



# FIACONA

International Day of Prayer  
for the Persecuted Church.

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# Introduction

Across India, millions of Christians live out their faith in the face of mounting hostility. When Hindu nationalist forces came to power in 2014, there were only 147 documented incidents of persecution against Christians. A decade later, that number multiplied nearly sixfold.

In 2024 alone, the Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations of North America (FIACONA) verified 831 incidents across 22 states, including mass arrests of 1,033 believers, attacks on 51 churches, and over 117,000 Christians impacted through violence, displacement, or intimidation. This represents one of the sharpest and most sustained increases in religious persecution since India's independence.

Now, in 2025, the trend continues. The United Christian Forum (UCF) recorded 313 attacks on Christians in the first five months of the year alone—averaging two incidents every day, most occurring in Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Madhya Pradesh. These figures expose the enduring effects of an ideology that equates nationalism with religion—where Christian worship, charity, and community life are increasingly viewed with suspicion.

Yet amid these trials, Indian believers continue to display extraordinary faith, forgiveness, and courage. This prayer guide invites churches and individuals worldwide to stand with them—interceding for protection, justice, revival, and unbreakable hope.



# 1. Pray for Strength and Endurance of Believers

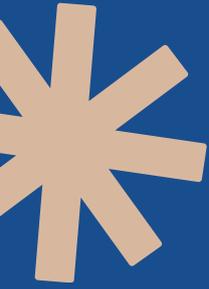
“Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.”

**ROMANS 12:12**

- Pray that Christians in India will remain steadfast in their faith despite persecution, social exclusion, and false accusations.
- Pray for comfort and healing for those who have suffered attacks, imprisonment, or displacement.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen new believers rejected by their families or villages.
- Pray that churches meeting secretly or in small groups will gather safely under God’s protection.
- May every believer respond with love, forgiveness, and peace, shining the light of Christ in dark places.

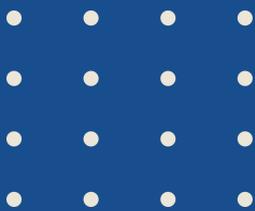


## 2. Pray for Church Leaders and Pastors



“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” — **JEREMIAH 3:15**

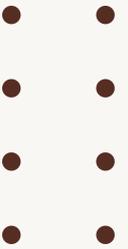
- Many pastors are arrested or assaulted simply for leading prayer meetings or baptisms.
- Pray for courage and discernment for pastors and evangelists serving under constant surveillance and intimidation.
- Pray for provision for those who have lost income, homes, or worship spaces due to persecution.
- Ask God to sustain seminaries and discipleship programs preparing the next generation of leaders.
- May every shepherd lead with humility, faith, and steadfast endurance.



# 3. Pray for Justice, Peace, and Religious Freedom

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.”

— ISAIAH 1:17



- Although India’s Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, the past decade has seen a widening gap between law and reality.
- Pray that false “forced conversion” cases will be dismissed and that truth will prevail in every courtroom.
- Pray for lawyers defending persecuted believers—that God will grant them wisdom and favor.
- Ask that police, judges, and government officials will act with fairness, integrity, and courage.
- Pray that peace and justice will overcome fear and prejudice across all regions.



# 4. Pray for Hope, Revival, and Unity in the Church

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

— ROMANS 15:13

- Pray for a spiritual awakening across India—that persecution will deepen faith and ignite revival.
- Ask God to unite Christians across denominations and languages in love and shared purpose.
- Pray that young believers will stand boldly for Christ and bring renewal to their communities.
- Pray that the Church’s acts of compassion—in education, health care, and service—will reveal Christ’s love to the nation.
- May the light of the Gospel continue to shine in every state and village.



# 5. Pray for Protection During the Christmas Season

“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”

— PSALMS 32:7

- Historically, December and the Christmas season have seen spikes in violence against Christians.
- Pray that every Christmas service, outreach, and gathering will be covered by divine protection.
- Ask that no plan of harm will succeed and that this season will instead overflow with peace and the message of goodwill.
- Pray that the joy of Christ’s birth will strengthen His people and soften the hearts of those who oppose them.



# Closing Reflection

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

— JAMES 5:16

Since 2014, when Hindu nationalist politics began shaping India’s public life, persecution against Christians has surged dramatically—from 147 incidents in 2014 to 831 verified in 2024, and over 300 more already in 2025. Behind each number is a believer who continues to worship, forgive, and trust God amid fear and hostility.

As we lift them in prayer, we affirm that no persecution can silence the Gospel or separate us from Christ’s love (Romans 8:35–39).

May our intercession bring comfort to the suffering, courage to the weary, and revival to the land of India.



# Thank you for praying for the persecuted church in India

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