

The United Kingdom - A Long Association

The United Kingdom is the only European country that we will profile in this year's guide. Hindus live throughout Europe, particularly in Italy, Germany, France and the Netherlands. However, South Asia's historical connections to the United Kingdom, and its continued use of the English language for education and political discourse has made the United Kingdom a natural destination for many Hindus.

While Hindus have had a small presence in The United Kingdom since the early 19th century, the vast majority of immigration has occurred since British India was partitioned in 1947. South



Asian Hindus have arrived in the UK directly from South Asia, but also via other Commonwealth nations where they have previously established communities.

More recently, the United Kingdom has benefited from an immigration policy that has caused it to attract many South Asians who were, or became educated professionals and contributed in significant ways to the United Kingdom. There have also been National Health Service recruiting drives that specifically brought medical professionals from South Asia as well as influxes from crisis or war - the most recent being mostly Hindu Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka's civil war. As an example of the important contribution that Hindus have made to the United Kingdom, in 2022 Rishi Sunak, a practicing Hindu, was elected Prime Minister. The current population of Hindus in the United Kingdom probably numbers well over 1 million.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?



Pray for Hindus in the United Kingdom, that they would have a chance to meet committed followers of Jesus who share clearly the love of Jesus. (MATTHEW 5:16)

Pray for Hindus who do not know of Jesus that they will have a chance to hear and accept and become sons and daughters of the living God. (JOHN 16:27)

Pray that ministry to Hindus in the United Kingdom will flow through these ties back to lands such as India and Nepal, which lack a significant witness of the good news of Jesus. (ACTS 16:31)

