Pastor’s House Burnt

VoTC Correspondent

Recent attacks against Christians in India have led to a sense of insecurity within the community which finds it hard to report such incidents for fear of backlash.

Pastor Stephen Selva Raj has been shepherding a small group of 50 believers for the last 8 years, at Jesus Saves Prayer House, in the village of Papanasam, in Thanjavur District, in Tamil Nadu. Pastor is married to Sis Esther and has 2 children Misa & Ashwelt

In the stillness of the morning, at 3.30 am, on Saturday, 27th May, the Church was set aflame. The fire destroyed the entire Prayer Hall and all the items in the Church (Church, PA system, Mattress, Furniture and vessels), which is estimated to be around Rs. 3 Lakhs was entirely lost. Pastor and the believers suspect the Church was a target of arson.

Until the time this article was going to press, no arrests have been made in spite of an FIR being raised. Police said they were investigating.

Church, pray that every Indian should have the right to practice and promote their religion peacefully.

If anyone reading this article is inspired to sponsor or support this Pastor, please write to us votc@persecutionrelief.org.
School Textbook in Gujarat references Jesus as a “demon”

VoTC Correspondent

Christians across India have raised their voices demanding the removal of Class 9 Hindi Text book, printed by the Gujarat State Board. In Chapter-16, Page (70) of the book titled “Bharatiya Sanskriti Mein Guru- Shishya Samvad”, this derogatory and offensive reference to “Jesus Christ as a demon” is made in. It goes on to say that stories of this ‘demon’ will be forever remembered.

The description in ‘Teacher-disciple relationships in Indian culture’, a book for ninth-grade pupils, was discovered by Subramaniam Iyer, a lawyer. According to Iyer, the error “is a punishable offence under sections 295 (A) of the Indian Penal Code”, which relates to “deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage the religious sentiments of any class by insulting its religion”.

“Such errors are not acceptable and should not be permitted to remain in textbooks which are read by young minds. Either the government should rectify it or call for a reprint,” Iyer added.

The Education Minister, Bhupendrasinh Chudasama, and Chairman of the Gujarat State Board of School Textbooks, Nitin Pethani, are to be held accountable for this irresponsible incident and tender an unconditional and unequivocal apology to all Christian community in India. This, by no means an isolated incident, whether deliberate or not, is inflammatory, anti-democratic, seeking to create enmity, hatred and communal discord, will corrupt minds and seriously affect religious sentiments. India is a pluralistic society with a long-standing commitment to inclusion and tolerance. Let us pray that our Prime Minister will have divine wisdom to help foster a stable and inclusive country, respect religious minorities, including their religious freedom.

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India will have to done away with. Prior to the arrival of the Muslim invaders and the British, India was a capable Hindu nation. Why should we prepare a separate blue print for establishing the Hindu nation? Instead, we are making a blue print to remove the pseudo democracy imposed on us by the British” he added.

Obviously, the blatant threat to discredit our hard-earned democracy and bring on religious autocracy is apparent. India has both seen and suffered the consequences that followed from failure to address the constrictive role that religious ideology plays.

Reliable sources tell us horror stories narrated by the relatives of such Sadhakas or Sadhikas about the way the indoctrination and so called spiritual transformation happens. The manner in which the indoctrinated mass behaves, leaves one to wonder whether they are under a compelling spell. Violent, angry and mean, justifying Hindu rituals, spreading hatred for all non-Hindus, atheists and rationalists appear to be the facets of this newfound spirituality.

It is indeed a strange coincidence that this get-together seems to have chosen a venue that had witnessed communal and civil violence between Muslims and Hindus in Oct. 2012. The Constitution of India does not provide for a state religion. Article 25(1) states, “Subject to public order, morality and health and to the other provisions of this Part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion”.

The question lurking in the background is this: What would the landscape look like today if these Sadhakas or Sadhikas were the decision-makers?

5,000 BJP workers in Meghalaya Quit Party Over Cattle Rules

Indian Express

TURA: Over 5,000 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers in Meghalaya on Wednesday quit the party over the Centre’s new rules that aim to prevent sale of cattle for slaughter.

