



## INDIA'S SUNDARBANS DISTRICT – 1 HOUR PRAYER GUIDE

New Hope Church's Prayer Goal: 6,000 minutes = 100 hours of prayer coverage for this district

New Hope Church's Financial Goal: \$6,000 a month for 3 years = \$216,000

### 15 Minutes of Prayer for Unreached People of the Sundarbans District

**1. Pray for the Great Commission:** "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" - **Matthew 28:18-20 ESV**

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." - **Matthew 24:14 ESV**

- Pray that God would renew a passion in you for the advancement of the Gospel to peoples and places who have never experienced Christ's salvation.
- Ask the Lord to send out workers into the places where people have never heard the Good News so that they may receive the message with JOY and make Jesus the Lord of their lives.

**2. Pray for the Restriction of Demonic Forces:** "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." - **2 Corinthians 4:4-6 ESV**

- Ask God to restrict the power of the "false gods" in this district where the Children's Bible Clubs, Adult Literacy Classes, and Church Planters will come in with the Gospel.
- Pray for the people to be released from their spiritual blindness and oppression so that they may see, know, and receive Jesus as the one true God and Savior of their souls.

**3. Pray for an Urgency and Momentum:** "Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." - **Ephesians 2:12-13 ESV**

- Pray for wide open doors for the Word of God to open quickly in order to touch those who are without God and without hope in their lives.
- Pray that God would empower Indian believers to go into the remote and distant places with boldness, protection, and the favor of God.

**4. Pray for God's Heart:** "For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'" So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy." - **Romans 9:15-16 ESV**

- Pray that God would give YOU His heart and compassion for the unreached people groups in the nation of India in order that you may know how to pray for them.
- Pray for God's great mercy to move all across the district of Sundarbans so that HIS compassion would cover the people there.

**5. Pray for Light to Overtake the Darkness:** "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame." - **Isaiah 42:16-17 NIV**

- Ask the Lord to lead and guide the lost and confused people of India and bring the Light of the Gospel to those who are weary and oppressed by the darkness.
- Pray for the unreached people of India to turn away from their idols and find salvation in Jesus Christ alone.

**6. Pray for Willing Messengers:** "Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.' Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it." - **Jonah 3:1-3 NIV**

- Pray that God would hand-pick and anoint Indian believers with clarity to go to the appointed places in the Sundarbans villages to proclaim the Gospel.
- Pray that God would prepare the people so that when Jesus is revealed, the people would experience Jesus Christ and desire Him above all other gods.

**7. Pray for Life Transformation:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - **2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV**

- Pray a massive exodus from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Heaven all throughout the region, and that revival begins to take over.
- Pray for new life in Christ and a great awareness of the Person of Jesus as well as the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

**8. Pray for Prayer Groups to Form:** "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time." - **2 Chronicles 7:14-16 ESV**

- Pray that God would lead the Christian workers to men, women, and families who would be willing to start and oversee prayer groups.
- Ask God to saturate these prayer groups with His presence, His guidance, and the Holy Spirit's power.

**9. Pray for Continuing Discipleship:** "You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always." - **Deuteronomy 11:1 ESV**

- Pray that humble and personal discipleship would take place and multiply again and again in the years to come.
- Pray that these new disciples would be able to stand firm in Christ even in the face of fear, discouragement, and persecution.

**10. Pray for a Massive Harvest:** "As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." - **Matthew 13:23 ESV**

- Pray for the seeds of the Gospel that will be planted in the hearts of new believers to take root and become a massive harvest of spiritual fruit in the coming years.

- Pray that God would raise up preachers, evangelists, shepherds, intercessors, financial partners, and spiritual leaders all throughout India's Sundarbans District.

**11. Pray for God's Blessing upon Financial Partners:** "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." - **Luke 6:38 ESV**

- Pray for God's great blessings to be upon the financial partners who selflessly gave of their resources for these Gospel programs (Adult Literacy Classes, Children's Bible Clubs, and Church Planter Training) to take place.
- Ask God to encourage them in the knowledge that what they have done has great eternal value.

**12. Pray for God to Raise up Intercessors for India's People:** "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." - **Philippians 1:9-11 ESV**

- Pray that God would raise up intercessors to pray specifically for the people of India so that all the work and the efforts involved may be saturated in prayer.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would have free reign throughout India when it comes to the young hearts of the children as He teaches them how to pray.

**13. Pray for a Love for God's Word:** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." - **Joshua 1:8 ESV**

- Pray for the people to know and love the Scriptures, learn how to discern the voice of Jesus, and be obedient to all that He calls them to do every day.
- Pray for communities to see a huge transformation in the lives, attitudes, and behaviors of new believers as they put their trust in Jesus.

