

Prayer Guide



JOURNEY CHURCH
MISSIONS

India Team
April 2024

Nancy Shaffer

1. I ask that our Heavenly Father hold our family members in His mighty hand of protection while we are away.
2. The travel for this trip is extensive. Please pray that the flights and connections will be smooth and that we are able to get the rest that we need on the way over and when we return.
3. That our team would remain healthy, sleep well, and that we will have eyes to see and ears to hear all that God wants us to on this vision trip. For us to make new, lasting connections with pastors and churches who are serving Him so faithfully in India. That our team would walk in unity throughout the week, and for God's grace and mercy to be poured out upon every team member as they minister each day.
4. That we would move as the Spirit guides us, remaining flexible, and ALWAYS open to HIS leading. For the Name of Jesus to be lifted HIGH, and that all that we say and do would bring Him glory.
5. That many would hear the powerful message of the Gospel and come to know the beauty of salvation. For hearts/lives to be forever changed by the power of resurrection.

Paul Shafer

1. Prayer that we would be at our best to serve Him well even after long flights, layovers & time changes.
2. That both our team and the Indian team would work seamlessly and in unity with each other as we serve together.
3. Help us to Love the people well and demonstrate Christ well in all that we do and say on this trip.
4. Help us be able to see how the Lord desires to use us in ongoing ministry in this area of the world.
5. Please help us to be an encouragement to the Pastors and people in this area and for Journey Church to be a helpful resource to them.
6. Help me to steer clear of all the SPICY foods.

Annie Helms

1. Prayers for health and endurance in the 110° heat, and for safe travels on the long journey there and back.
2. His provision, protection, and guidance as we walk this path He has so beautifully set before us in India.
3. For my incredible family, who is managing our crazy schedule and picking up all the pieces, so I'm able to go on this trip.

Maggie Ricciardelli

1. That I would be open to the Lord's will each day, joyfully trusting His hand of guidance in every situation. Wisdom with my words and actions in a new culture, that I will represent the heart of Jesus.
2. That our new friends in India will feel our love and support; and grasp our hope in Jesus. May Jesus, our Lord, receive all the glory!
3. For health (new foods) and stamina to keep up with our daily schedule in the heat.
4. For safety and on-time flights going and returning from India, and acclimation to time change (9.5 hours ahead of us). For safety as we travel within India.
5. For health, safety, and peaceful hearts for my family at home.

David Hill

1. Prayers to see God move through our time there, allowing us to help open doors to aid in the sharing of the Gospel throughout India.
2. Prayers for health, safety, and spiritual protection over the team as we prepare and while traveling.
3. Prayers over my family while I'm gone to continue dealing with the moves and contractors for our new homes.
4. Prayers to calm all fears and anxiety for the team members and their families who may be nervous about stepping out into this new area so far away.
5. Prayers for God to go before us, prepare the way, smooth out any obstructions that would interfere in us doing His will during our trip. To allow us to keep our eyes open to ways we can serve and assist our partner churches.

Pastor John Sellers

1. For health and safety for the whole team throughout our travels and the days of ministry.
2. For our pastors conference days to be encouraging and strengthening for each pastor and each church. That they'd walk out with an even greater passion to lead and serve their churches.
3. For the crusade days that the Gospel would be clearly preached and understood even through translation and that many would accept Christ.
4. For our time in the church for the weekend service that the church would be encouraged by the preaching of the Word and by our time with them.

Adam Ehling

1. For God to prepare our way, prepare our hearts, prepare the hearts of those we will minister to.
2. God grant us wisdom on this vision trip to see alignment of ministries, vision, scope, and accountability.
3. Safe travel and good health for those of us traveling and protection for our family members that will remain at home.
4. Most of all, that as we seek to serve, that in all things, by God's will and for His glory.
5. May we be amazed at seeing His grace, love, and majesty and grow closer to Him, as we seek this also for others.

