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# PRAYER CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2019

**1 | SRI LANKA** Pastors ministering in a heavily Buddhist populated district of Sri Lanka face verbal harassments, death threats and intimidation by non-believers. Pray for courage and endurance for believers to face the persecution.

**2 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES** In the city of Mindanao, churches used to be full but because of the fear of bombings, gunfire exchange, and kidnappings, some members fled to other places. Pray for the Church in this city – to be bold witnesses of Christ despite the fear.

**3 | VIETNAM** Tran\* (18), his wife Chau\* (16), and their baby were cast out by their family and village because of their Christian faith. They now live in a makeshift tent in the middle of a forest. Pray that the Lord will provide in their every need.

**4 | MYANMAR** Pray that upcoming children's camps will be fun, exciting places where children will come to know Jesus as their Saviour. Pray also that the church leaders will keep children's ministry as an important part of church activities.

**5 | CHINA** A few months ago Ammar\*, a Believer from a Muslim Background and leader, was arrested without explanation. During a brief visit, his wife discovered that he is forced to study atheism every day and must pass exams in hopes of being released. Pray for strength for Ammar and for his release.

"Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."

Psalm 17:7-8 (NIV)

**6 | CHINA** When Kamilah's\* husband was arrested, she was forced by the police to leave her hometown. They said it was for her safety, but this is a known and ongoing, systematic strategy to divide families and weaken ethnic culture. Pray for Kamilah and her family – may God provide in their needs and release her husband soon.



**7 | NORTH KOREA** Pray for the families of secret Christians – may they, somehow, be drawn to Christ, even when their relatives can't openly share about Christ with them. Pray for divine encounters with God amid the secrecy.

**8 | INDIA** Aarti\* shares about Jesus with all her friends. Now a girl, who use to attend prayer and worship at her house, has falsely accused Aarti of luring her into conversion. Pray for comfort for Aarti and that she will be cleared of all allegations during her court case.

**9 | MALAYSIA** The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia has released its findings that Christian Pastor Raymond Koh and Shia Muslim, Amri Che Mat are both victims of enforced disappearance by the State. Pray that truth and justice will prevail in this matter.

**10 | INDONESIA** Our training staff sometimes need to travel long distances under difficult conditions. Pray for them for strength, health and passion to endure the tough travels in order to encourage believers.

**11 | BRUNEI** The Sultan of Brunei is the protector of Malay and Islamic cultural values. He also holds absolute power, in that he is King, Prime Minister, Defence and Finance Minister. Pray that God will work mightily in his and his family's life to draw them to Himself.

**12 | MALDIVES** It's sad to hear that children continue to be victims of molestation by their own relatives. "I can't trust my husband with our daughter," one mother has told us. Pray that God will protect the children of the Maldives, and that He will raise up leaders who will stand up against these abuses.

**13 | MALDIVES** Those who come to faith outside the country usually go back to their old ways when they return home. One of the main reasons is that there is no church in the country and no opportunity for them to meet with other believers for fellowship and encouragement. Pray for opportunities for these believers to be cared for properly.

**14 | BANGLADESH** We were encouraged and inspired by the stories and testimonies from our partners in Bangladesh during a meeting with them a few months ago. And we've been able to make some good plans for the rest of this year. Pray for God to bless these plans and that it will impact many persecuted Christians.

**15 | CENTRAL ASIA** Many of you prayed and shared encouraging messages with Tamar\* and Nadine\* as they faced

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constant persecution. Nadine said, "Thank you for your kind words, support [and] prayer. I believe that we survived the hard times because of your prayers and support." Please continue to pray with them as they try to register their church.

**16 | KYRGYZSTAN** Some time ago, Amira\* had to flee after her family beat her, tried to reconvert her to Islam and placed her under house arrest. They also planned to marry her off to a Muslim man. Pray for her safety and that God will protect her from being forced into marriage.

**17 | KAZAKHSTAN** A few months ago, a group of Christians were arrested for trying to smuggle Christian books into Kazakhstan. Thankfully they've since been released. Pastor Amar\*, who was going to meet them after they arrived in the country, was also summoned by the police. Pray that these believers will face no further consequences.

**18 | ARABIAN PENINSULA** Abdul\*, a community leader, perseveres amid tribulations and much opposition. Pray for discernment and wisdom for him as he helps families to find sustainable solutions for their many needs. Pray also that God will meet him in all his needs and trials.

**19 | LEBANON** Some people can't afford rent, school fees, taxes and hospitalisation. Pray for the church leadership to be able to motivate believers to keep hope and still care for those who seek refuge in the country. Pray that one day refugees will be able to safely return to their countries to release pressure on the Lebanese society.

**20 | IRAQ** Christians in Baghdad need your prayers to stay strong in their faith. Although not very often in the news, militias in the streets of Baghdad cause

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fear and panic among civilians. Pray for the peace and protection of Christians and all the people in Baghdad.

**21 | SYRIA** There is hope for Syria, but the situation is still dire as much needs to be done before cities and villages can be habitable again. And it requires people of faith to want to return. Pray that God will restore this country that has been destroyed by the ongoing civil war.



## 22 | PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Please join us in praying that Open Doors will be sensitive to the Lord's leading as we begin to make plans for 2020 for this region. It's often difficult to predict in advance what the situation facing believers will be, so we need wisdom and insight as we seek to prepare how best to meet their needs.

**23 | YEMEN** Yemenis are survivors and are known to make do with what they have. Praise God for their tenacity and flexibility. Pray that God will undertake for this country where many are starving due to the ongoing war. Pray that food and grain waiting to be unloaded in the ports will get to all who need it.

## 24 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pierre\* was destined to follow in his father's footsteps, a high priest of the god Dakwa. But God had other plans for him and today he carries out his dangerous mission of sharing the Gospel with his fellow countrymen. Pray for the Lord's protection over Pierre and that his ministry will bear much fruit.

## 25 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pastor Franco\* does what he can to share the Gospel with anti-Balaka members (followers of a traditional religion that uses devilish rituals to defend their interests). Pray for the Lord's protection over His many servants like Pastor Franco and for healing over all who've been affected by anti-Balaka's dark ways.

**26 | ETHIOPIA** Before Berhanias\* became a Christian, she used to be plagued by nightmares and headaches. Today, she has planted nine churches, but she needs more workers to join her as it's too much for one person. Pray that God will provide in all her needs for her ministry work.

**27 | NIGERIA** Pray for the many thousands of nameless people who remain in Boko Haram's captivity. Pray for the Lord to bring freedom to them all. Until He does, pray that He may sustain them and be at work in their lives.

**28 | GUINEA** Pastor Elie\* and other Christians are unable to come together to worship God as villagers stand guard in front of his house making sure that no Christian activities can happen. Pray for protection and wisdom for these believers as they interact with one another.

**29 | CHAD** Alfred\* was 18 when he was banished from his family for refusing to coach young men preparing to be initiated, and for telling Christian young men to abstain from initiation rituals. Pray for strength and perseverance for him and other young men who've been banished from their communities for refusing to take part in initiation rituals.

**30 | LIBYA** Libya has been caught in a civil war for years and believers are caught between the fighting factions. Pray for peace in this civil war-torn country. Pray also for physical protection and spiritual perseverance for believers in this country.

\*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.

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