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PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 2019

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1st April 2019, Kerala
Pray for Evg. Raju Padmanabhan (street preacher) of the Indian Pentecostal Church (IPC), from Kolenchery, Kochi, Kerala, who was detained by Police along with his ‘modified’ motor bike, which was confiscated on allegations of indulging in conversion activities.

02nd April 2019, Uttarakhand
Pray for Bro. Bakshi Ram Sagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, who was arrested in May 2013 while a prayer gathering was being held in his house. Based on a false complaint by a group of hindu sadhus, alleging that he was involved in conversion activities, Police arrested him. Recently, the Police have put out a look out notice against him, instigated by local religious fanatics, in order to harass him.

03rd April 2019, Telangana
Pray for Bro. S. Karamjeet Singh who was arrested in Hyderabad, Telangana, while he visiting his sick parents. The Central Gurudwara Saheb filed a FIR under IPC Section 295-A, against him, based on a private video in which he shared his testimony during a house meeting, which was construed as ‘malicious and hurtful’ propaganda against his former religion.

4th April 2019, Karnataka
A prayer meeting of IEM workers at Kurupatti, Krishnagiri district, near Hosur, was the target of religious fanatics. Pastor Neethi Raja (Church Promotion- IEM), along with a few others had gathered at the residence of Bro. Sitappa for prayer. Religious fanatics barged into the house, took their bags, burnt the Bibles, intimidating and falsely accusing them of indulging in conversion activities. Pray for them to remain steadfast.

05th April 2019, Bihar
Pray for Pastor James George of India Mission who along with other elders, were attacked by religious fanatics while conducting a mini-crusade at the private property of one of the believers Bro. Bittu, at Runnisaidpur Block in Sitamarhi District of Bihar State. Pursued and instigated by religious fanatics, the Christians were taken to Runni Saidpur Police Station, but eventually released without any charges by the grace of God.

06th April, 2019, Andhra Pradesh
Pray for Pastor Jeba Singh, Bro. Peter and Bro. Abraham who were attacked by a group of religious fanatics while distributing tracts in Krishnagiri District of Andhra Pradesh. All three of them were forcibly taken to Mathigiri Police Station by the religious fanatics. But the Police lodged a complaint against the fanatics who harassed them.
07th April 2019, Telangana

Pray for Pastor Samudralea Babu Rao whose Church was destroyed on Friday, 01st March, around noontime, by religious fanatics, angry at the number of people coming to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This happened in Ambatipalli, a village, in Mahadevapura Mandal, Karimnagar District of Telangana State.

08th April 2019, Andhra Pradesh

Pray for 4 siblings living with their widowed mother, 3 sisters – Sis. Easwaramma, Sis. Srinivasa Devi, Sis. Durga (the latter 2 who are visually challenged) and 1 Brother Shivam and his visually challenged wife, living in in Agraaram village, (1-Town Police Station limits) Eluru mandal, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh. Local religious fanatics and a local Advocate instigated by upper caste brahmins, have been threatening them with dire consequences, if they continued to gather to worship Jesus Christ in the future. The Advocate physically attacked the blind Sisters Srinivasa Devi and Durga and beat the rest of the women assembled there.

09th April 2019, West Bengal

Pray for Sis. Moyazan Bewa who has been abandoned by her sons for the past 15 years, because of her faith in Jesus Christ. Ostracized and isolated by the local community, the 65-year old sick widow Sis. Moyazan was recently hospitalized in the local Government hospital but had no support from her family members.

10th April 2019, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

Pray for the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu which has cancelled the Good Friday holiday on April 19. Good Friday, known universally as the most sacred day for the Christian community after Christmas, was even declared as a gazetted national holiday by the Indian Government.

11th April 2019, Bihar

Pray for Pastor James George of India Mission and other team members, who were attacked while conducting a mini-crusade at the private property of one of the believers Bro. Bittu, at Runnisaipur Block in Sitamarhi District of Bihar State. Instigated by the fanatics, Police demanded that the meeting be stopped and took them to the Police Station. However, the Inspector released the 4 men, without pressing any charges, by the grace and mercy of God.
12th April 2019, Kerala
Praise God that the proposed Church Act in Kerala, which aimed to put in place a structure of administration over churches aiming to make heads of churches accountable to the state, has been scrapped by the Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

13th April 2019, Tamil Nadu
The High Court held that the salaries were received by Missionaries/ Nuns, in their individual capacity and that the subsequent surrender of their salaries for teaching services to the religious institutions, can only be treated as an application of income, and is liable to be subjected to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) under Section 192 of the Income Tax Act. The Court held that Income Tax Department is not bound by the tenets of Canon Law. Pray that our Lawmakers would be fair and judicious in its execution.

