

India

Prayer for the Peoples

As part of our effort to pray for the least reached peoples of the world we ask you to pray for the people groups in the list to the right. This list contains the 25 Indian Muslim people groups with a population over 100,000 who have no known Gospel witness which is seeking to establish local communities of believers. These peoples have not only not heard the Gospel, they do not have any messengers actively seeking to bring the Gospel to them. The Kunjra people in the next paragraph are fairly typical of many of the other groups.

The Kunjra People

The Kunjra people live in the Indian state of Bihar, which is one of the most caste-conscious states among Sunni Muslims. Religiously, the Sunni caste system is significantly different from the Hindu caste system. The Muslim caste system not only assigns social status based on birth, it also generally restricts a person to a traditional occupation or role. Within this caste system, the Kunjra are, in general, of a lower caste and have historically been fruit and vegetable sellers or farmers. They are also mostly illiterate. They are a significantly large group and prefer to marry among themselves.



From what can be discerned, there are no known believers among the Kunjra. They have not rejected the Gospel; they simply seem never to have heard it. Very little is known about the Kunjra people, so prayer will be critical in bringing the Good News of the Messiah to them.

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▶ Prayer REQUESTS

- ▶ *Pray for more information to be learned about the Kunjra and the other peoples in the list.*
- ▶ *Ask God for committed workers to live among the Kunjra and the other groups to share the love of Christ with them.*
- ▶ *Ask the Lord to raise up prayer teams for these peoples.*

*May your way be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you! (Ps. 67:2-3)*

People group	Population
Kunjra	822,140
Turk	530,187
Makhmi	469,871
Sudhan	446,757
Rawther	682,072
Bhatiara	259,188
Mahur	243,687
Yashkun	235,511
Bhatia	190,957
Jhojha	175,779
Nikari	147,684
Baloch	129,950
Molesalam	128,738
Shaikh (Marathi)	2,429,481
Shaikh (Marwadi)	1,541,534
Shaikh (Gujarati)	1,057,975
Shaikh (Maithili)	774,017
Shaikh (Magadi)	322,135
Shaikh (Oriya)	235,524
Shaikh (Mewari)	151,368
Shaikh (Konkani)	116,051
Pathan (Marwadi)	215,895
Shaikh (Dhundari)	404,463
Shaikh (Nimadi)	110,046
Shaikh (Shekhwati)	222,665
Total	12,043,675