



# Prayer Initiative

## STANDING IN THE GAP



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## DAY 9

### Adoration

*We will exalt You, our God and King;  
We will bless Your name for ever and ever.  
Every day we will bless You,  
And we will praise Your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
His greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:1-3)*

*Out of the north He comes in golden splendor;  
With God is awesome majesty.  
The Almighty is beyond our reach;  
He is exalted in power  
And in His justice and great righteousness,  
He does not oppress. (Job 37:22-23)*

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

### Confession

*God will not always strive with us,  
Nor will He harbor His anger forever;  
He does not treat us as our sins deserve  
Or repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
So great is His love for those who fear Him;  
As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on His children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:9-13)*

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 let the fear of the Lord be upon me, and be careful in what we do, for with the Lord our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.*** (2 Chronicles 19:7)

***May we meditate on Your precepts***

***And consider Your ways.***

***May we delight in Your statutes,***

***And not forget Your word.***

***Deal bountifully with Your servant,***

***That we may live and keep Your word.***

***Open our eyes that we may see***

***Wonderful things from Your law.*** (Psalm 119:15–18)

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

## Petition

***May we not enter the path of the wicked***

***Or walk in the way of evil men.*** (Proverbs 4:14)

### **SPIRITUAL INSIGHT**

- Understanding and insight into the word
- Understanding God's purpose for our lives
- **Special concerns**

## Intercession

***The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.***  
(Romans 8:26–27)

# *Praying for the Persecuted Church in Southern Mexico*

## **OVERVIEW:**

Southern Mexico, where VOM works, has a high concentration of indigenous minority groups that maintain a separate identity and speak indigenous languages. It is common for evangelists, pastors and missionaries to travel several hours or days in order to reach the different minority communities. Even with persecution, the number of Christians has steadily increased.

## **MAJOR RELIGIONS:**

Most people in southern Mexico practice a syncretistic blend of ancient pagan practices and Catholicism.

## **PERSECUTOR:**

Both syncretistic pagan/Catholics and armed Marxist (atheistic Communist) rebels routinely persecute Christians.

## **WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN SOUTHERN MEXICO:**

Christian converts are rejected by their community and often are forced from their homes and villages. They lose jobs, inheritance and land. Those who remain in their community are marginalized, partly because they don't participate in pseudo-religious celebrations sanctioned by priests that feature drunkenness, debauchery and pagan religious rites. Many areas in southern Mexico are only 3 percent evangelical Christian.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pray that children's ministries will continue in hostile areas.
- Pray that churches will remain strong and faithful in regions of ongoing civil unrest.
- Pray for Spanish Bible distributions in previously inaccessible communities.
- Pray for outreach events in areas controlled by the Zapatistas (Marxist guerrillas).
- Pray for the successful distribution of Bibles in minority languages.
- Pray for Christians who are expelled from their communities after accepting Christ.

*Praying for the Unreached people of*  
**HOLAYA IN INDIA** - pronounced: HOLE-ah-yah

**Population:** 809,000

**Christian:** 0.0%

## **INTRODUCTION / HISTORY:**

In the past, Holer tribal chiefs ruled the forest region of Chota Nagpur in eastern India. The culture of the Holer is changing due to modern circumstances. Today most of the Holer earn a living through farming, but some in rural regions are weavers or hunters and gatherers.

## MINISTRY OBSTACLES:

Since the beginning of their community, the Holer people have looked to the sun as their source of spiritual light rather than looking to the Son as the way to the Father.

## OUTREACH IDEAS:

The Holer are Hindus and their main deity is the sun god. They do believe in a creator, which might provide an "in" for those who want to tell them about the Creator.

## PRAYER POINTS:

### Pray for the followers of Christ

There are no followers of Christ that we know of, so pray that the Holy Spirit gives Holer leaders a desire to grow spiritually. Pray for entire Holer families to find Christ and serve Him together.

### Pray for the entire people group

Pray for the Lord to show His abundant mercy on this people group as they deal with India's changes. \* Pray that Indian believers will lead the Holer people to the true Creator. \* Pray that God given dreams and visions to their leaders, who in turn will want to follow Christ, and open the way for others to be discipled.

## Scripture Focus

***"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*** (Matthew 9:37-38)

### Our Family and Friends

- My immediate family
- My relatives
- Spiritual concerns
- Emotional and physical concerns
- Other concerns

## Thanksgiving

***Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, Your King is coming to you;  
He is just and having salvation,  
Humble and riding on a donkey,  
On a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations;  
His dominion will extend from sea to sea  
And from the River to the ends of the earth.*** (Zechariah 9:9-10)

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