



## How to Pray for... **ENDING GENDERCIDE**



An estimated 37.5 million women are missing in India (2011 census). That's the entire population of California. Gone. They have lost their lives through sex-selective abortions, infanticide, neglect, and violence. It's gendercide: the wiping out of a people group because of their gender.

But WHY? To put it simply, there is a deeply held worldview that men are valuable and women are not. The ancient dowry system means that daughters are expensive. And once a daughter is married, she "belongs" to her husband's family, whereas sons will be there to care for parents in old age and carry on the family lineage. Daughters are simply a bad investment. All of this leads to eliminating daughters and giving sons preference on everything from school to food to medical care.

***We encourage you to meditate on these verses and pray them over the country and people of India:***

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of  
God He created them; male and female He created them.

*Genesis 1:27*

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in  
my mother's womb.

*Psalms 139:13*

*We are seeking a move of God to see the end of gendercide in India.*

## Please Pray With Us:

- Pray that the Church in India will rise up against all forms of violence against women and girls, and will disciple their nation through their example of right relationships and love.
- Pray for young men and women who are struggling today with decisions about taking dowry, having ultrasounds, or terminating a pregnancy. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them into peace and truth, and strengthen them to do what is right.
- Pray for those who will hear a message of the biblical value of women—that the seed of truth would take root in their hearts and minds.
- Pray for the most vulnerable and those experiencing violence right now. God knows each person's name and sees her tears. She is precious to her Father in heaven. Pray that she would experience His presence and protection.
- Pray for the status of women to be lifted, as human beings that God created with infinite value.
- Pray for good existing laws to be enforced and for people who commit gender-based violence to be convicted.
- Pray for advocates in the government and society who will stand for the value and dignity of women.



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