

Celebrating the Word



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 30 October – 5 November 2023

Celebrating the Word *Be doers of God's Word*

This coming week, the Global Church will observe *Reformation Day* by celebrating biblical truth. The truth of God's Word has the power to transform minds and change the hearts of individuals and can directly impact households, communities, cities and nations. Let us commit ourselves daily to look into the mirror of God's Word and go out and do what He tells us to do!

Pray for the Hindu World

Hinduism is complex and it is nearly impossible to describe Hinduism as a fixed set of beliefs and behaviours. Let us unite in prayer for our Hindu neighbours and friends. Let our hearts express the love of Jesus while praying for Hindus this week and pray for them to prosper and discover eternal salvation in Jesus. *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25).*

MONDAY: 30 OCTOBER 2023

PROFITING FROM TRIALS

*My brethren, count it all **joy when you fall into various trials**, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing**. (James 1:2-4).*

Bible reading: James 1:1-20

Let us pray:

Thank God for promising to be with you in tough times. Ask Him to help you solve your problems or to give you the strength to endure them.

Pray for **family members** who are facing various trials like sickness, financial challenges, joblessness, strained relationships, etc.

Ask that their **faith in God will strengthen**, that their prayers will be grounded on faith acknowledging that God is able, and He knows best.

VARANASI

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. (Psalm 28:7).

Varanasi is a city in the Uttar Pradesh state of northern India. As can be seen by the miles of ghats, temples, and shrines lining the river Ganges, Varanasi is the holiest site in Hinduism, drawing more than 2.5 million religious devotees yearly. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. Pray for everyone in the Varanasi community to have many opportunities to hear of Jesus accurately, in his or her mother tongue. Pray that they will learn to speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

TUESDAY: 31 OCTOBER 2023

DOERS OF THE WORD

*But be **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22).*

Bible reading: James 1:21-2:13

Let us pray:

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the desires in your heart. Compare it with the truth of God's Word you have read today and make amends as the Holy Spirit guides you.

Pray for **youth** for a hunger for God's Word, to take time to study it and allow it to change their behaviours and attitudes to the glory of God's name.

Call on God on behalf of **Christian youth**, to inspire their peers in the liberty of God's Word.

KOLKATA

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." (Psalm 31:14).

Kolkata is the capital of the West Bengal state and the former capital of British India. Once formed by the colonial British into a grand European capital, Kolkata is now one of India's poorest and most overpopulated regions. Pray for the Hindus' eyes of their understanding to be enlightened; that they

may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe (Ephesians 1:18-19a).

WEDNESDAY: 1 NOVEMBER 2023

FAITH INSPIRES WORKS

*What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has **faith but does not have works**? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2:14-17).*

Bible reading: James 2:14-26

Let us pray:

Meditatively pray and ask yourself if your faith is evident to other people by your good works. Pray for your faith in God to produce the right living, right motives right thinking and contribute to godly relationships in your life.

Pray for the **spiritual leaders** at your local congregation and in your community to grow in the knowledge of God, be strengthened in their faith and directly impact the immediate community with good works of lasting upliftment and change.

MUMBAI

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. (Psalm 143:8).

Mumbai is India's most populous city and the capital of the Maharashtra state. Originating over 3,000 years ago, the caste system divides Hindus into five main categories and is still active in modern-day India. Pray for the people from Mumbai to increasingly grow in awareness of Jesus and their need for Him. Pray the Lord will give them a spiritual hunger and thirst for Bread of Life. Pray for a Holy Spirit-led humility for the people of Mumbai to fall at the feet of the King of kings.

THURSDAY: 2 NOVEMBER 2023

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

*But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. (James 3:17).*

Bible reading: James 3:1-17

Let us pray:

In the light of the passage you have read:

Take a moment and think back on conversations you had with strangers, colleagues, and your family members in the last while. Were your **words filled with the wisdom from above** or with earthly wisdom? Ask the Lord to help you to bridle your tongue and speak the words that are seasoned with the wisdom that you choose to seek from Him daily.

Pray for the **fathers in your community** to ask for wisdom from God on how to raise, instruct and guide their children in a time when they are susceptible to many evil influences.

Also ask for **mentors, filled with godly wisdom**, to disciple and guide young fathers, especially those who grew up without a father figure.

BENGALURU

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life." (John 5:24).

Bengaluru is the capital city of the Karnataka state. While the city is primarily Hindu, there are significant populations of Sikh, Muslim, and one of the largest Christian communities in the nation. Ask the Lord to open the hearts of the Bengaluru people so they will receive the Good News. Ask that God will supernaturally answer them in their search and that many would turn to follow Jesus Christ as the one and only Truth and Way to the Father.

FRIDAY: 3 NOVEMBER 2023

HUMILITY CURES WORLDLINESS

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts... (James 4:8).

Bible reading: James 4:1-11

Let us pray:

In humility, ask the Holy Spirit to show you the desires in your heart as He sees them. What is the driving force behind these desires? Are any of these desires motivated by pride, covetousness or wrong motives? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His desire for Your life, as you submit to God (yield to His authority and will with a life fully committed to Him).

Bring the **different people groups** of your nation before God in prayer. Earnestly ask Him to reveal Himself to them, that their hearts will turn to Him and that they will live in submission to His authority, will and purpose.

BHOPAL

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13).

Bhopal is the capital city of the Madhya Pradesh state in central India. Ask the Lord to send dreams and visions to Hindus that will warn them away from evil and guide them to abundant life. Pray that the Church will continue to develop a compassionate, welcoming heart towards Hindus and at the same time hold on to the truths of the gospel without compromise. Pray that God will open a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ clearly (Colossians 4:3).

SATURDAY: 4 NOVEMBER 2023

A GOD-CENTRED LIFE

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. (James 4:17).

Bible reading: James 4:13 – 5:6

Let us pray:

In prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is anything that He has instructed you to do, but you omitted. Confess your disobedience, repent, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be quick to obey. Pray for **new converts** to obediently follow the voice of the Holy Spirit. Also, pray for **wealthy businessmen** to know and understand the values of living a God-centred life and to extend the goodness of God to their employees.

JAIPUR

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8).

Jaipur is the capital city of the Rajasthan state in northwestern India. The metropolis has a mixed Hindu-Muslim population and was the site of numerous bombing attacks in the early 21st century, with mosques and Hindu temples being targets. Pray for Hindus to have life-changing encounters with Jesus as they set out on pilgrimage and search for God. Pray that Christ would make His light shine in Hindu people's hearts to give them the knowledge of God. Pray that Hindus would realise that attaining peace with God is only possible when they accept God's gift of eternal life.

SUNDAY: 5 NOVEMBER 2023

PRAYERFUL AND PATIENT IN SUFFERING

*My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of **suffering and patience**. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. (James 5:10-11).*

Bible reading: James 5:7-19

Let us pray:

Behold the Lord in prayer; focusing on His character, His compassion and mercy. Rely on His mercy to carry you through any difficulty you are currently facing. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer discrimination because of their faith, to remain patient in the face of suffering. That they will remain fervent in prayer, knowing that the prayer of the righteous avails much.

AMRITSAR

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. (1 Corinthians 8:6).

Amritsar, the largest and most important city in the Punjab state, is located 24km east of the Pakistan border in northwestern India. The city is the birthplace of Sikhism and the site of the Sikhs' chief pilgrimage destination—the Harmandir Sahib, or the Golden Temple. Pray for strength, courage, wisdom

and open doors for pastors who are faithfully ministering to the people of Amritsar. Pray that Jesus would reveal Himself to the very devoted Hindus in dreams and visions about the true Lord and Master through Whom are all things and through Whom we live.
