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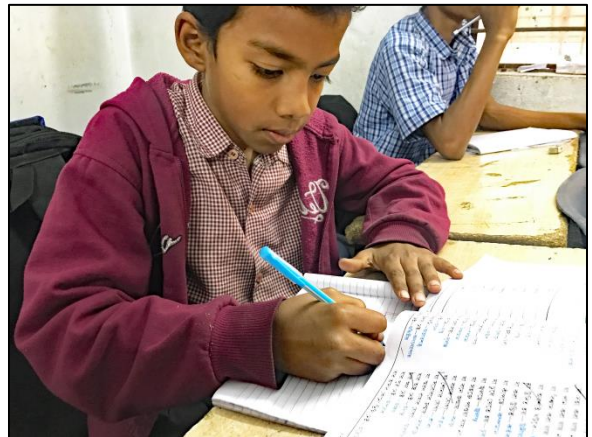
Pray with India on Sunday, February 25, 2018

BY [JOANINES ADORNO-DIAZ](#) ON FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Lectionary Selection: Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Prayers for India:

Gracious God, we want to take this time and simply thank you. Thank you for the life you have given us and the wonderful opportunities you give us to serve others. It can be a scary thing when we think of denying and putting aside our own desires, stepping out of comfort zones to go serve someone else. It is such a beautiful thing because in serving others we grow, we get to learn more about others, about you and your infinite love.



We pray for the Diocese of Durgapur and all the projects they have going on especially the Human Trafficking project and Durgapur Child Study & Development center. With human trafficking numbers increasing in India, we pray that more people at the Diocese and surrounding the Diocese will be willing to put aside their desires, be brave, be bold and go out there and serve. There is a real need here surrounding the children and their futures.

In your precious name we pray, Amen.

Mission Stewardship Moment from India:

Surrounding the Diocese are poor and marginalized neighborhoods filled with children. Many of these children do not have the means to get an education and many start working from a very young age. The Diocese has taken in hundreds of children and provided them with a proper education in Christian institutions. They have really seen the need in their community and they are taking action.



One of the programs is the Durgapur Child Study & Development Center. This center allows children to work on their school material with the help of teachers. This space has been created for them to have their study time and teachers are there providing help. Providing for the children to better themselves and grow. Around sixty children currently attend

the after-school center. Thirty of those children live in the hostel and the rest in the surrounding poor neighborhoods and transportation home is provided after the center finishes.

When I think of Mark 8:31-38 and how we must deny ourselves and pick up our cross, I think of the people and job that is being done here in the Diocese. Putting others before ourselves is a beautiful thing!

Let's keep the Diocese and all workers in our prayers.

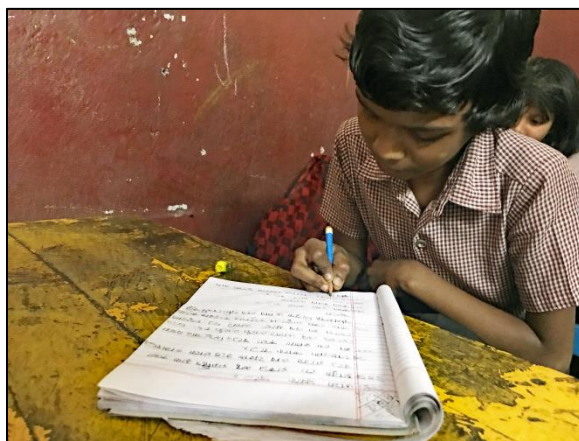
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India

The Republic of India is bordered on two sides by the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Its northern boundary is formed by the Himalaya Mountains. The topography of India varies from the barren dunes of the Thar Desert to the tropical forests of the state of Assam. India is approximately 1/3 the size of the U.S. and has the second largest population of any nation in the world. It is home to people of many different cultures who speak a great variety of languages.

Population (2014 est) – 1,236,344,631

Area – 2,042,000 mi

Capital – New Delhi

Ethnic Background

Indo-Aryan – 72%

Dravidian – 25%

Mongoloid and other – 3%

Exports – petroleum products, precious stones, machinery, iron and steel, chemicals, vehicles, apparel

Imports – crude oil, precious stones, machinery, fertilizer, iron and steel, chemicals

Life Expectancy (2014 est) – M 67 years F 69 years

Infant Mortality (2014 est) – 43.19 deaths/1,000 live births

Adult Illiteracy Rate – 37.2%