

Personal Notes

# Pray for Odisha



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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank-You for committing to join with us to pray for the well-being of every village in our wonderful state.

Jesus modeled his love for every village when he was going from one city and village to another with his disciples. Next, Jesus would mentor his disciples to do the same by sending them out to all the villages. Later, he would monitor the work of the disciples and the 70 as they were sent out two-by-two to all the villages. (Luke 8-10)

But, how can we pray for the more than 51,352 villages in our State?

In the time of Nehemiah, his brother brought him news that the walls of Jerusalem were torn down. The wall represented protection, safety, blessing, and a future. Nehemiah prayed, fasted, and repented for the sins of the people. God answered Nehemiah's prayers. The huge task to re-build the walls became possible through God's blessings, each person building in front of their own houses, and the builders continuing even in the face of great persecution. For us, each village is like a brick in the wall. Let us pray for every village so that there are no holes in the wall. Each person praying for the villages in their respective areas would ensure a systematic approach so that all the villages of the state would be covered in prayer.

Some have asked, "How do you eat an Elephant?" (How do you work on a giant project?) Others have answered, "One bite at a time." (One step at a time - in small pieces). I say, "Invite a village and throw a party." Any large project needs many people helping. Please do not only pray but also solicit many others to do the same.

Would you,  
...Model for others by praying for all the villages in your area?  
...Mentor a small group by training them to do the same?  
...Monitor individuals of your group to go start other prayer groups?

Can every village in Orissa be covered in prayer?  
Your actions will be the true answer to this question.

On the back inside cover are ideas of how you can use this prayer guide.

## Guide For Prayer

Use this list of prayer points to guide you as you pray for God to work among the people in every village in your taluk. There are several ways for you to use this guide. You can pray for one column, village by village, each day of the week for all seven points. (Example, on Sunday, you would pray from top to bottom of the page for the first column. On Monday, you would pray for the second column. In four days you would finish praying for all the villages on the first page. Then on Thursday you would turn the page and start on the first column ...continuing all the columns and then returning to the beginning of the village list and starting again. Or you pray for one prayer point subject each of the seven days of the week (Example, on Sunday, praying for revival in the churches in your taluk. Then Monday, praying for up champions for the gospel in each village.) Or you can simply pray for one village per day until you work through all the villages and all the prayer points. In the Bible, Joshua and the people were encouraged to circle Jericho seven times before they started seeing the results of their efforts. Continue to pray until the Lord has responded in each of the prayer points for all the villages in your taluk.

### Seven Prayer Points:

- 1) Pray for revival in the church
- 2) Pray for the Lord to raise up champions for the villages, taluks, and districts of the state.
- 3) Pray for good cooperation and relations among organizations who work in the village, taluk, district and state.
- 4) Pray for the raising of local leaders in the church to preach and teach good doctrine.
- 5) Pray for children and youth ministries.
- 6) Pray for the families in each village to increase in spiritual, economic and social development.
- 7) Pray for good political leaders.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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