







# Country Focus for January: *India*



Population: 1,251,695,584 (July 2015 est)

Unreached population: 1,217,394,000

Number of people groups not reached for Christ: 1,929

Religion: Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, Unspecified 2%

Literacy Rate: Male 81.3% & Female 60.6%

Number of people living with HIV/AIDs: 2,079,700 (3rd highest in the world)

For every 1,000 people there are 0.7 doctors.

70% of India is under age 35, and 31% under age 15.

Language: The official language is Hindi (spoken by 40% of the population). English is a subsidiary official language. There are 456 different languages spoken in India.

## HOW TO PRAY FOR *India*

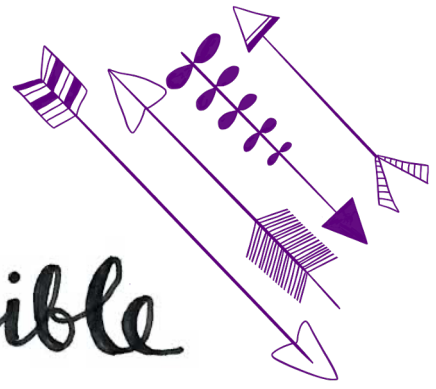
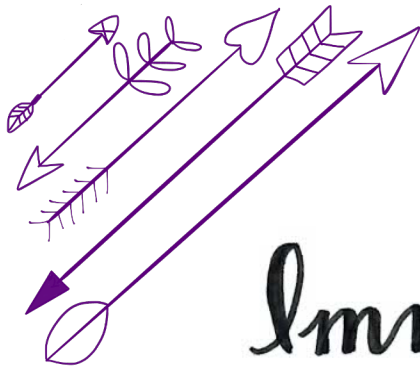
- ▶ India has the world's highest number of poor, the fourth-most millionaires and the greatest disparity between rich and poor. 33% of the population lives below \$1.25 a day. The Gospel is most widely known among the poor, and viewed by the wealthy as something for the poor. In addition, India's society has a caste system that has been the foundation of Indian social order for centuries, impacting educational, economic and social mobility. Though discrimination based on caste is unconstitutional, it persists throughout much of India, especially in rural areas. Pray all will come to know the Lord, regardless of wealth and place in society.
- ▶ Millions have become more open to the message of Christ through literature, widely broadcast radio and TV programs and extensively-used Christian videos, films and cassettes. Indian-produced Christian media is vital to effectively reach Indians with the Gospel. In addition, the Bible is only translated into 70 of 456 languages in India. Pray for believers and organizations working in these areas, and for many to come to know Christ through these mediums.
- ▶ Pray for those persecuted for their faith. Several states have passed anti-conversion laws that, among other things, deny state benefits to people who have become Christians.
- ▶ Pray for idols of both worshiping different gods and materialism to be exposed and broken.
- ▶ India has the largest democracy in the world with 543 members of Parliament. Pray for corruption within its government to be exposed, constitutional and human rights laws for Christians to be passed, and for many holding elected positions to become believers of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Physical needs are great in India, ranging from HIV/AIDs, tuberculosis, leprosy, and extreme poverty. There are 35 million orphans, over 20 million child laborers and over 1.2 million children involved in prostitution. Pray for believers to be mobilized to continue to reach out, to rescue and to give the Gospel to those in physical need.
- ▶ Pray for salvation to come to many, and for the missionaries, churches and believers of India to have boldness in sharing the Gospel. Pray for discipleship and training, as on average, there is one trained pastor for every six congregations.

## PRAYING SCRIPTURE OVER *India* Psalm 90: 1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.







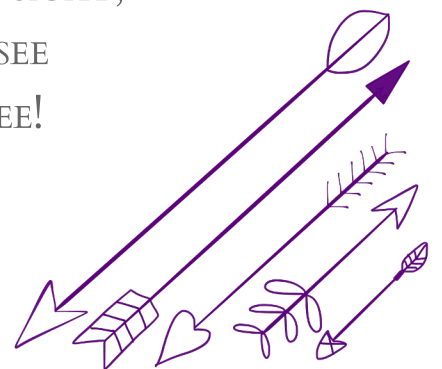
# Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE,  
IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE HID FROM OUR EYES,  
MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS,  
ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE.

UNRESTING, UNHASTING, AND SILENT AS LIGHT,  
NOR WANTING, NOR WASTING, THOU RULEST IN MIGHT;  
THY JUSTICE, LIKE MOUNTAINS, HIGH SOARING ABOVE  
THY CLOUDS, WHICH ARE FOUNTAINS OF GOODNESS AND LOVE.

TO ALL, LIFE THOU GIVEST, TO BOTH GREAT AND SMALL;  
IN ALL LIFE THOU LIVEST, THE TRUE LIFE OF ALL;  
WE BLOSSOM AND FLOURISH AS LEAVES ON THE TREE,  
AND WITHER AND PERISH - BUT NAUGHT CHANGETH THEE.

GREAT FATHER OF GLORY, PURE FATHER OF LIGHT,  
THINE ANGELS ADORE THEE, ALL VEILING THEIR SIGHT;  
ALL PRAISE WE WOULD RENDER; O HELP US TO SEE  
'TIS ONLY THE SPLENDOR OF LIGHT HIDETH THEE!



# January

S	M	T	W
		1 New Year's Day	2
6 Epiphany	7	8	9
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20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23
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Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? Isaiah 40:12-13

*God's  
Infinitude*

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