



# *Christian Persecution in India*

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# Source of Persecution

## Religious Nationalism

The Hindu leaders want to turn the official religion of India to Hinduism. The Indian Constitution allows other religions but the new Prime Minister is from a Hindu party and both Christians and Muslims are now getting persecuted as a result of this.



# How does Christianity grow?

Christianity started by Jesus spreading God's word. Jesus, too was persecuted and this led to more people wondering why this man was suffering. As more people wonder, more people learn about the religion and come to know God for who He is.

*Did you know?*

*In December 2014, the Hindu government tried to make Christmas a time for children to learn about Hindu leaders instead of Jesus' birth.*

# Past Persecution

- ▶ As the religion of Christianity grows, the number of persecuted Christians grows with it.
- ▶ Christian persecution started in Rome. Nero was one of the first people who persecuted them.

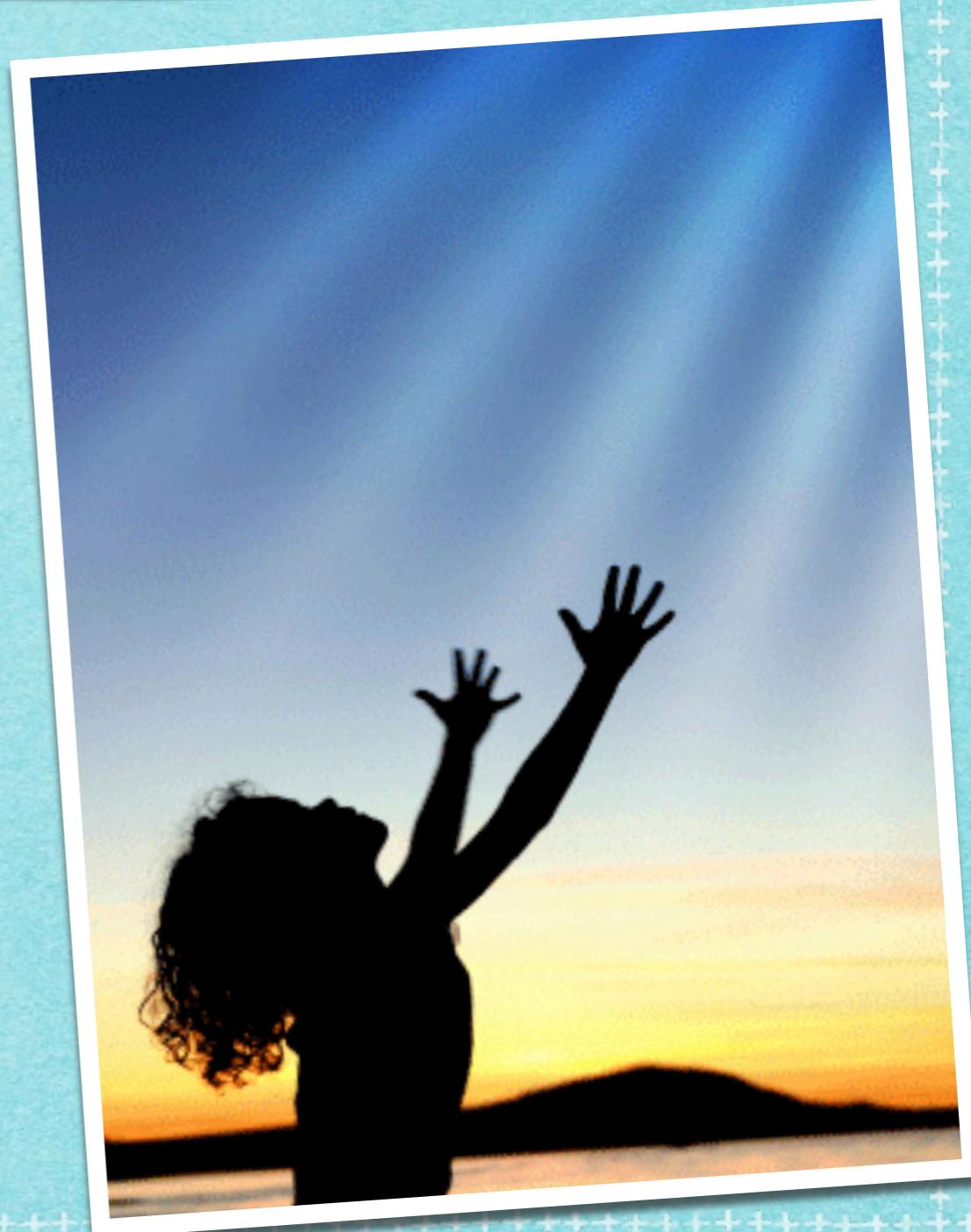
*“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”*

–Hebrews 13:3

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# How can we help?

- ▶ One thing that we can do is pray every day for them. Praying is the most powerful tool we have and we should use it.
- ▶ We can donate to certain organizations such as open doors USA or The Voice of the Martyrs.
- ▶ Be thankful because we are so lucky to be able to worship God freely. Praise God for this amazing gift



# Organizations to donate to

- ▶ [Opendoors.org](http://Opendoors.org) (Open Doors International)
- ▶ [Persecution.com](http://Persecution.com)  
(Voice of the Martyrs)
- ▶ [Christianfreedom.org](http://Christianfreedom.org)
- ▶ THEY NEED YOUR HELP!



*Did you know?  
100,000 Christians die every year for  
their faith. This means 11 every hour.*

*“You will be hated by everyone  
because of me, but the one who  
stands firm to the end will be  
saved”*

-Matthew 10:22