



Blessed is the nation whose  
**God is the Lord,**  
the people He chose for his  
inheritance.

*Psalm 33:12*

**Prayer Digest**  
Independence Day Special

# Pandemic & impacts

During the past year we witnessed one of the most difficult times in our generation. The pandemic hasn't spared any section of the society- be it rich or poor, atheist or religious, culture, caste, or community. without restraint, it has penetrated everywhere.

Considering the University movement- the impact has been lasting and devastating. This should move us into an intense time of prayer, seeking God's wisdom in engaging with college & university students.

## **Praise God for**

- Different students, graduates & staff who were actively involved in one-to-one discipling & in different training programs.
- Students & Graduates who were involved in serving the needy during the pandemic.
- As the country faced the challenge of oxygen supply- one of our graduates stepped into action along with select friends in developing/ manufacturing of Oxygen Concentrator using PSA Technology.
- Creative methods employed by the EU students in engaging with their friends, and thus extending the love of God.

## **Pray for**

- God's comfort upon all the impacted due to the pandemic due to loss of lives.
- God's providence in the lives of those impacted economically due to the pandemic.
- Effectiveness of vaccination drive & the 3rd wave to be contained.

# Pray for

As we begin new academic sessions we are also reminded of 'Friendship Day' & 'Raksha Bandhan' (primarily an Indian festival which talks about brotherly commitment to protect sisters, thus ensuring safety and sanctity of life for girls in family and society). Interestingly both these celebrations talk about relationship. Let us praise & pray!

- We as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, would engage individuals and build a beautiful lasting healthy relationship within the movement and others.
- Friends engaging into a meaningful relationship with sanctity
- We, as students and graduates would be responsible friends by being a support to friends in need thus exhibiting Christ's character through our faith and deed.
- Due to the pandemic challenge- keeping covid protocols in mind and be creative in our approach in enhancing our fellowship and engaging with friends in the best possible way.
- Admission process is on in many campuses- the Lord would help the students to be placed in the best campuses and the college campuses will once again blossom with young minds & they will become an aroma to the Creator.

# As India commemorates 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

- Praise God for our land of rich diversity, culture and history as we commemorate 74<sup>th</sup> Independence day
- Pray for Godly leadership, those who are governing to discharge their duties with integrity
- Pray for those in leadership across the nation to uphold the constitution and fundamental rights of each citizen
- Pray for peaceful relations with all our neighbors and for us to play a responsible role in the international stage
- Pray for economy to improve & for the upliftment of the poor and vulnerable sections
- Pray for addressing issues of violence & crime justly and in a time bound manner
- Pray for issues of intolerance, religious fanaticism and terrorism to be curbed
- Pray for vast youthful population of this nation & their needs
- Pray for us to stand in the gap as intercessors for this great Nation.

# Political Leadership

- Pray for President of the country, that God will grant him good health, wisdom, and strength.
- Pray for Prime Minister of the country, pray that God will guide him to govern the country with justice, equality and promote fraternity. Pray that God would grant him good health.
- Pray for the cabinet and all union ministers that they would be given insight and would serve in all fairness looking after the welfare of the people of India
- Pray for all the political leaders in our country that they would uphold the interest of the nation above all other things. Pray that they would be given wisdom by God and would continue to work with integrity, love, and competence.
- Pray that political leaders will uphold the values enshrined in our constitution in their public and private lives.
- Pray for peace and prosperity for every state in our country.
- Pray for the various Governors, Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors of various states and UTs. Pray for their cabinets and supporting ministers as well.
- Pray that the leaders would be seek excellence in all that they do and promote.
- Pray for infrastructure development, economic growth, and social development in all the states & UT

# Pray for

## Judiciary

- Pray for the judges of the Supreme Court, various High Courts, and district courts. Pray that the judges would be able to work without pressure and impartially. Pray for wisdom and strength for them.
- Pray for lawyers and other people associated with courts. Pray that they would function with integrity and uphold the cause of the victims.

## Statutory Bodies

- Pray for the Election Commission of India and the various state election commissions that they would be able to function well and conduct free and fair elections.
- Pray for the CBI, ED, National Human Rights Commission, National Minorities Commission, National Law Commission, National Commission for Women, National Green Tribunal, National Commission for Backward Classes, Armed Forces Tribunal etc.

