

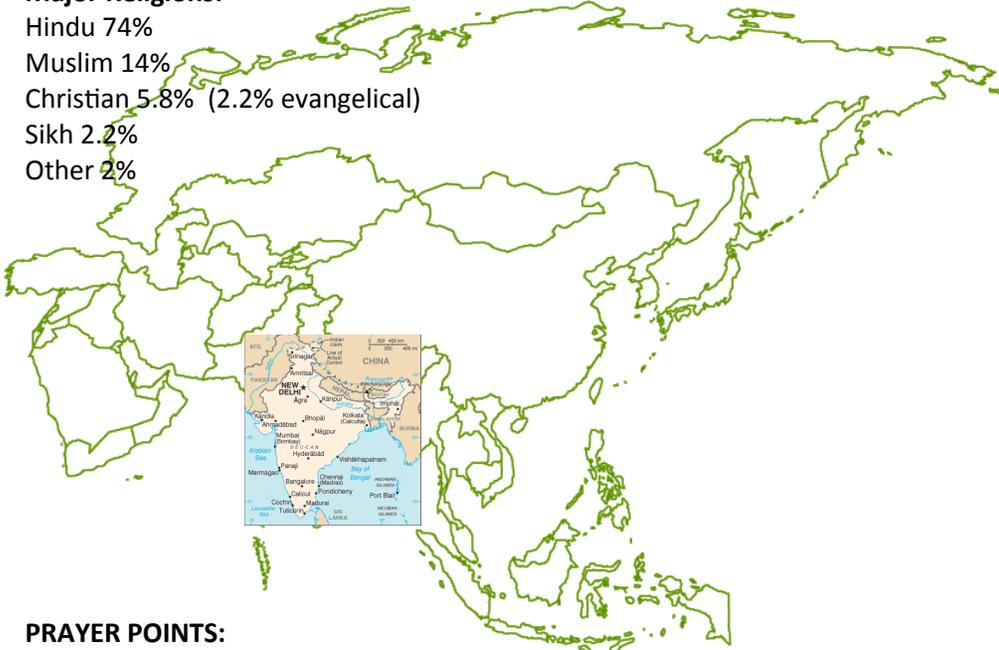
Pray for India

Population: 1,213,522,000
Unevangelized: 87%

Spiritual Climate: religious freedom according to the law, but not in practice; there is persecution and violence in some areas.

Major Religions:

Hindu 74%
Muslim 14%
Christian 5.8% (2.2% evangelical)
Sikh 2.2%
Other 2%



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the people in India who have not yet heard the Gospel would be given that opportunity.
- Pray for open doors for workers to go and share Jesus
- Pray that God's love and unity would replace cast divisions within the Church, and that Good News would be seen as relevant to all the peoples regardless of their caste.
- Pray for God's power and boldness for believers facing persecution.
- Ask God to save Indian people around the world

In spite of the rise of Hindutva extremism creating difficulty for Christians, the Church is growing. Many people groups remain unreached with the Gospel.

Interesting Facts:

- Ranked 32 (out of 50) in persecution index
- Caste system impacts life, especially in rural areas—much discrimination
- More unreached people than any other nation

INDIA

Comparative Land Area:
one-third the size of the USA

How is God working in India? How can we pray for India?

The government of India recently demonetized their two largest currency bills, which has led to chaos and economic uncertainty for most of the people living in India. There have been several cases of suicide due to the hopelessness created by this situation. Pray for wisdom for everyone in this area.

There is tremendous growth among the Church in India. Missions awareness and focus along with church planting initiatives have increased in recent years. Indian based mission agencies and churches have caught the vision to send out their own people to plant churches in unreached areas. One group of churches has a vision to plant a church in each of the 10,254 unreached villages in the Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh by 2020. Many churches all across India are joining "2020 Vision," trying to reach 20% of India's population with the Gospel by 2020. Praise God for the growth and vision He is giving to the Indian Church. Pray for those that are beginning to work towards this goal to see fruit and for unity among groups working together.

Despite the growth of the Church, there are still a great many needs and prayer concerns for India. The degree and rate of church growth, creates a need for multiplying and training more indigenous Christian workers. Pray for an increase of national workers to disciple those that are coming to Christ. Pray that as the Church continues to grow there will be unity and commitment to keep the Gospel pure. Pray for continued outreach to the largely unreached population, especially in the north.

Human need is also astounding in India. Poverty affects hundreds of millions of people. This extreme poverty leads to health concerns as many suffer from malnutrition and lack of clean water. Women and children suffer most due to abandonment, unfair labor (child laborers & slavery of various kinds) and lower literacy and education rates. Pray that these desperate needs may be addressed through loving Christian ministries and that attitudes & practices in society might be changed to reflect God's care for the poor and vulnerable, especially women and children.

Thank you for praying for this nation in great need and the growing Church there.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)