**14. Pray for Boldness:** "Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." - **Acts 28:31 ESV**

- Pray for the BOLDNESS of the Holy Spirit to be upon these new believers, so that they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling they have received.
- Pray for the new believers to glorify God and to have a lifelong love relationship with Jesus that compels them to go out and completely transform the nation of India for Christ for generations to come!

**15. Pray for the Inflow of Funds:** "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" - **Matthew 9:37-38 ESV**

- Pray for God to raise up even more funds so that many more laborers are sent out with the Gospel and discipleship to even more unreached territories.
- Ask the Lord to multiply this good work because of the urgency of the need to show Christ to the people of India before He comes again!

## 15 Minutes of Prayer for Church Planters Training

**1. Pray for God's Calling:** "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." - **Ephesians 4:11-13 ESV**

- Pray that God would call and appoint His people in India for the work of evangelizing, preaching the Word, and making disciples.
- Pray that their calling would be personal, high and clear in order to give them joy and endurance during hardships they will undoubtedly face.

**2. Pray for the Year Long Training:** "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." - **Colossians 3:23-24 ESV**

"Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." - **Luke 9:62 ESV**

- Pray for commitment, a deep concern for the lost, and a passionate love for Jesus to sustain them.
- Pray that as they work for the glory of God, He will enable them to be diligent and faithful throughout this intense year of training and beyond.

**3. Pray for Unity Among the Planters:** "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." - **Romans 12:9-13 ESV**

- Pray that God would put just the right church planters in each class.
- Ask Him to help them bond well and experience great camaraderie as they learn, pray, encourage, teach, love and fight together for the Faith.

**4. Pray for the Church Planters Actions to be Birthed in Prayer:** "Pray without ceasing." - **1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV**

- Pray for each church planter to develop a strong prayer life as the Lord directs them where they should go, who to approach, what to say, and how they should pray in each situation.
- Pray that they would be quick to listen and obey all that God is calling them to do.

**5. Pray for Humble and Teachable Hearts:** "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." - **Proverbs 1:5 ESV**

- Pray for church planters to learn and receive the training well, quickly digest it, and be willing to put into action all that they are learning.
- Ask God to give them young disciples they could teach, even as they are still learning the ways of Christ.

**6. Pray for Protection:** "He said, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies." - **2 Samuel 22:2-4 ESV**

- Pray for mental, emotional, and spiritual protection over their minds, their bodies and their actions.
- Pray that whatever Satan would use to attack them would only backfire on the evil one and would only serve to strengthen their faith even more in God.

**7. Pray for Physical Healing and Strength:** “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” - **James 5:13-15 ESV**

- Ask God to heal those suffering from physical weaknesses due to poor diet or lack of resources, and to protect them from any sicknesses that would restrict them in any way in their ministry.
- Pray that God would empower them to endure the difficult efforts of field work, traveling and evangelizing in remote places.

**8. Pray for the In-Class Training:** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” - **2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**

- Ask God to give every church planter the excitement, comprehension and power of the Holy Spirit all throughout each class period.
- Pray that they will learn well the Old and New Testament truths of Scripture and how to practically implement God’s Word among the people out in the field.

**9. Pray for the Field Training:** “Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.” - **Psalms 144:1-2 ESV**

- Ask God to go before the church planters and give them favor as they go out into the field with very specific goals.
- Pray that God would direct their steps, empowering them to plant new churches, start prayer groups and reach many families throughout the year.

**10. Pray for Transportation:** “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” - **2 Corinthians 9:8-10 ESV**

- Pray that the Lord would generously provide just the right transportation they need to go to the places they will travel.
- Pray that as they walk, ride a bike, drive a motorcycle or take a car that God would protect them and keep their vehicles in proper working order all along the way.

**11. Prayer for Their Travels:** “The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” - **Psalms 121:5-8 ESV**

- Pray that throughout their travels they could feel God’s presence with them all along the way.
- Ask God to be in their thoughts, preparing their hearts and minds for what they will experience in the villages and communities they go to.

**12. Pray for Door-to-Door Courage:** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” - **Matthew 7:7-8 ESV**

- Pray that the prayers of these planters would be answered as He prepares the hearts of the people that they will be sent to.
- Pray that God would give them on the spot wisdom and how to approach each person who answers their doors.

**13. Pray for Accelerated Spiritual Growth:** “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” - **1 Peter 2:1-5 ESV**

- Pray for new believers that their faith in Christ would quickly grow strong as the church planters build relationships with them.
- Pray for a heart of prayer and a hunger for the Word of God to be given to each new believer.

**14. Prayer for a Meeting Place:** “And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” - **Acts 2:46-47 ESV**

- Pray for a house or building within each community that could be established as a church where people can gather for the teaching and preaching of the Word.
- Ask God to supply just the right resources needed to establish a place of meeting.

