

7 RADICAL

PRAYERS

TO ELIMINATE POVERTY



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Go ahead. Pray radically.

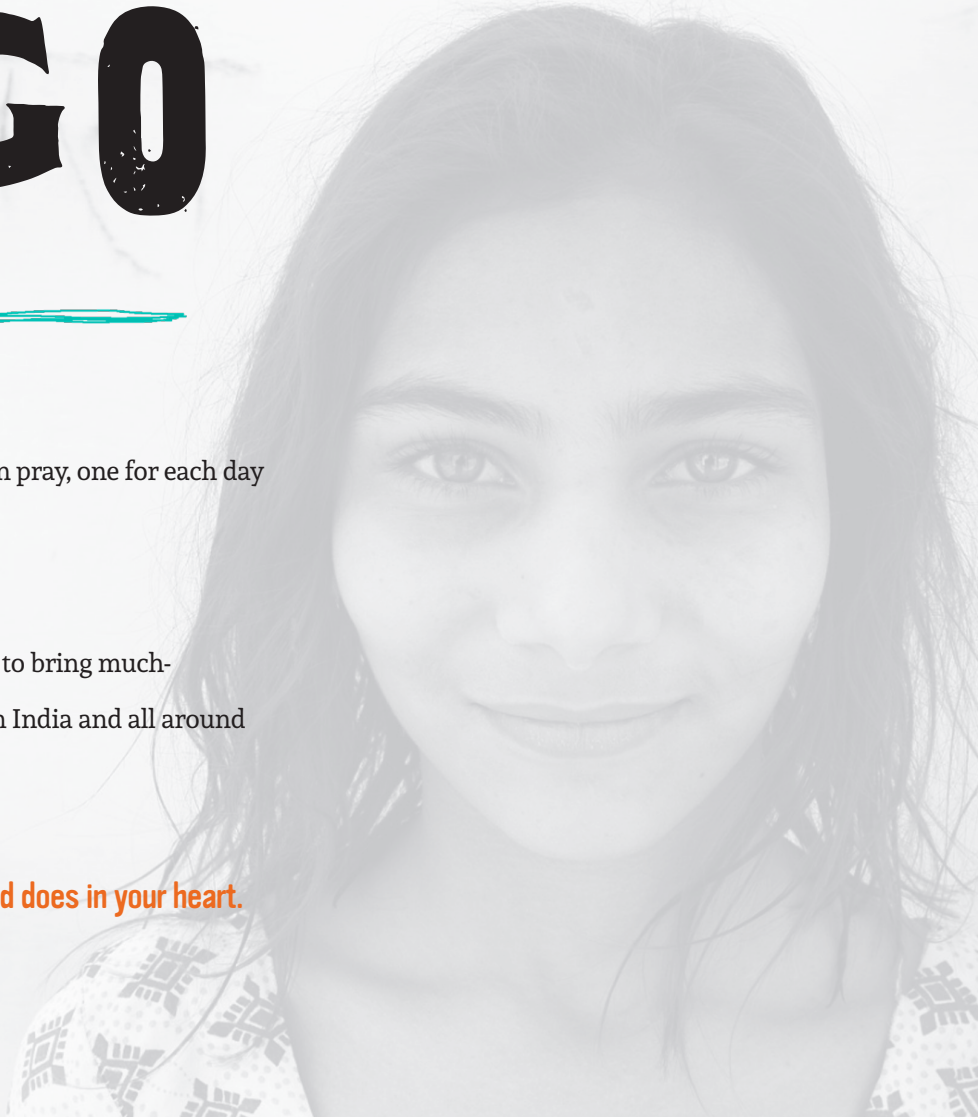
Here are 7 Radical Prayers you can pray, one for each day of the week.

Go ahead. Be bold.

Ask God to eliminate poverty and to bring much-needed relief to precious people in India and all around the world.

Go ahead.

Take one week and see what God does in your heart.





ADDRESS THE CORE ISSUES THAT CREATE POVERTY

To solve the true problem of poverty, we must know what causes it. Rather than focusing on the symptoms of poverty, productive action can be focused on eliminating core issues.



