

Prayer Diary: India

7-13 June 2026



A Christian resident of Midapalli village in one of the demolished homes

Sunday 7 June

'When grieving families must fight mobs and officials to lay their loved ones to rest, it reveals a deeper collapse of justice and humanity.' Pray that measures would be taken to ensure that no one in India is denied the basic dignity of burying their loved ones, because of their beliefs.

Monday 8 June

In July 2025, the burial of Christian convert Somlal Rathore ignited a riot in which over 1,000 villagers exhumed his remains in a public desecration. They vandalised churches and homes while officials looked on. Pray that the perpetrators of such appalling acts would be held to account, and that this would act as a deterrent for others.

Tuesday 9 June

After Gajendra* passed away in November, his family was denied the right to bury him in his ancestral village in Chhattisgarh State. Eventually, they were forced to travel almost 200km to give him a dignified funeral in a Christian cemetery, and had to be escorted by police for their safety. Ask God to comfort this family and others like them today.

Wednesday 10 June

Pray for peace and understanding in the village of Midapalli, in India's Maharashtra State. The Christian community has been targeted with a campaign of threats and violence from other villagers, which grew particularly tense in January.

Thursday 11 June

On 12 January, four families in Midapalli had their homes demolished by a village mob. This came after they refused to renounce their Christian faith – even in the face of death threats. Ask God to meet all their needs today, providing permanent shelter, safety and compensation.

Friday 12 June

After their homes were demolished, the targeted Christians in Midapalli went to the police for help. But the officers failed to support the victims and sided instead with the perpetrators, who were emboldened even more. Police also banned the pastor from visiting families in the village. Pray that India's law enforcement would work to help the vulnerable and fight injustice, rather than contributing to it.

Saturday 13 June

Lord, we cry out to you as rock, fortress and deliverer. Please provide a safe way forward for the Christian community in Midapalli, and for all in India who are in vulnerable situations because of their beliefs. Amen.

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