BJP Youth Wing President of Tura city Wilver GreamDango, who was among those who resigned, said it was in protest against the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government’s attempt to “suppress the tribal and other communities who consume beef”.

Dango said five BJP mandal committees have been dissolved and over 5,000 youth workers had resigned from the party.

“We cannot play with the sentiments of our own people who trust us and we don’t mix politics with religion as the BJP is doing. Any party or individual that hurts the sentiments of our people will be against us... we will protect our tribal land,” he said.

Two senior BJP leader in Meghalaya, BachuMarak and Bernard Marak, have also quit the party.

Last week, some BJP leaders in the state threatened to quit if the central government did not repeal the new cattle trade rules.

“Most party leaders in Meghalaya are not happy with the new rules which are directly affecting our people,” BJP Vice President John Antonius Lyngdoh said.

“We cannot accept the new rules on cattle trade. We cannot go against our food habits; besides, the economic interests of people dealing in cattle trade and slaughter are put in jeopardy,” he said.

Cows walks on the dried agricultural field due to insufficient water during scorching summer at Mahabubnagar, one of the drought affected districts in Telangana. | A Suresh Kumar/ EPS
Indian Christian leaders distance themselves from ruling Hindu nationalists

By Anto Akkara – World Watch Monitor

The leaders of India’s Christian minority – 2.3 per cent of India’s 1.3 billion population – have distanced themselves from rumours of increasingly close ties with the ruling Hindu nationalist BJP.

Archbishop Soosa Pakiam (centre), President of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council, addresses media at a news conference on 8 June.

The latest rumours began following a meeting between senior Catholic Church leaders and the BJP’s national president, Amit Shah, in the south Indian Christian stronghold of Kerala, from 2-4 June. But the president of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council, Archbishop Soosa Pakiam, said the two sides had fundamentally different outlooks.

“We cannot accept their basic ideology. We have serious concerns and apprehension about some of the steps they have taken,” the Archbishop said at a news conference on 8 June.

“We did not go to meet Amit Shah. When a prominent leader came with a request to meet us, we entertained him.”

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Archbishop Soosa Pakiam

Beef ban leads to resignations

Archbishop Pakiam, head of Kerala’s over-five-million strong Catholic Church, added that he and his colleagues stood against the BJP on its recent ban on the sale of cattle (seen as sacred by Hindus) for slaughter.

“Neither the girls are minors, nor did I attempt to convert them. They are brought here for studies,” the nun said, in Bhopal told ucanews.com.

The nun following a statement from the Church leaders said the case is “filed against the nun for conversion, following allegations by a Hindu activist that she had abducted 25 girls for conversion.

Sister Joseph denied the allegations. “We cannot accept their basic ideology. We have serious concerns and apprehension about some of the steps they have taken,” the Archbishop said at a news conference on 8 June.

“For us, the constitution is supreme,” he added, a reference to the constitution’s protection on individual freedoms – nothing is mentioned in the constitution about prohibiting particular foods. Several Christian members of the BJP resigned from their posts in the wake of the ruling, which is being challenged in the Supreme Court, including Bernard Marak from the majority-Christian state of Meghalaya in the north-east.

BJP ‘wants to woo Christians’

A statement by the Baptist Church Council in neighboring Nagaland state – where 88 per cent of the population are Christian, according to the 2011 census – said the BJP’s “disappearance at the [the Church in defending her own faith] “stands contrary” to the BJP’s own claims about safeguarding the Christian faith.

The statement said that there was “little doubt” the BJP aims to “suppress the [Christian] minority of their religio-socio-cultural practices” and make them “feel insecure.”

“We cannot accept what is their plan for the region,” he said. “We cannot just wait for to experience what they are doing to go in the north-east. We have seen what they have done in other parts of the country. If we wait, it may be too late. That is why we have made this statement.”

The emerging trends are very worrying,” Rev Solomon Rongpi, general secretary of the Council of Baptist Churches of North East India, told World Watch Monitor. “There is certainly a concerted effort by the Hindu nationalists to make inroads into the Christian community.”

