

Adi Dravida in India



The Adi Dravida of southern India were once called the Paraiyar (or pariah in English), so their leaders requested that their name become “Adi Dravida” or “original Dravidians.” Today, the Adi Dravida are a scheduled caste which means they receive special benefits for government jobs and places in education to rectify past societal wrongs. In the past, many of the Adi Dravida were agricultural workers tied to the land. Today most still work on farms, either as farm hands or as small landowners. Others dig graves and take care of funerals.

Ministry Obstacles

Illiteracy is high among the Adi Dravida, which limits them to non-printed gospel materials.

Outreach Ideas

Tamil speaking Christ followers are very numerous. They can provide Tamil-language gospel songs and skits that the Adi Dravida people can remember.

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Lord would lead Indian Christians to become friends with the Adi Dravida to help them with their



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POPULATION: 8,753,000

LANGUAGE: Tamil

RELIGION: Hinduism

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

educational and vocational needs. Pray that the small number of Adi Dravida Christ followers would be disciplined and share the gospel with their brothers and sisters. Pray for spiritual hunger that will lead them to the risen Christ.

SCRIPTURE And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:2

PRAY *for an abundance of Holy Spirit-led workers to disciple this people group.*