



CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

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SOUTH MUMBAI CENTRE (VALLEY OF PRAISE) MUMBAI, INDIA

Mumbai is the largest city in India. But like many large cities around the world, many of the people who live in Mumbai are very poor. Over half of the city's population lives in the slums. Often parents cannot afford to send their children to school. Children in poverty who grow up without an education may continue to live in poverty as adults.

But the South Mumbai Centre (Valley of Praise) is making a difference! They operate three ministry centers in poor areas of Mumbai. South Mumbai Centre (Valley of Praise) helps children and families by providing school supplies, helping pay school tuition, and helping students learn more about jobs and careers. They organize camps for children and youth, teach children about the Bible, and give children chances to participate in music and sports. Their goal is to help the people of Mumbai see how following Jesus can change their lives.



MEET KAPIRAJ

Kapiraj Lakhraj Yadav is a twelve-year old boy living in Mumbai. His friends call him Kapi. Kapi lives a small apartment with his mother, father, and three older sisters. The apartment has a little kitchen, drawing room, and small bedroom, but the family sleeps anywhere there is room to put mats on the ground.



a construction worker and his mother takes in sewing for extra money. His sisters tutor children after school to earn money for their school tuition. Sometimes Kapi helps with the tutoring or walks children home after their tutoring sessions.

Kapi and his sisters attend church and Bible study with South Mumbai Centre (Valley of

Praise). Kapi loves to go to church. His mother goes to church sometimes, but his father is a Hindu and never goes to church. Kapi likes to read the Bible aloud at church and enjoys dancing and singing all the songs. One of Kapi's favorite songs is Dil me, jaan me, honton pe, aankhon me tu hai. It's a song about how we lived in fear and Jesus sets us free. Now we always have Jesus in our hearts (dil me), in our lives (jaan me), on our lips (honton pe), and before our eyes (aankhon me). Kapi would like you to know how glad he is that Jesus loved him and died for him. Jesus loves you and died for you, too!

His family does not have much money, so his mother and sisters cook rice or dal every day. Sometimes they have fried rice or biryani, a rice dish with vegetables or chicken and gravy. They don't eat meat very often.

In the mornings, Kapi gets up about 6:30 to go to school. He is in the eighth grade. He gets home about 12:30 and likes to have lunch, watch television, and then go outside to play with his friends. Cricket is one of his favorite games. They don't have a playground, so Kapi and his friends play outside the building in the area where people park their bikes. Kapi's father is

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HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE

Kapi's favorite song is about how Jesus gives us freedom from fear. Are you ever afraid? Kapi knows Jesus is with him when he is afraid, and Jesus is with you too. Draw a picture showing how Jesus is with you when you are afraid.

Thank God for giving you freedom from fear. Pray that Kapi and the other children at South Mumbai Centre (Valley of Praise) will know how much Jesus loves them and that Jesus will be with them when they are afraid.

TRY AN INDIAN FOOD

Sometimes the workers at South Mumbai Centre (Valley of Praise) serve chicken sandwiches as a special treat for the children. Cook 1 pound of boneless chicken breasts with 2 cloves of garlic and add salt and pepper to taste. Shred the chicken and add two mashed potatoes and enough mayonnaise to mix well. Spread the mixture on a slice of bread and top with lettuce, onion, and tomato.

Thank God for providing food for your family and for the children of Mumbai.