

Hindus

Prayer Guide



"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs – for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfied every need there is." – Acts 17:24-25 (NLT)

Hinduism encompasses the beliefs of dharma (ethical duty), samsara (cycle of reincarnation), karma (cause and effect of actions), and moksha (salvation by more than one path). Hindus traditionally have a triune view of god: Brahma the creator god; Vishnu the preserver god; and Shiva, the destroyer god. Almost all of the over 300 million Hindu gods relate back to one of these three aspects of god, but mostly to Shiva and Vishnu. The goal of a Hindu's life is to build up enough good karma to attain freedom from samsara and join with god.

There are more than 800 million Hindus in India alone. About 197 million of those are in people groups unengaged with the Gospel. This means that they have never had the chance to hear the Good News.



Pray

- Jesus, Light of the World, your desire is that Hindus recognize Your light as the true light. Open their spiritual eyes to see the darkness in which they walk, the darkness of their sin. Reveal yourself to South Asian Hindus that they may walk in the light.
- Almighty God, Hindus already have a longing for what they call the "supreme sin-destroying light." Guide them into spiritual and intellectual understanding that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and that only he can forgive their sins and give them the means to be free from the bondage of sin.
- God of Creation, you have created every person with a desire to know you. The Hindus of South Asia desperately want to know the most powerful god of the universe, the one who created all things. Reveal yourself to them. Help them to understand that you are the one, true God, the Creator. Give them the wisdom and courage to reject all the false gods and idols of their religious heritage, and to embrace only you.



- Heavenly Father, you are the author of life. Teach every Hindu in South Asia that you alone know the path their lives must follow. Reveal your son, Jesus Christ, as the Way, the only path to salvation. Free Hindus from the confusing and mistaken belief in the cycle of reincarnation.
- God, how your heart must grieve to see Hindus performing meaningless rituals and bowing before man-made idols in their temples and homes. Show them the truth, God, show them your power. Help them realize that there is no power in an idol fashioned by human hands. Teach them how to worship you in spirit and in truth. Open their hearts to experience a personal relationship with you.



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