)

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

## Petition

*May we be strong and courageous, being careful to obey Your word; may we not turn from it to the right or to the left, that we may act wisely wherever we go.* (Joshua 1:7)

### GROWTH IN WISDOM

- Developing an eternal perspective
- Renewing my mind with truth
- Greater skill in each area of life
- **Special concerns**

## Intercession

*May we rejoice, become complete, be of good comfort, be of one mind, and live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with us.* (2 Corinthians 13:11)

## Christian Persecution in United Arab Emirates

### OVERVIEW:

The Christian population of the UAE is about 9 percent of the total population, but these Christians are nearly all foreign workers. There are very few known Christians among the native Emirati Arabs. Foreigners enjoy a high level of religious freedom, and Christian churches are allowed in the country with the understanding that they will not evangelize Muslims or undermine the local government. Proselytizing Muslims is forbidden. It can be difficult for foreigners to form close relationships with Emirati families, but some Christians are intentional about sharing their faith with other migrants living in the UAE (Persians, Afghans, South Asians, etc.). Very few indigenous Emiratis have come to faith inside their homeland,

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:**

Most Emiratis are Sunni Muslims.

### **PERSECUTOR:**

Emirati Christian converts are persecuted primarily by their immediate families.

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN UAE:**

Only a few native Emiratis have converted to Christianity from Islam. Due to the modernity of their country, they enjoy some degree of flexibility in meeting secretly for worship. However, if their faith is discovered, they will lose their jobs, homes, spouses and children. Their families will disown them, and they may be prosecuted for apostasy.

### **PRAAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray for women whose children have been taken away because of their faith in Christ.
- Pray for God's blessing on all outreach activities taking place in the country.
- Pray for the salvation of persecuted believers' family members.
- Pray that seekers who hear the gospel will come to know Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God's protection of secret fellowship meetings.
- Pray that more workers will be sent to tribal areas of the country.

*Praying for the Unreached people of*  
**NAIKDA IN INDIA**

**Population:** 3,794,000

**Christ Followers:** less than 2%

### **INTRODUCTION / HISTORY:**

The Naikda (or Nayaka) are made up of two divisions, and each division is made up of several clans. They are a Scheduled Tribe, at least in some of the states where they live. The state with the highest concentration of Naikdas is Karnataka. In the past, the Naikda collected the hide of dead animals and some follow the old occupation even today. Farming is the major vocation of the community at present, and some are engaged as wood cutters and laborers. They are Hindus.

## MINISTRY OBSTACLES:

Many of the Naikda people live in Karnataka, "South India's most needy state". The rural areas of Karnataka are quite poor, and radical Hindus are trying to pass anti-conversion laws. There are many attacks each year against Christians.

## OUTREACH IDEAS:

Please pray that Christians presently among the Naikda caste will grow in spiritual maturity and in numbers to the extent they will be able to carry the good news about Jesus to their entire people group. Pray for leaders to emerge who can effectively set forth a vision for accomplishing this.

## PRAYER POINTS:

### Pray for the followers of Christ

Several hundred Naikda people have reported themselves as Christians to the census of India, which is a great encouragement. Please pray these Christians will not give way to social pressure and re-convert back to their old religion. Pray they will become firmly established as followers of Jesus Christ.

### Pray for the entire people group

Please pray this tribal group will not gain satisfaction from their current religion, but will increasingly hunger to know the creator God, who loves them and offers them an abundant life, both now and forevermore.

### Family

- Spiritual concerns
- Emotional and physical concerns
- Other concerns

## Thanksgiving

***We called to the Lord in our distress,  
And He answered us.  
From the depths of the grave, we called for help,  
And You heard our voice.*** (Jonah 2:2)

***We will exult in the Lord;  
We will rejoice in the God of our salvation.  
The Lord God is our strength;  
He makes our feet like the feet of a deer  
And enables us to go on the heights.*** (Habakkuk 3:18–19)

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