Rev Laldawngliana, moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of India, which has a significant presence in the north-east, told World Watch Monitor that several BJP legislators elected in March in his home state of Manipur – also in the north-east – are from the Christian community. Some of them defected from other parties, handing the BJP a majority, even though the party initially won fewer seats than the rival Congress Party.

“All sorts of methods are being used in the north-east to make the BJP acceptable to Christians,” Laldawngliana explained.

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In 1 Thess. 5:2, we read, “The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ‘A thief does not announce his coming, or his departure; but “when he is no longer expected,” he will come suddenly to those who are asleep.”

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Christ’s Return in the Clouds

To Tell Or Not To Tell Your Spouse?

Infidelity

- Dr. Greg Smalley is vice president of Family Ministries at Focus on the Family and the general editor of Ready to Wed.

Don’t keep your affair a secret just to avoid “a relationship” — that isn’t fair to your partner, and only serves to preserve a relationship with cracks that will inevitably spread. You owe it to your partner to let him or her make that decision with all the information you can provide. You don’t want the relationship to end, but neither do you want your partner to stay with you out of ignorance.

Relationship is all about walking in light and honesty. Infidelity is something that requires darkness and secrecy. It’s sin, and that’s why someone hiding an affair wants it to stay hidden. The book of Job explains it this way: “The eye of the adulterer also waits for the twilight, saying, ‘No eye will see me.’ . . . For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness” (Job 24:15,17).

I encourage you to break this pattern. Instead of hiding your sin, bring it into the light where everything can be made visible. Be honest and revealing your secret; you have an amazing opportunity for freedom (John 8:32).

We’ve all heard the catchphrase “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!” The logic behind this cultural quote implies that whatever misled happened in the past, won’t impact the “here and now” of your relationship — so you don’t need to talk about it. But you may want to talk about it, and the memories will be a thief in the night. Paul says we look forward to that day and we eagerly await His coming. People around us will be imagining that everything is peaceful and safe (1 Thess. 5:3). But destruction will come upon them suddenly. This destruction, it says here will come suddenly “like birth pangs upon a woman with child” (1 Thess. 5:3). Jesus used the same expression when speaking of the last days (in Matthew 24:8). Every woman knows that when she gives birth to a child there is a painful time of labour which can last for many hours. (Some mothers say that it was so painful that they felt like dying). It is only after that the child is born. This is a picture of the painful period of tribulation that will precede the coming of Christ. No child is born without those birth-pangs. And the coming of the Lord is not going to take place before this painful tribulation. We are not afraid of that period. It will be a great honour for us if the Lord allows us to be here as witnesses for Him and to lay down our lives for the sake of the gospel.
The recent amendment has relaxed the law that could only access the service once, which resulted in low birth rates. It restricted sterilization among tribal people whose poverty and ill health forced them to use it. The ruling pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) relaxed a 1979 law restricting sterilization to public provisions for sterilization among tribal people and non-Hindus. (Photo by IANS)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who heads the pro-Hindu federal government at the inauguration of National Tribal Carnival-2016, New Delhi, oct. 25. Christian leaders have accused Modi's ruling on the size of tribal populations, which is mostly tribal people, account for 0.7 million people being Hindu. Muslims account for 1 percent; Christians, mostly tribal people, account for 0.7 percent.

Catholics in Indian state oppose sterilization policy
Recent law change can be easily exploited and threatens indigenous communities, church leaders say

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Bhopal: Church leaders in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh have criticized new guidelines on providing sterilization services to traditional tribal groups and are lobbying the authorities to reconsider it.

“The new regulations appear to be disastrous” for impoverished tribal groups, said Father Sebastian Poomattam, spokesperson for Catholic bishops in Chhattisgarh, homeland of several tribal groups.

“For these groups who already face a serious threat to their existence, this new law might further threaten their survival,” he told ucanews.com June 11.

The ruling pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) relaxed a 1979 state law May 26 making access to public provisions for sterilization easier among five traditional tribes in the state.

The law was passed almost four decades ago at a time when the national government used forced sterilization as a control mechanism. It restricted sterilization among tribal people whose poverty and ill health resulted in low birth rates.

Father Poomattam said the regulation was important to ensure tribal mothers could only access the service once, a leading government official had certified it as a case of emergency.

