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Matthew 28:19-20



Great Commission Prayer Initiative

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Monthly Theme:

Operation

Great

Commission

The words of the Great Commission were not only given to the original eleven disciples. Nor were they exclusively for pastors, evangelists, and missionaries. They are for every follower of Jesus Christ. If we are His disciples, then we are commanded to go and make disciples of others. It doesn't necessarily mean we need to cross the sea. But certainly, a good start would be crossing the street to talk to a neighbor.

Weekly Themes:

Week 27 – Operation Great Commission

Week 28 – Local Missions

Week 29 – Int'l Missions

Week 30 – GCA Central Region (Santiago & Graciela Rodriguez)



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Great Commission Prayer Initiative

Week 27: July 4-10, 2021

Focus: Operation Great Commission UPG: Hindi-Speaking Hindus

"...Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:18-20

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Hindus</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 4: Ps 96-102	Pray that our churches fulfill the call to: Go - Disciple - Baptize - Together	Ask that Hindu eyes will see the glory and life of God and desire to search out the Creator of the universe
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 5: Ps 103-105	Pray for the next generation to respond to Jesus' call to go out and make disciples in their cities, states, and around the world.	Pray that God will reveal Himself to millions of Hindus seeking the truth
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 6: Ps 106-107	Ask God to provide mentors who lead, believe, and are excited to teach those responding to the call.	Pray for Hindus to realize the confusion and contradiction of their doctrines and teachings
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 7: Ps 108-114	Ask God to equip the new leaders for difficulty and hard times to grow their endurance, character, and hope.	Continue to cry out to God for a hunger and thirst after Him to come into Hindu hearts
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 8: Ps 115-118	Pray for the passion to grow and for protection against anything that might stop us from pursuing God's call on our life.	Pray that Hindus will come to know the one and only God who created and loves us
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 9: Ps 119: 1-88	Pray that we would not allow suffering to discourage us from God's calling.	Ask God to use Hindu community life to spread the good news so they become a community of faith in Jesus
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 10: Ps 119:89-176	Pray that God sends more laborers to His harvest	Pray for GCA churches to adopt Hindi-speaking Hindus and pray for them



Learn about Your Hindu Neighbors

Hinduism embraces many religious ideas. For this reason, it's sometimes referred to as a "way of life" or a "family of religions," as opposed to a single, organized religion.

Most forms of Hinduism are henotheistic, which means they worship a single deity, known as "Brahman," but still recognize other gods and goddesses. Followers believe there are multiple paths to reaching their god.

Hindus believe in the doctrines of samsara (the continuous cycle of life, death, and reincarnation) and karma (the universal law of cause and effect).

Hindus revere all living creatures and consider the cow a sacred animal. Food is an important part of life for Hindus. Most don't eat beef or pork, and many are vegetarians.



Great Commission Prayer Initiative

Week 28: July 11-17, 2021

Focus: Local Missions

UPG: Punjabi-Speaking Sikhs

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

✓	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for Sikhs</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 11: Ps 120-132	Pray for our young adults to participate in local mission projects.	Pray God would heal the land and people of the Indian subcontinent from the scars of persecution
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 12: Ps 133-139	Pray for a deep passion for missions to spread among the young adults, and for God to confirm their calls into ministry.	Pray that Sikhs will be drawn to Jesus, who bore their suffering on the cross as if it were His own
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 13: Ps 140-145	Ask God to prepare the hearts of those who He wants to be saved during local mission projects.	Pray that Sikhs let go of the pains of their past and know the comfort and reconciliation that only God brings
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 14: Ps 146-150	Ask God to open our spiritual eyes during local mission project.	Pray that Sikh-background-believers would have a burden to reach their family and friends with the gospel.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 15: Prov 1-3	Pray that we will see many young adults be impacted by our local mission projects	Pray that as Sikhs experience God's redemption and forgiveness, they are able to forgive others
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 16: Prov 4-6	Pray that God will confirm the call to ministry among our young adult volunteers	Sikhs have become a respected people with great influence. Pray that they use their influence to spread the Gospel
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 17: Prov 7-9	Pray churches will be encouraged to reach their communities and disciple more young adults.	Pray that GCA churches adopt the Sikhs and pray for them



Learn about Your Punjabi-speaking Sikh Neighbors

Sikhism is a monotheistic religion which originated from India's Punjab region in the late 1400's. Sikhs refer to their God as "Allah," like Muslims do. There are about 25 million Sikhs worldwide.

The core beliefs of Sikhism include: faith and meditation on the name of the one creator; divine unity and equality of all humankind; engaging in *seva* ('selfless service'); striving for justice for the benefit and prosperity of all; and honest conduct and livelihood while living a householder's life. Following this standard, Sikhism rejects claims that any particular religious tradition has a monopoly on Absolute Truth. This makes them open to having religious conversations with believers of other faiths, yet slow to accept Jesus as THE way, truth, and life.



