

## Bible Reading Plan Week 32

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
August 27, 2017	Jeremiah 9-11	Hungary
August 28, 2017	Jeremiah 12-14	Iceland
August 29, 2017	Jeremiah 15-17	India
August 30, 2017	Jeremiah 18-21	Indonesia
August 31, 2017	Jeremiah 22-24	Iran
September 01, 2017	Jeremiah 25-27	Iraq
September 02, 2017	Jeremiah 28-30	Ireland

**ICA Picnic & Cookout - September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**@ 09 :00 AM**

**Belmont Lake State Park, 625 Belmont Ave,  
West Babylon, NY 11704**

**Southern State Parkway Exit 38**

## ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10: 45 am

Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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**WELCOME TO  
ICA SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Date : August 27, 2017**



**WEEKLY ICA VOICE**

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA**  
**FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA**  
**SATURDAY—PICNIC & COOKOUT 9:00 AM**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT NO MEETING**

**Ushers: Shelby Samuel, Shanon Thomas  
& Jaimie Daniel**

**CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :  
Benny V. Kuriakose & Family**

**WEEK OF 09/03/2017  
Saji Pathalil & Family**

## Christians in India Facing More Danger than Ever Before

If you've been following the faith-based media headlines, you've likely heard about new challenges facing Christians in India. But understanding today's events can be difficult without first understanding some history.

Below is a quick primer to understanding the current situation and how it impacts Christians.

### What is behind the recent hostility toward Christians in India?

There is a fundamentalist Hindu political party in India called the Bharatiya Janata Party. Earlier this year, they won the majority of seats in the state legislature in Uttar Pradesh, the most populated region of India. As they gained influence, the BJP began passing anti-Christian legislation.

### How did this party come into power?

In India, some parties have long been concerned about dwindling allegiance to Hinduism. A few years ago, for example, the senior leader of the World Hindu Council announced a new goal: to make the country 100% Hindu. "Currently there are 82% Hindus in India, and we don't want this number to be halved," he said, "We won't tolerate Hindus becoming a minority in the country."

### What kinds of things are the BJP doing to stop Christianity from spreading?

In the past, the BJP supported extremist groups that attacked Christians in incidents such as the 2007-2008 riots where Hindu militants torched houses and churches, killing 91 Christians and wounding 18,000 others. 60,000 Christians were left homeless.

In 2013, 100 churches or worship gatherings were attacked and acts of violence were committed against 4,000 Christians.

Perhaps just as alarming as the attacks is that when India's now Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, was asked about Christian persecution, he responded, "I have never heard of such incidents taking place." Since gaining majority influence, the BJP has pledged to introduce national legislation to restrict "missionary" activity and halt evangelism efforts.

In 2016, the All India Christian Council recorded an almost 20% increase in attacks against Christians, reporting a 40% rise in violence against Christians. They also found killings of Christians had doubled.

Churches have been vandalized, bombed, and set on fire, and church leaders have been beaten and threatened—all with the

hope of forcing Christians to renounce their faith in Jesus.

### How does this affect Christian organizations working in India?

Since 2014, when Prime Minister Modi took office, the government revoked the license of more than 11,000 non-governmental organizations that were accepting international funds. Western foundations, such as George Soros' Open Society Foundations and the National Endowment for Democracy are no longer permitted to transfer funds without prior authorization from Indian officials. And India's largest single donor, the Christian organization Compassion International, for instance, has been banned for engaging in religious conversion. This will result in a loss of \$45 million dollars a year that supported church-affiliated service centers and distributed aid to communities.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **SRITUAL GROWTH**
- **HEALING**
- **FINANCIAL SECURITY**
- **MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN**

## BIRTHDAY LIST SEPTEMBER 2017

<b>JOEL MATHEW</b>	<b>09/01</b>	<b>OLIVIA JOHN</b>	<b>09/01</b>
<b>OLIVIA GEORGE</b>	<b>09/08</b>	<b>NICHOLAS THOMAS</b>	<b>09/17</b>
<b>ISAIAH STANLEY</b>	<b>09/22</b>	<b>LUKE THANNICKAL</b>	<b>0926</b>
<b>TABITHA THEODORE</b>	<b>09/28</b>		

**PARENTS PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN TO LEARN MEMORY  
VERSE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**