**15. Pray for Multiplication:** “And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him.” - **Genesis 26:12 ESV**

- Pray that God would raise up even more church planters out of these churches, to be trained and commissioned to go into the dark and unreached territories in India.
- Ask God to quickly multiply church planting in India until the entire nation has a chance to hear and know about Jesus Christ.

## Children Bible Clubs (10 Day and Year-Long Clubs) – 15 Minutes of Prayer

**1. Pray that Jesus Will Draw Children to These Bible Clubs:** “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” - **John 12:32 ESV**

- Pray for the word-of-mouth and door to door recruiting of every child the Lord desires to attend each club.
- Ask God for passion and excitement among the leaders and kids to attend these Bible Clubs where Jesus Christ is lifted up.

**2. Pray for Protection from Opposition:** “And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.” - **Nehemiah 4:8-9 ESV**

- Pray for the Lord’s protection regarding parents who might be skeptical of their children attending.
- Ask God to protect them from any local authorities who would seek to stop the Children’s Bible Clubs from happening.

**3. Pray for the Presence of the Holy Spirit:** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” - **Luke 4:18-19 ESV**

- Pray for the Spirit of the Lord to saturate the lessons, worship songs, Bible stories, games played and even the conversation at snack time.
- Ask the Lord for each child that comes to the clubs, to experience the Lord in a true and personal way.

**4. Pray for the Strength of the Leaders:** “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” - **Colossians 1:28-29 ESV**

- Pray for wisdom, strength, energy, and endurance for the leaders each day as they get to know the kids and love them with the love of Christ.
- Pray for healthy mentoring relationships to form and grow from these Bible Clubs.

**5. Pray for Unity:** “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - **Romans 15:5-6 ESV**

- Pray for a supernatural unity and camaraderie amongst the leaders and kids throughout these Children’s Bible Clubs.
- Pray that lifelong bonds of love and unity form between these young believers as they go on to advance the Gospel in their communities together.

**6. Pray for the Gift of Faith:** “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.” - **Mark 10:15-16 ESV**

- Pray that these children would learn to pray to Jesus and trust Him with big struggles in their lives with a childlike faith that is so pleasing to God.
- Ask God to teach the children exactly how to pray for their parents, siblings, friends, teachers in very specific ways He will answer.

**7. Pray for Quick Answered Prayer:** “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” - **1 John 5:14-15 ESV**

- Pray that God will graciously answer each child’s prayers in a personal and powerful way that would validate His supremacy.
- Pray that God would quickly answer the prayers of these little ones and build a strong foundation of their faith in Him at a young age.

**8. Pray that the Children would become Bold Witnesses:** “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.” - **Acts 4:13 ESV**

- Pray that these children would make Jesus Lord of their lives and begin to tell their parents and friends about him.
- Pray for these young ones to be fearless in the face of opposition and trust God to lead and empower them always.

**9. Pray for the Delight of Worship:** “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” - **Psalms 95:1-3 ESV**

- Pray for the songs they learn in their Bible Clubs to become deeply embedded in their minds and hearts as they learn to worship Jesus for themselves.
- Pray that as soon as they learn how to worship Jesus, they will teach others to do the same.

**10. Pray for Clubs to Overflow with Joy:** “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” - **Romans 15:13 ESV**

- Pray that these Bible Clubs would be loaded with such fun, bringing laughter like medicine to these young lives.
- Pray for children who are in deep depression, suffer from loss, loneliness, or oppression to be met by Jesus in a powerful way during these Clubs.

**11. Pray for each Child to be Set Apart for God:** “Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” - **2 Timothy 2:20-22 ESV**

- Pray for these children to be set apart by God for His purposes and that they would serve the Lord with a pure heart.
- Pray that the Lord would enable them to go on in life and do great and noble things for Him.

**12. Pray for the Holy Spirit to Become their Lifelong Teacher:** “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.” - **1 John 2:27 ESV**

- Pray that they would allow the work of the Holy Spirit to teach them everything they need to know and be obedient in all things.

- Pray that they learn the secret of how to abide with the Lord moment by moment.

**13. Pray for Kids to Form their Own Prayer Groups:** “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” - **Matthew 18:19-20 ESV**

- Pray for children to start and lead prayer groups among their homes, communities, and peers.
- Pray that they would take what they have learned from their Bible Clubs and make it their own.

**14. Pray for Children to Become Spiritual Leaders:** “And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.” - **Luke 22:25-26 ESV**

- Pray that God would claim the hearts of the youth of India for Himself and rescue them out of a lifetime of spiritual darkness and oppression.
- Pray for God to raise up children to be spiritual leaders who serve the Lord faithfully, without fear, in their homes, communities and workplaces throughout India.

**15. Pray for Lifelong Protection:** “The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” - **Psalms 121:7-8 ESV**

- Pray for each child to be protected from the evil one (physically, emotionally and spiritually) all the days of their lives by the powerful blood of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would send his ministering angels to accompany each child who has attended the Bible Club and guard them in all ways throughout their lives.