The recent amendment has relaxed those rules. A government officer may certify the sterilization if the tribal mother simply acknowledged they understood the consequences.

R. Prasanna, the state health services director, justified the government’s decision saying it follows a request from tribal people who were concerned about the health of pregnant mothers.

A recommendation by the federal planning commission said imposing sterilization options to these tribal people was not justified.

Commenting on the impact of the ruling on the size of tribal populations, Prasanna said it “depends on them.” The government is not “forcing sterilization” on tribal people. They are still welcomed as a member of the board. We do not insist that our young preacher boys marry (until they get a seminary diploma? Not!) until they are endowed with power from on high!

The Pharissee’s Prayer
The Pharisee who prayed in the temple said, “God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people; swindlers, unjust, adulterers.” There are many so-called Spirit-filled men today, but not even pray that prayer! Unjust they are for sure, they pay low wages and tell their workers that they are “doing this sacrifice for Jesus.” Adulterers—yes, many are false priests in this awful category. They, of course, have an explanation for their infidelity, yet many are accepted at conferences as keynote speakers. Exoteronists—the radio preachers almost have this as a monopoly. A $25 Bible (God’s Holy Word) is offered for a $100 gift! Other books are offered at five times their cost. “You are judging!” someone will say. Correct, I am told to judge (John 7:24). Jesus says, “Judge with righteous judgment.” Also I, along with other true preachers of the Gospel, am a watchman and so have to warn others. Also, “judgment must begin at the house of the Lord.” This bait to get money is an abomination. Preachers whine for money over the radio and television. “For this ministry” they say, and yet much of it is to sustain their extravagant lifestyle, costly airplanes, and fixing up luxury Bible conference grounds. And now they have joined the Pharissee who “rob widows’ houses.” Ante up your pockets while you live, they ask for your house and estate after you die. What next?

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O for a generation of believers who can honestly say, “Zeal for Thy house will consume Me.”

The present lethargy in the Church is almost unanswerable. The Jehovah’s Witnesses have zeal. The Mormons claim they are gaining more people from the evangelicals than we are gaining from them. The cultists zealously persist in getting a hearing in the streets.

Saul of Tarsus had fanatical zeal. He threw men and women in prison and broke up their families, persecuting them from city to city. Miraculously God cleansed him, baptized him with fire, and made him a model zealot for His Kingdom.

It is not enough in these days of such vast worldliness in the Church to talk, write or彶, or uncomprising in “doctrine.” We must be ablaze with Holy Spirit-born anger. ("Be angry, and yet do not sin.", Eph. 4:26) We must feel the hurt of God over the devil’s domination of this age. We must apologize to the Almighty that we have turned to our own way, and have been more loyal to a man-made theology than to the exceedingly sober words of our Master. Like Paul, we must be able to say in His holy presence, "This one thing I do..." I hear a broken heart over the coldness in the Church (including my own!). True, the zealous man of God lives for one thing only; to please God. He is impenurious to the opinions of others about his zeal. He cares not what it costs him to burn out for God. In sickness or in health, in poverty or in wealth, whether he is esteemed or despised, flattered or flattened, considered a fool or a philosopher, through evil report or good report, through reproaches, he is set to do the will of God!

This man sees the Church today fouled with showmanship, bingo and bake sales, dances, tinsel and trivia, “holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.” (II Tim. 3:5) He sees the ministers condoning divorce in high places. Maybe his minister is divorced and remained himself.

Jesus today sees His Church unclean and disobedience by a watered-down gospel. We do not obey His commandments to “love one another,” or rejoice to act out Matthew 23:11 “But the greatest among you shall be your servant.” If there comes a man into the assembly with a gold ring, we do give him honor (James 2:2). If he has great wealth but little spirituality, he is still welcomed as a member of the board. We do not insist that our young preacher boys marry (until they get a seminary diploma? Not!) until they are endowed with power from on high!

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Christian Sanitation Worker in Pakistan Dies after Hospital Refuses to Treat Him, Family Says

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LAHORE, Pakistan (Morning Star News) – A Christian sanitation worker in Pakistan died on Thursday (June 1) after Muslim doctors refused to treat him for poisonous gas he was exposed to in a sewer, sources said.