14th April 2019, Karnataka
Pray for Rev. John Shamine who has been ministering in Bangalore, with ‘Divine Mercy Ministries’ in Rajanukunte, Doddaballapura main road, Karnataka. Religious fanatics got into his house, brutally beat him up, alleging conversion charges, that he required hospitalization. His Associate Bro. Suresh was also targeted and beaten by religious fanatics.

15th April 2019, West Bengal
Pray for Bro. Anand Hari, Full Gospel Church, who was holding a cottage meeting at Sister Rekha Hari’s house in Pangachhiya, when a mob of around 20 people dragged him out and beat up the senior citizen. Many of the women were also slapped & kicked in the stomach. Mr. Anand was forced to say Jai Shri Ram and Hanuman chalisa. He was admitted in Asansol Government hospital.

16th April 2019, Gujarat
Pray for Evangelist Jose Dali, 63 years of age, of Valsad district of Gujarat state. 2 women and a young boy, threw some items including an idol of a Hindu god, incense sticks, an incense stand outside his house, which he did not take seriously. By the evening, a mob of around 300 people along with media, gathered outside his home alleging that he had destroyed hindu pictures and idols. They threatened to demolish his church and the house if he worshipped Jesus Christ again.
17th April 2019, Tamil Nadu
Pray for Pastor Jeevaraj and his family who are being harassed by religious fanatic groups. Three years ago, fanatics burned down his prayer house. Recently, police officials from Eravadi summoned him to the police station. When he returned home late with his wife, they found that their home was broken into and vandalized.

18th April 2019, Uttarakhand
Pray for Pastor Deepak Kumar, in Dhanauri, a village in Roorkee Block in Haridwar District of Uttarakhand state of India. Religious fanatics barged into his house and attacked him and dragged him to the Police Station, alleging religious conversion. Police have arrested him in collusion with the fanatics.

19th April 2019, Andhra Pradesh
Pray against the Film titled “I am God”, a parody with anti-Christian propaganda content on Jesus Christ, that is due to be released, as part of an ongoing campaign against Jesus Christ and Christians.

20th April 2019, Telangana
Pray for 7 Christian families in Dehda village, Dahod district of Gujarat state of India, who were brutally beaten and threatened with excommunication, when they refused the ‘prasad’ as per Bible teaching. Instead of going to the Police, the 25 Christian families agreed to pay a cash fine of ₹ 45,000/-

21st April 2019, New Delhi
Pray for Revd. Valson Thampu, an Indian educator, Christian theologian, Principal of St Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, Delhi, who was targeted in a witch hunt and faced an avalanche of litigation. This was done in order to harass him because he was a Christian.

22nd April 2019, Jharkhand
Pray for the Jesuit priest Father Alfonse Aind in the alleged abduction and gang rape of five women activists in Khunti district in 2018. He is currently out on bail in what Church officials claim are false charges to create hostile environment for Christians. Father Aind was the principal of Jesuit-managed Stockmann Memorial Middle School in Kochang, a remote village in Khunti district, Jharkhand, from where the women were abducted.
23rd April 2019, Tamil Nadu
Pray for the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, who run Nirmala Matha Convent Matric Higher Secondary School in Kuniyamuthur, near Coimbatore. The nuns have been accused of favoritism and fomenting “sectarian policies on education” based on a poster placed at the school, segregating students for the sake of distributing applications.

24th April 2019, Jharkhand
Pray for Bro. Chandradev Urah who has refused to go back to Hindu religion and was boycotted from the Padha tribe in Kalyanpur, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

25th April 2019, Tamil Nadu
Pray for Pastor Samvel Raj who was attacked by religious fanatics at Sambal Patti village in Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu. Injured Pastor was brutally beaten up and rushed to the Hospital.

26th April 2019, Andhra Pradesh
Pray for Rev. Jacob, of Banavasi Village in Yemmiganur Mandal in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh State, who had installed a cross around 10 days back, on his newly constructed Church. It was removed by the fanatics who wanted to grab the land. The Police refused to accept his application. The Tehsildar and the Head of Land Records also did not support him.

27th April 2019, Chhattisgarh
Pray for Pastor Dayasheel Baghel Sukma of Believers Eastern Church, Sukma, Sukma district Chhattisgarh, who was shot at with an arrow and was severely injured. His attackers are religious fanatics from the Gond Community.

28th April 2019, Uttar Pradesh
Pray for Pastor Jagjeevan Ram, serving with BFG Church, who was taken into custody at Gazipur, on charges of indulging in religious conversion activities.

29th April 2019, Jammu and Kashmir
Pray for “Vinay’s Mother” who is being persecuted by her son for committing her life to Christ, leaving her former religion. The son has been harassing Pastor Shubham and sending him threatening messages, in Jammu and Kashmir.

30th April 2019, Chhattisgarh
Pray for Pastor Shankergad of District Balrampur, village Bhairopur of Chhattisgarh state, who was arrested and sent to jail, under section 295 IPC on a false complaint that he had broken a deity of the idol god shanker.
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