

ASKING POINT

Network

*He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Deut. 32:4*

Hope of the Nations

In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21

INDIA



“And you shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

Mark 12:30

Hinduism was founded in India and is the world's third largest religion. It is the underlying belief system of the New Age thinking and emphasizes a belief that man's inner core is divine. ~ Many Hindus view their religion as a monotheistic faith but worship 330 million gods and goddesses that they believe to be facets of the one god. Contrary to the misconception that Hinduism is a peaceful religion, there has been great persecution of Christians by militant Hindus with churches, homes, and businesses being destroyed. - continued next page -

The World from God's Perspective

I have longed to gather. Matthew 23:37

In Worship of Our Tri-generational God . . .

Honoring Jo Bryant, a beloved senior ASKer
May 28, 1930 – June 6, 2010

*“One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.”
Psalm 145:4*

At Jo's memorial service there were those from three generations who gave testimony to the godly influence Jo had in their lives. Jo loved, prayed for and prayed with those from all generations, inside her family, the Body of Christ, ASK Network, her community and beyond. She learned to do this from the Bible where God reveals Himself as a God of the generations.

*“The LORD, the God of your fathers,
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob . . . **This is My name forever,**
and **this is My memorial-name to all generations.**”*

Exodus 3:15

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God in Community

I come in the Name of the Lord Almighty. 1 Samuel 17:45

Being the Bride

*“He who has the bride is the bridegroom . . . ”
John 3:29*

What truth! What comfort! The Bridegroom has the bride! His keeping power is Who He is! **“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”** Jude 1:24–25

While rejoicing, let us continue the series out of the book of Revelation chapters 2–3. We are now praying for the global bride through the letter to Smyrna:

*“The first and the last, who was dead,
and has come to life, says this:
‘I know your tribulation . . .*

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...receive from Him
anything we ask, because we obey
His commands and do what pleases Him...

1 John 3:22

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India continued . . .

ASKing Points for India:

❖ **Revelation that leads to repentance** - "That which is known about God is evident within them . . . For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse . . ." Romans 1:19-21 ~ "The Divine Nature is not like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent." Acts 17:29b-30

For His bride in India:

❖ **Sanctifying** - "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water

under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. **For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God . . .**" Exodus 20:3-6

❖ **Serving** - "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:29-31

❖ **Standing** - "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity . . ." 2Timothy 1:7-9 🙏

ask
for youth

"Let them know that You, whose name is the LORD
--that You alone are the Most High over all the earth."

Psalms 83:18

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Worshipping a Tri-generational God continued . . .

He designed families to be tri-generational; most people remember one or more grandparent. Sadly we do not see families, or many other institutions, function in a healthy tri-generational way. We often see little involvement, or at worst a contempt or mistrust, between the generations. There exists a generation gap. Some of this was rooted in the Western youth culture revolution that was spawned in the '60s. **Let us pray that God's design for intergenerational relationship and health be restored, especially in the Church.**

* **ASK for healing between generations.** "Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse." Malachi 4: 5-6

* **ASK for godly teaching between generations.** "For He issued His laws to Jacob; He gave His instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting His glorious miracles and obeying His commands." Psalm 78:5-7

* **ASK for us to seek His presence throughout our lifetimes.** "Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come. Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, You who have done great things. Who, O God, is like You?" Psalm 71: 17-19 🙏

ask for His Bride

"In Him you have been made complete . . ."

Colossians 2:10

ask for Israel

**"Oh, that My people would listen to Me,
that Israel would walk in My ways!
I would soon subdue their enemies,
and turn My hand against their adversaries."**

Psalm 81: 13-14

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Being the Bride continued . . .

"The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. **Do not fear what you are about to suffer.** Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that **you will be tested,** and you will have tribulation for ten days. **Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.**" Revelation 2:8-11

Jesus encourages us to **expect** persecution. (Matthew 5:11; Mark 4:17; Luke 21:12-19; John 15:20, 16:33.) In addition to praying through the letter to Smyrna, let us **ASK** for alignment with His purposes and **perseverance in persecution.**

• "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you . . .' Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake . . ." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

• "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus,** the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For **consider Him** who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1b-3 🙏