Doctors at Civil Hospital Medical refused to treat 28-year-old Irfan Masih of Umerkot City, Sindh Province, saying they did not want to touch the filth-covered worker during the Islamic month of Ramadan, Masih’s brother told Morning Star News.

Babar Masih said that his brother entered a deep manhole to clear a sewage line but smelled poisonous gas and fainted. When his coworkers did not have the equipment to pull him out, so another worker, Yaqoob Masih, descended into the manhole to rescue him, he said. “However, both men inhaled the fumes and fainted. Two other Christian sanitation workers, Faisal Masih and Shaikat Masih, went after them but they also fainted.” Area passers-by managed to rescue the four men, who were taken to Umerkot Civil Hospital, he said. The doctors on duty, however, said they were fasting and would not touch the Christian, who was covered in sewage filth, he said. “The doctors said they refused to treat him because they were fasting on behalf of their Prophet,” Masih said.

Family members cleaned the body of their relative, and after which the doctors sent for an oxygen cylinder. “But the cylinder was empty” he said. “And, before they could arrange another cylinder, he died.” The family then held a protest, carrying his body from the hospital to the Umerkot Press Club, where they demonstrated for about 10 hours, demanding the registration of a criminal case.

Based on a complaint by Irfan Masih’s father, Nazeer Masih, Umerkot Police registered a case on Friday (June 2) against Civil Hospital Medical Superintendent Jam Kunbar, a medical officer identified only as Yusef and duty doctor Allahdard Rathore, and three employees of the Umerkot Municipal Committee – Sanitation Inspector Behari Lal, Khalid Khosa and Sarwan Malhi. Kunbar was reportedly arrested. The doctors are accused of criminal negligence and manslaughter under sections 319 and 34 of the Pakistan Penal Code, for allegedly refusing Irfan Masih treatment.

Heath Director General Akhlaq Khan reportedly said that after his initial investigation, Irfan Masih’s death was not a result of the doctors’ negligence, but that they were at fault to some degree. Officials from the Pakistan Medical Association later carried out a demonstration against the arrest of Kunbar and case filed against the doctors, claiming that the accusations were fabricated. They threatened to boycott the Outdoor Patient Department and emergency services wards throughout the district if Kunbar is not released. Insisting that Masih was alive when he arrived at the hospital, the deceased’s family reportedly insisted that after Yusuf looked at him in the emergency room and then went outside.

At the same time, the municipal committee employees are accused of failing to provide him and the other Christian sanitary workers with the necessary safety kits and gear. Protesters also alleged that Umerkot Municipal Committee officials had forced Irfan Masih and others to work in the manhole without safety gear.

Some 60 Christians are employed by the Umerkot Municipal Committee on daily wages. “They always threaten us with consequences of losing our jobs if we don’t obey their directives,” Christian sanitation worker Ghafoor Masih told local media.

The municipal committee’s chairman and administrative officers were unavailable for comment.

She Became a Symbol of Genocide - Today She is a Symbol of Hope

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A sign that humanity is not completely dead. Yesterday afternoon at 2 PM, photographer and journalist Allen Kakony, received a call from the Iraqi army in a call Mosul, Iraq’s second largest town. “A six-year-old Christian girl had been liberated” from the hands of ISIS. Her father and a family friend were to go to a specific location in Mosul where she would be given her family. “Today she is reunited with her family but of the Muslim family who found, saved her and returned her to parents. Yesterday Christina was a symbol of genocide. Today she is a symbol of hope. The road back to her old self may be a long one but it is now a journey she can make with her family.”

Journlist Allen Kakony, Christina’s father Khadr AzzouAbada, Christina and her mother Aida Hana Noah

“It appears fine physically however she is unable to talk to her parents. She only communicates with them in sign language. She has lost her Assyrian/Syriac and only speaks few words of Arabic,” Allen Kakony tells me over the phone while sitting with her and her five siblings in the camp where her parents are residing.

