

SOURCE OF PERSECUTION Religious nationalism

> LEADER Prime Minister Narendra Modi

TOTAL POPULATION 1,383,198,000

CHRISTIAN POPULATION 67,356,000 (4.9%) MAIN RELIGION

Hinduism



WHAT IS LIFE LIKE FOR CHRISTIANS IN INDIA?

Hindu extremists believe that all Indians should be Hindus, and that the country should be rid of Christianity and Islam. To achieve this goal, they use extensive violence, particularly targeting Christians from a Hindu background. In their villages, Christians are accused of following a "foreign faith" and often physically attacked. If they don't "re-convert," their community may boycott them, with a devastating effect on their ability to earn income and buy food.

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God that many are coming to faith in India through miraculous healings and the witness of India's Christians. Pray many more will come to know Jesus.
- Pray for protection for our brothers and sisters, especially new Christians and those in rural areas living in isolation.
- Ask God to continue to work through Open Doors' partners to bring practical support. Pray for their wisdom and energy, particularly during the pandemic.



This is the third year since 2019 that India has ranked in the top 10 of the World Watch List.