

# Pray for Sri Lanka

*The Invitation, April 11th 2024*



Sri Lanka is a beautiful island nation just off the southern tip of India whose 22 million inhabitants have been through a lot: decades of ethnic tension and civil war, a devastating tsunami, Islamist terror attacks in 2020, and a major economic and political crisis in 2022. The people of Sri Lanka need your prayer and support! Please take a moment to pray for Sri Lanka right now, and please also join us on the April 11th prayer day for YWAM's prayer initiative called The Invitation.

*Topic suggested and written by Eva Rasiyah in Sri Lanka. Photo of a YWAM event in a marginalized tea harvester community. Photo by YWAM Sri Lanka.*

- 1. Pray for the many families, widows and orphans in Sri Lanka who suffer in severe poverty.** They live in underserved neighborhoods and have only dirty well water to drink. Without sufficient schooling, thousands of children face a difficult future. Pray for YWAM workers and other Christians around the island to join hands to meet the physical, educational and spiritual needs of Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims.
- 2. Pray for more drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs** and facilities, especially in the Tamil-speaking parts of the country. Among young Sri Lankans alcoholism and drug addiction are widespread, resulting in an increase of crime and suicide.
- 3. Pray for ministries to train counselors.** Often Sri Lankans who suffer the affects of domestic violence or child abuse cannot get mental health services. Please pray for Christian ministries that will train believers and social workers to counsel effectively and to promote inner healing.
- 4. Pray for national reconciliation.** Though the civil war ended 15 years ago, tensions and mistrust remain among the ethnic groups of Sri Lanka. Join us in prayer for deeper reconciliation, mutual understanding, justice and equality among the Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims in Sri Lanka.
- 5. Please pray for YWAM in Sri Lanka** to take root, grow and bear fruit that will give glory to our Father in heaven. Please pray for YWAM to launch training programs such as schools of counseling, School of Biblical Studies, and School of Worship. Pray for young people to bring light into every sphere of society. Also pray for the church of Jesus Christ to grow and shine in this nation.

## Take Action

If you are passionate about drug rehabilitation, counseling or training, come and join the YWAM Sri Lanka team. If you would like to bring an outreach team, YWAM Sri Lanka will help you figure out the details. You can contact them at [ywamtrinco@yahoo.com](mailto:ywamtrinco@yahoo.com).

## Global Prayer Initiative

In order to prepare for the YWAM Together meeting in September in the Philippines, please watch this video [April's Update](#) and pray with us.

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