Almighty God,

Give us the knowledge to illuminate the core issues that cause poverty. With that knowledge, give us the ingenuity to overcome these issues on the local level through active participation and ownership by those whose lives need the greatest transformation. Guide us, oh Lord, in looking past the symptoms of poverty toward the greater fundamental reasons which need addressing. Help us together to be creative in our ideas for positive and lasting change.

Amen.



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STRENGTH & STAMINA TO ENDURE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

It will take time to solve the problem of poverty. In the meantime, those suffering in poverty's grip will need strength and stamina to endure the hardships of everyday life.



Heavenly Father,

We place those who are suffering in the throes of poverty into your gracious hand. We ask you to give them supernatural strength to endure all the hardships that inevitably come from a life filled with systemic material lack. We pray that you would bolster their spirits and their bodies with special might and encourage them in their struggles every day. May they find reassurance not only from you, but in those around them that love and care for them in their most dark and difficult days.


Amen.



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3 FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR THE POOR

The poor have immediate needs that must be filled. We who have enough must remember our brothers and sisters in far-off lands who need clothes, food and shelter.



God of all Earthly Resources,

Provide financially for those who are in need. Please give them enough food to eat. Give them safe and adequate shelter and warm clothes. Put shoes on their feet. Make it possible for them to have enough of everything. May they not worry about where their next meal will come from. May they not worry about the safety of their children. Provide schooling and healthcare and stable work for all those in desperate need. May they have everything they need exactly when they need it. Provide for them, oh Lord.

We trust you to feed these precious sheep.

Amen.



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BLESSING FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

So many of the world's poor are agricultural workers. Whether they own their own small plot of land, or whether they work as daily migrant laborers on the land of someone else, they are dependent on good harvest and the viability of the markets.

Lord of the Harvest,

We pray that you would bless the millions of agricultural workers of this world who struggle to grow good crops. We pray that you would make their harvests abundant during every season. Protect their crops from pestilence, drought and floods. Please give them innovative planting ideas and wisdom on selling their produce. Protect them from dishonest vendors who would cheat them. Give them good health so they can manage their fields every day. Help them to manage their earnings wisely and give them the opportunity to buy and plant their own land. Multiply their efforts today and always, Lord.

Amen.





FOSTER PATIENCE FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Global poverty will not be eradicated overnight. We in America like things to happen quickly, but we will need a huge amount of patience to see this thing through.



Our Good and Gracious Provider,

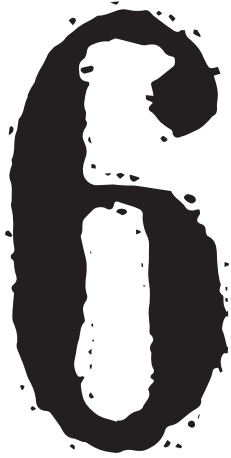
Give us the patience we need to adopt a long-term view to local sustainability and affecting viable change for the poorest of the poor.

Help us not to rush forward with inadequate and short-sighted solutions that might exacerbate people's problems. Give us the guidance we need and the wisdom to discern the best way forward that honors local cultures, as well as draws emotional investment from those we are trying to help. Help us to see with Your eyes, God, knowing that your timeline is always the best.

Amen.



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HEALING FOR THE IMPOVERISHED WHO ARE ALSO ABUSED

The dire circumstances of those living in poverty often lead to lives filled with abuse and addiction. People in desperate situations need the Lord's grace and protection.



Oh, Great Healer,

Bring recovery and restoration to those who have suffered abuse in addition to their poverty. We pray that You would protect those who live in vulnerable and unsafe conditions. Guard these dear people with your mighty hand and be their source of defense in challenging times and in the face of danger. Let them sleep peacefully at night and exist amicably with all those around them.

Extend your mighty grace to their every situation.

Amen.



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BLESSING FOR THE CREATIVE ARTISTRY OF THE POOR

Sometimes we forget that those living in poverty still have amazing gifts and abilities that are full of creativity and light. May we learn to encourage the fostering of those gifts in practical ways.



Dear Jesus,

We praise you for the creativity and gifting of those living in the world's poorest nations. We cry out to you to help those living in poverty to find pioneering ways to monetize these creative gifts to support their families and dig out from beneath their long-term debt and destitution. Give them the confidence they need to take reasonable risks. Provide people to champion their artistry and promote their inspirational projects.

Amen.



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