Great Commission Prayer Initiative

Week 29: July 18-24, 2021

Focus: International Missions

UPG: Uyghur Muslims

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14

✓	Read thru the Bible	Focus Prayer Points	Pray for Uyghur Muslims
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 18: Prov 10-12	Ask God to fill up mission trips with those who are eager to see the gospel spread in all nations.	Pray for Christian leaders to arise from among the Uyghur.
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 19: Prov 13-15	Pray for our churches to send Pastors/Leaders and to provide the resources needed.	Pray for the Chinese Church to hear and obey God's call to reach the Uyghurs.
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 20: Prov 16-18	Pray that God will open up partnerships with overseas pastors and organizations.	Pray for open doors for Christ followers to be granted access to the Xinjiang region.
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 21: Prov 19-21	Pray that God will give us all a heart for missions.	Pray for Uyghurs being detained and persecuted to meet Jesus in their isolation and suffering.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 22: Prov 22-23	Pray that God uses each missionary trip to connect our hearts with His.	Pray for those in detention camps.
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 23: Prov 24-26	Pray that God will show us where He is working and for us to connect with His work.	Pray that Uyghur Muslims encounter Jesus when they cry out to Allah in distress.
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jul 24: Prov 27-29	Pray that our pastors make connections and that they are challenged by God to continue to participate in global missions.	Pray for the detention camps to close and oppression against Uyghurs to end.



Learn about Your Uyghur Muslim Neighbors

The core beliefs and practices of Islam are called its "**Five Pillars:**"

1. **Profession of Faith** (*shahada*). "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah"
2. **Prayer** (*salat*). Muslims pray facing the city of Mecca five times a day: at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and after dark.
3. **Alms** (*zakat*). Islamic law requires that Muslims donate a fixed portion of their income to community members in need.
4. **Fasting** (*sawm*). During the daylight hours of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, all healthy adult Muslims are required to abstain from food and drink.
5. **Pilgrimage** (*hajj*). Every Muslim whose health and finances permit it must make at least one visit to Mecca, their holy city, in present-day Saudi Arabia.



Great Commission Prayer Initiative

Week 30: July 25-31, 2021

Focus: GCA Central Region

UPG: Nepalese

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:8-10

	<u>Read thru the Bible</u>	<u>Focus Prayer Points</u>	<u>Pray for the Nepalese</u>
Sun. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 25: Prov 30-31</u>	Pray that God continues to give us Wisdom, Discernment & Love.	Pray for wisdom for Nepal's leaders
Mon. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 26: Ecc 1-4</u>	Pray that GCA staff hear God's voice as they serve our Pastors, Pastors' Wives & their families.	Pray for grace and peace for the people of Nepal.
Tue. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 27: Ecc 5-8</u>	Pray that God opens Santiago & Graciela Rodriguez's spiritual eyes as they serve our GCA churches	Pray for discernment and wisdom for believers as they live out their faith in Jesus.
Wed. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 28: Ecc 9-12</u>	Pray that God continues to keep us healthy: Physically, Emotionally & Spiritually.	Pray for conversion of the high-caste Hill Brahmin and Chhetri (Rajput). They represent 30.9% of Nepal's population and play a dominant role in shaping it.
Thu. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 29: Song of Sol</u>	Pray that God will continue to use GCA staff to serve Pastors, Pastors' Wives and the church leaders	Pray against the sex-trafficking of Nepali girls and for the Christian ministries attempting to rescue these children.
Fri. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 30: Is 1-4</u>	Pray that we remain focused on what God called us to do here in California, and that we avoid the distractions	Pray for the effective transfer of Christian (Nepalese) leadership between the generations
Sat. <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jul 31: Is 5-8</u>	Pray for the family of Santiago and Graciela Rodriguez	Pray that Nepalese Christian leaders learn to function as tentmakers, and that congregations would learn to support their pastors as much as they are able.



Learn about Your Nepalese Neighbors

Many Nepalese immigrate to the United States in search of educational and employment opportunities. Because of Nepal's inadequate educational system, wealthy Nepalese send their children to the West for schooling. Many Nepalese students apply for work permits and eventually become citizens of the United States. However, acclimation to life in the U.S. is often a difficult process.

Many Nepalese customs and beliefs are heavily influenced by Buddhist or Hindu values. Many Nepalese American women continue to wear the Tika, a red sandalwood dot pasted on the forehead, as an indication of marriage. The word "Namaste" is a common expression. It is used for greetings such as "hello," "good morning," and "good night."