



BHUTAN WAYS TO PRAY

Bhutan focuses much attention on 'Gross National Happiness' as opposed to the more common measure of 'Gross Domestic Product'. The stated goal is to measure quality of life and make sure that material and spiritual development happen together.

However, when you look beneath the surface you discover a somewhat murkier picture. Young boys are indoctrinated into the Buddhist faith from an early age, forced into monasteries where they endure a life of strict routine and ritual. Many find that their deepest questions remain unanswered and their hearts remain unfulfilled, but few admit to their doubts.

TWO

There are 760,000 people in Bhutan, over 99% of whom are considered unreached by the Gospel. Open worship of the Lord is forbidden and Christian meetings are classed as unregistered gatherings.

Pray for believers as they meet in homes - that God would bless them, increasing their faith and knowledge.

FIVE

Christianity is seen as a 'foreign element' to be controlled and contained. Believers from Buddhist backgrounds are watched closely and discriminated against regularly.

Please pray for those persecuted for their faith. Ask the Lord to use what man means for evil for good and for His glory.

THREE

Many members of the royal family and children of government officials study in mission schools, whether in India or further afield.

Pray that as they come into contact with Christians their hearts would be opened to the gospel and they would put their trust in Jesus.

SIX

Our partners in Bhutan persistently pray for 'breakthrough' - for the government to relax its restrictions on the Christian church, enabling them to become registered and freely preach the Word.

Pray for Christians to stand firm and obey the Lord. Pray that 'breakthrough' would come soon!

ONE

Daily life in Bhutan is influenced by the idea of 'karma', leading people to perform rituals and rites in the hope of reaching 'nirvana'. This ideology creates a sense of fear with elderly Buddhists spinning prayer wheels for hours on end.

Pray that the good news of Christ would set these captives free.

FOUR

The twenty districts which make up Bhutan are diverse, but some Christian influence can be found in each.

Pray that each of the nation's churches would be strengthened in their walk with Jesus. Pray also for our brothers and sisters working to bring scattered believers together for fellowship and teaching.

SEVEN

Bhutan is a difficult place in which to lead a church, with many pressures from the government and difficult pastoral situations to handle amid persecution.

Pray for pastors here as they care for the flock - that their eyes would be fixed firmly on Jesus, and that they would not become discouraged.



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