Prayer for Spiritual Strength - Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Tentative Daily Schedule

- ✧ Please pray daily for all of our travels and for good weather.
- ✧ Please pray for the team that we will be coordinating with in India. For Stanly Reddy, our drivers, our interpreters, and the other India team members as they take care of us this week.
- ✧ Pray for the children to enjoy the lesson, crafts, and snacks at Bible School. May they realize how much our Heavenly Father loves them and come to know Him at a very early age.
- ✧ Pray for hearts to be open to hearing the gospel message as we share our testimonies of what Christ has done in our lives during the Crusades and Church Services. We pray that we are able to help families in the community connect to Christ, their community in the local church, and their calling!
- ✧ Pray for a good night's rest each evening, so we are refreshed and renewed for whatever ministry opportunities the next day holds.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday – April 27, April 28, April 29

- ✧ We will meet at the church at 12:00 pm, to load our luggage and head to the Orlando airport. We will have TWO long days of travel until we reach our destination! When we arrive, we will be going directly to our hotel to rest a bit and then spend the rest of the evening prepping for the upcoming week.

Tuesday – April 30

- ✧ Pastor John Sellers will lead a Pastor Training Seminar in the morning for 30 local pastors. Please pray that the pastors learn something new to share with their churches, and that the time we spend together encourages and strengthens them as they faithfully serve in their churches and desire to see their communities come to know Christ.

Wednesday – May 1

- ✧ Pastor John Sellers will lead a Pastor Training Seminar in the morning for 30 local pastors. We pray that the pastors learn new truths to implement and share with their churches, and that the time we spend together is an encouragement to them. That they will be strengthened and empowered to continue their faithful ministry in their churches.

Thursday – May 2

- ✧ Crusade this afternoon at Pastor Stanly Reddy's church. Please pray for Pastor John, for a fresh anointing to fall upon him as he preaches at this service. May hearts be receptive and filled with the richness of the Word of God that he shares. If there are any attending who do not know Christ, we pray that their hearts would be opened to the powerful message of the Gospel.
- ✧ After the Crusade, we will have an opportunity to minister to a group of widows from this church family. We want to love on them, let them know that they are not alone, and remind them of God's great love for them.

Friday – May 3

- ✧ Morning - Kid's Club (aka Children's Bible School) at a church in Peddauram. Pray that many children are able to attend, that they enjoy the stories, crafts and games that we have prepared, and that rich seeds of Truth are planted in their little hearts.
- ✧ After our time with the children, we will have an opportunity to minister to a group of widows from this church family. We want to love on them, let them know that they are not alone, and remind them of God's great love for them.
- ✧ Afternoon - Kid's Club (aka Children's Bible School) at a church in Sitarapuram. Pray that many children are able to attend, that they enjoy the stories, crafts and games that we have prepared, and that rich seeds of Truth are planted in their little hearts.

Saturday – May 4

- ✧ We will attend a Crusade this morning at a church in Rowthulapudi. Please pray for Pastor John, that God's grace would be upon him and that he would be blessed as he delivers a message to those attending. May hearts be receptive and filled with the richness of the Word of God that he shares. If there are any attending who do not know Christ, we pray that their hearts would be opened to the powerful message of the Gospel.
- ✧ Afternoon - Kid's Club (aka Children's Bible School) at a church in Seetampeta. Pray that many children are able to attend, that they enjoy the stories, crafts and games that we have prepared, and that rich seeds of Truth are planted in their little hearts.

Sunday – May 5

- ✧ We will attend Worship Services this morning at the second main church of our hosting pastor. His grandfather is the pastoring this church in Rowthulapudi. Please pray for Pastor John as he delivers this final message in India, that God's favor would be upon him, that his body and spirit will be renewed by Your strength, that he will be filled with great joy, and his words will bring forth a powerful message to those who hear them. May hearts be receptive to the Word of God that he shares. If there are any attending who do not know Christ, we pray that their hearts would be opened to the powerful message of the Gospel.

Monday and Tuesday – May 5 and May 6

- ✧ Today we will begin our journey home, and it will be another TWO long days of travel. Please pray for safety in travel and for all of our flights and connections to be smooth.

Thank you so much for praying for our team!
We cannot tell you how important it is to know that you will be interceding for us while we are in India this week. We believe there is great power in prayer, and we desire above all things that the Name of Jesus will be made famous among the nations!



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