## 15 Minute Prayer for The Adult Literacy Classes

**1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to Prepare the Way:** "And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him..." - **Judges 13:25 ESV**

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would stir up a hunger for Jesus in the hearts of those who will be invited to a literacy class.
- Pray that they would be ready and open to receive the Gospel.

**2. Pray for Wisdom for Teachers:** "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." - **Philippians 1:9-11 ESV**

- Ask God to give passion and insight to the Adult Literacy teachers as they recruit and pray for those who God would have in their classes.
- Ask God to give them a Christ-like love for each one of their students that would continue to grow throughout the year-long classes.

**3. Pray for Courage for Leaders:** "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go." - **Joshua 1:5-7 ESV**

- Pray that each teacher would trust and know that God is right beside them, helping them teach and communicate powerfully. Pray for full freedom from the fear of man.
- Pray for God's blessing on these teachers as they give a year of their lives to pour into others. Ask God to out-give them by multiplying their time, resources, relationships, and spiritual growth.

**4. Pray against Obstacles:** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!" - **Psalms 111:10 ESV**

- Pray against fear, distractions, or even other people who might try to keep students from attending literacy classes, where they will learn so many life transforming things - especially about Jesus Christ.
- Pray that any misconceptions or superstitions would be replaced by truth as the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Truth – guides their lives and renews their minds according to the Scriptures.

**5. Pray for Men's Hearts toward their Wives:** "And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God." - **Ezekiel 11:19-20 ESV**

- Pray especially for women whose husbands are apprehensive about their wives learning how to read.
- Ask the Lord for favor and for their husband's hearts to be transformed by Jesus Christ.

**6. Pray for Endurance:** "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." - **1 Corinthians 9:24-27 ESV**

- Pray for the people of India to understand the importance of literacy in their lives.
- Pray that this desire would fuel their efforts to read, grow, change, and help them stay committed throughout the year-long classes.

**7. Pray for Friendships:** “And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” - **Acts 1:13-14 ESV**

- Pray for deep friendships to form during these classes where the presence of the Lord is felt.
- Pray for peace, joy, and lots of laughter to be a regular part of these literacy classes as students begin to read and pray to Jesus.

**8. Pray for Quick Learning:** “To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” - **Proverbs 1:2-7 ESV**

- Pray for excitement and the quick ability to learn words, numbers, and writing skills. Pray for a confidence in learning like never before, resulting in renewed hope and joy for the future.
- Ask God to anoint the words of each teacher and all the conversations that happen within the literacy classes.

**9. Pray for New Insight:** “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.” - **Proverbs 8:12-14 ESV**

- Pray that their communications would be directed by the Lord so that all their steps may be ordered by the Him.
- Pray for realization and insight as these students begin to use their new reading and math skills in the marketplace, with travel, purchasing household items, and managing their budgets.

**10. Pray for Salvation:** “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” - **Romans 10:10-11 ESV**

- Pray that the love these students experience in their literacy classes would draw them closer to knowing the love of Christ. Pray that it would compel them to make Him the Lord of their lives.
- Pray that students will learn well and immediately share what they’ve learned with their friends and families with excitement and clarity.

**11. Pray for Good Works:** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” - **2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV**

- Pray that the Lord would begin to give each student creative ideas and unique skills. Ask God to help students develop a trade that brings them income for years to come.
- Pray for God to grow each students’ confidence as they discover how and why God made them. Pray for the ability to step out in faith to fulfill Christ’s purpose for their lives.

**12. Pray for Savings:** “The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off.” - **Psalm 37:21-22**  
ESV

- Pray for God’s favor over every student as they discover how to save money and use their resources wisely.
- Ask God to multiply their efforts and grant them great connections and support within their community.

**13. Pray for Emotional Healing:** “The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.” - **Psalm 34:16-20**  
ESV

- Pray that God would heal any emotional wounds or feelings of shame over not being able to read, or how they have been treated by others in the past.
- Pray that God’s love would fill the deep and broken places in their lives and make them whole.

**14. Pray for Prayer Groups:** “Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].” - **James 5:16 AMP**

- Pray for God to form prayer groups out of these classes as people begin to pray to Jesus and trust Him with the hard or impossible things in their lives.
- Pray for healing and freedom for those who struggle physically. Ask the Lord to meet them in their pain and bring them the comfort and satisfaction that He alone can bring.

**15. Pray for Local Churches:** “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” - **Hebrews 10:24-25** ESV

- Pray for Adult Literacy students to discover churches in their area. Pray that they will be discipled and develop deep relationships with other believers from all different walks of life.
- Pray that many churches would form out of these literacy classes to the benefit of the entire community.