# Society

- Pray that people would respect, value, and pursue unity in diversity. Pray that people from different ethnic and linguistic backgrounds would cohabit peacefully and harmoniously.
- Pray for social harmony in India. Pray against the divisive forces that use religion or any other tool to divide and polarize people.
- Pray for having courage to counter social evils such as caste discrimination, gender violence and abuse, child labor, human trafficking, economic inequality, and systemic oppression of the poor and disadvantaged. Pray that the God of justice will uphold their cause and free them from the oppressor's stranglehold.
- Pray for our food providers – the farmers, that their demands are listened to by the ruling dispensation with a sympathetic ear. Pray that the propaganda against them would die down and the situation would be resolved amicably.
- Pray for the protection of vulnerable sections of society especially women, children, Dalits, Minorities etc.

## **Youth:**

- Pray for the youth of the nation. Pray that the Lord would give them direction and purpose. Pray that they would be equipped by God for every good work so that the nation would progress, and people may be benefitted.
- Pray for the young people in the Church that God will bless them with wisdom and discernment. Pray that they would be guided to choose the right path and remain focused on the Lord for all their needs.
- Pray for the ministries that are reaching out to the next generation today that God would provide for them and use them to reach many unreached youths in every part of our country.
- Pray that the young people in the Church would be able to engage with the Word of God and be students and doers of the Word.

## **Children:**

- Pray that every child in this country would get affordable yet good education. Pray that they would gain wisdom and knowledge and would have an overall development.
- Pray that the childhood of children would not suffer in our nation because of factors like poverty, trafficking, child labor etc. Pray for safety and protection for children who are at risk. Pray for God's intervention and rescue for those who are in danger. Pray that every child would have the opportunity to pursue their dreams without fear.



## **Parents:**

- Pray for Christian parents to train and teach their children actively and diligently. Pray that they would be able to pass on Christian beliefs and values to their children.

## **Media:**

- Pray that the media would function as it should and not as a vehicle of spreading disinformation, hate or lies.
- Pray for independent media that they would come up in a major way to highlight stories that are ignored by mainstream media either due to lack of attention or compromise.
- Pray for the discourse on social media that it may become more pleasant rather than toxic. Pray that social media is used in a constructive way to promote harmony, unity and peace rather than dissension.

## **Defence Forces**

- Thank God for our brave soldiers and pray for their protection.
- Pray that the service of Army, Navy and Air Force will benefit the country at large. Provide them with peace and surround them with love as many of them are away from their families and their loved ones.
- Pray for the Ministry of Defence and its various wings that they would continue to serve the nation to the best of its ability.

## **Church and Church leadership:**

- Pray for the Church in India. Pray that the Church would be able to boldly proclaim and stand for the truth.
- Pray that the Church would speak out for the poor, marginalized, and discriminated and would continue to serve them.
- Pray for the proclamation and the living of the Gospel in India. Pray that the Church would continue to make Jesus known and to lift His name on high through our lives and words. Pray that the Good news of Jesus Christ would reach everyone so that all will understand the preciousness of life and work together to enhance life
- Pray that love for God's Word would transform people and the knowledge of the Lord would grow as people engage with God's Word.
- Pray for Metropolitans, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, Elders and all in church leadership that they may imitate Christ's humility and serve with deep love, compassion, and concern.
- Pray that the churches display the love of God by becoming the salt and the light of the world.

## **The Persecuted**

- Pray for Religious freedom in our country. Pray that every individual would be able to freely practice and propagate their choice of religion.
- Pray for the suffering servants of God to be encouraged, emboldened and courageous. Pray that nothing would dampen their spirit to serve their Almighty God with undivided heart.
- Pray for those who are imprisoned because of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that God would comfort them and hear their cry and answer their prayers. Pray that they would stand strong in the Lord and continue to do good.

# Pray for Afghanistan

- With the collapse of the government, the expansion of extremism, food shortages and the raging pandemic, Afghanistan needs urgent prayer from the global Church right now, more than ever.
- Pray for the small group of believers in the country. They are walking on eggshells and are uncertain who to trust. Pray that they find strength, wisdom and supernatural peace in God's promises.
- Pray for the displaced. A new wave of refugees is expected to come from Afghanistan to many parts of the Middle East and the rest of the world. Pray for God's protection and provision over them in their journeys.
- Pray for the women. Many women fear that Taliban rule means they will be stripped of opportunities for education. Women involved in education during the past years could also be at risk—pray for their protection.
- Pray for the sick. Though under-reported in international media, COVID-19 cases are spiking in the country and hospitals are limited in what they can offer. There is no certainty as to how the healthcare system will be able to sustain itself with the new Taliban government. Pray that the healthcare system will not collapse.
- Pray that the country will not be a haven for extremists . The Taliban government of 20 years ago are known enablers of extremist Islamic organizations. With their newfound control over Afghanistan, the country could be host to a new generation of terror groups.