Kakony sent a live FB video on his personal page this morning of the celebration of her release. As I watch her community celebrate her return with dancing and singing, I think not of the terrorists who tore her from her mother but of the Muslim family who found, saved her and returned her to her family.
MONTH OF REMEMBERING CHRISTIAN MARTYRS, WIDOWS OF MARTYRS, ORPHANED CHILDREN AND ORPHANED FAMILIES

2017 JULY

DAY 1
Lord, Jesus Christ was the first martyr, the first who gave His life for us. May He always be our inspiration.

DAY 2
Lord, we pray for the displaced widows and fatherless children who have endured a cruel death of their loved one, never to give up their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

DAY 3
Lord, we remember the widows, fatherless and orphaned children, many who are struggling to survive – be their Provider.

DAY 4
Lord, we pray that believers experience God directly, powerfully and be transformed through the death of martyrs for Jesus.

DAY 5
Lord, we pray that believers will encounter God through the example of the martyr, to experience Christ as Liberator.

DAY 6
Lord, we pray that we will look to the Martyrs for inspiration – Jesus being the first, when we are tempted to selflessness.

DAY 7
Lord, we pray that we will have the strength to follow the path of Jesus, to suffer with Him and be for Him.

DAY 8
Lord, fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to be a tangible testimony and witness of Jesus Christ.

DAY 9
Lord, help us to remember to pray for Christians all around the world, in such perilous times.

DAY 10
Lord, fill our hearts with super-natural compassion for those suffering, may the widows/orphans rejoice of the martyrs’ witness.

DAY 11
Lord, remind us of our duty to grow every day in greater love for God and for our neighbor.

DAY 12
Lord, may the widows/orphans count no sacrifice too great, no suffering too deep, no poverty too excruciating, as long as the love of Christ remains in them.

DAY 13
Lord, no matter how harsh the trial or how acute the suffering, may the widows/orphans never forget that they are always in God’s hands.

DAY 14
Lord, may the faith of the widowed martyrs’ always flourish as a direct result of the martyrs’ witness.

DAY 15
Lord, we pray that the blood of your saints will convert Jesus Christ and many a Saul will be converted to Paul.

DAY 16
Lord, we pray that the bereaved families will know You, O God, are the defender of widows and a Father to the fatherless.

DAY 17
Lord, pray that You will bring peace and bring verses of Scripture to remembrance that will comfort them.

DAY 18
Lord, pray that the bereaved families will respond to their loss in a Christ like way so as to bring glory to God.

DAY 19
Lord, we pray that you will continue to protect the children who are left without their mother and father’s care.

DAY 20
Lord, we pray that the widows/orphans will rest in the knowledge that the Good Shepherd walks with them through this difficult time.

DAY 21
Lord, we pray that the widows/orphans will rejoice in the opportunity to grow in Christlikeness through the ongoing opposition they face.

DAY 22
Lord, we pray that the widows/orphans will keep their eyes on Jesus, persevering in their faith, and not grow weary or lose heart.

DAY 23
Lord, we pray that you will enable the widowed parent to demonstrate an unweaving commitment to Christ so that their children will be encouraged to walk closely with the Lord as they grow up.

DAY 24
Lord, we pray that those who have lost their loved ones will be filled with the joy that comes from knowing that they will see them again at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DAY 25
Lord, we pray that you will strengthen young believers to follow in the example that has been passed down to them by their leaders.

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DAY 27
Lord, we pray that everything they have and even their very lives will mean nothing in comparison with the joy of knowing Christ and sharing Him with others.

DAY 28
Lord, we pray that the widows/orphans will rely on the Lord to give them the words to say when they stand before accusing authorities.

DAY 29
Lord, we pray that You will bring about justice for the widows/orphans in this unjust world.

DAY 30
Lord, we pray that the widows and orphans of martyrs will remember Your words, that you are the father of the orphans and the widows.

DAY 31
Lord, we pray that Christians all across India will demonstrate unity and solidarity with those who are suffering for Christ.
Persecution Relief will observe 22nd July as the “Indian Christian Martyrdom Day” which will be an annual event, to honour ‘Bharat ki Beti’ who was raped and murdered and to salute the martyrdom of Christian soldiers, who lost their lives defending their faith in Jesus Christ.

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