

A Prayer for the Nation

*O God of Heaven and earth,
who created the people of every tribe and tongue from one man,
we praise and adore You for Your immeasurable wisdom.
We praise You for Your purpose in causing us to be born in this land of India.*

*O God of creation,
we praise You for the incredible diversity of languages, cultures
and ethnic races in our Land. We thank You for our rich natural resources
of water, soil and minerals. We adore You for freeing
our nation from alien rule and giving us political independence.
We praise You, Lord, for everyone who laboured
and laid his life for this cause.*

*O Lord of Hosts,
we pray for the rulers of our Nation.
We ask that You keep them in Your hands that they would serve selflessly,
impartially, truthfully and without corruption.
Let the evil forces that mar the peace of our Nation be destroyed.
Let all the people abide by the law of the land respecting one another.
Let an attitude of benevolent philanthropic giving develop and grow
among the rich of our Land that they may bless the poor and the destitute.*

*O God, who made heavens,
send us the rain in due season that our Land may not be gripped
with famine and drought. We pray Your special blessings
upon the individuals and relief organisations
who render service to the poor,
the downtrodden, the destitutes and the orphans and such
who are less fortunate. We pray that the liberal aids sent across
from the developed nations would not be misappropriated
by those in authority.*

*Lord, have mercy upon the crores of Indians
who are suffering even without their basic needs.*

*We sing Your praises for sending Thomas,
one of the twelve disciples of Your Son to our country
even in the first century. Revive us and stir us up out of our slumber
that the Church in India may rise up to fulfil the Great Commission
in this very generation.*

Amen and Amen!

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