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# PRAYER *force* ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR  
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



Pray that more families' lives in Southern Philippines will be changed through Open Doors' livelihood training.

**SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES**

**21** Praise God for using Open Doors' livelihood training to change persecuted believers' lives. They're grateful for the training that enables them to provide for their families. Pray that more lives will be changed through this training.

**MYANMAR**

**22** Praise the Lord for providing financial help to Ma An\*, a widow with two children who works as a dressmaker to provide for her children. Also pray that her regular discipleship training attendance will strengthen and bless her in her faith.

**VIETNAM**

**23** In August 2016, Pastor Sio Ni\*, an active Hmong evangelist, was arrested by the police for preaching the Gospel. His Christian materials were confiscated and he was fined three million Vietnam Dong (approximately R1 800). Pray for spiritual and emotional healing after this ordeal.

**NIGERIA**

**24** Praise the Lord for the 50 000 Christians who received comfort and encouragement in the faith through the radio broadcast of the *Standing Strong Through the Storm* course in 2016. Pray that many more believers will find spiritual help through it.

**IVORY COAST**

**25** Pray for the Lord's provision and grace for Ivorian Christians who have been facing marginalisation and discrimination because of their faith. May they not be tempted to turn away from Christ in the face of increasing difficulties.

**LEBANON**

**26** Please continue praying for the Lebanese Church, which is very involved in helping refugees. Pray that the Church will find the strength and courage to continue serving refugees who are in need.

**OMAN**

**27** Thank the Lord for Omanis who have accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. Pray for boldness for them to share their new life in Him with those around them, and for their protection.

**MALDIVES**

**28** Pray that the Word of the Lord will be a sweet taste in the mouth of every Maldivian believer. May the Word of the Lord also be a lamp for their feet, especially when the darkness of their culture presses in around them.



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"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."  
- 1 Peter 5:10 (NIV)

## INDONESIA

**1** Religions tensions in Indonesia commonly flare up before elections, and the next local elections are taking place in the country this month. Please pray for Indonesian citizens to not be easily provoked amidst the tensions and for no adverse repercussions for Christians.

## MEXICO

**2** Casto Hernández is a missionary in Mexico. He is experiencing much intimidation and resistance from village authorities for preaching what they call “a different religion” by spreading the Gospel. Please pray for strength, wisdom, and perseverance for Casto.

## TAJIKISTAN

**3** It’s difficult and dangerous to be a Christian and to preach the Gospel among Muslims in Tajikistan. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage believers to carry on being His witnesses among Muslims in this country.

## LIBYA

**4** There are Christian workers who are travelling through Libya to meet with believers and take part in discipleship efforts. Pray for protection as they travel and meet with other believers.

**5** There is still a lot of political turmoil in Libya. Pray for a solution to the turmoil and for wise people to stand up and take control over the course of the country.

## HORN OF AFRICA

**6** When former Muslims, Hawa\* and her sister, Zulfa\*, converted to Christianity, their family rejected them and left them with nothing. Open Doors, however, helped them start their own business. Pray for their continued spiritual growth as well as for the growth of their business.

## BHUTAN

**7** Pastors in Bhutan are being asked for more money by their landlords when they learn that their homes are being used as house churches. Pray that God would give the pastors wisdom in what to do in these situations.

## TURKMENISTAN

**8** Authorities and the secret police constantly enforce strict control over followers of all religious movements in Turkmenistan. Pray for more freedom in Turkmenistan, and for the Church to be bold and strong.



Pray that the Church in Egypt will continue to grow, despite a new law that might restrict the building and repairing of churches.

## NORTH KOREA

**9** Pray for protection for ministry workers like Minhó, who is in his seventies and travels to villages in the North Korean border regions. There he looks for North Korean refugees who are in hiding, to share the Gospel with them and provide them with practical support.

## SYRIA

**10** Pray for Syrian men who are usually called to serve in the Syrian Army after they finish university. Out of fear, some decide to leave the country before they finish university. Pray for God’s protection over those who do not want to join the army.

## EGYPT

**11** Due to a new law related to the building of churches in Egypt, it’s expected that more state restrictions and control will be implemented to hinder the building and repairing of churches. Pray that, despite this

## EGYPT continues

new law, the Church in Egypt will continue to grow.

**12** Pray against the crippling power of fear, which keeps some Christians, church leaders and pastors from opening their hearts and church doors to Muslims who show an interest in the Christian faith.

## CHINA

**13** Please pray that the Chinese Church will stand strong in facing persecution and that every Chinese Christian will walk boldly with Jesus.

## EAST AFRICA

**14** Thank the Lord for saving Elias\* and Adam\* – two cousins from a Muslim dominated community. Please pray for their spiritual growth and that as they get to know the Lord better they will be bright testimonies in their family and community.

## UZBEKISTAN

**15** Christians in Uzbekistan often receive large fines for possessing Christian materials or for organising house church meetings. At times, they are even arrested for their Christian activities. Please pray for the Lord to give His angels command over them.

## MALAYSIA

**16** Pray that Malaysian Christians will always be ready with an answer whenever someone asks them about the hope they have in Christ. May the continually look to the Lord as they share the Gospel with others.

**17** The growing influence of Wahhabi Islam (a religious movement within Sunni Islam) is eroding the culture of tolerance in Malaysia, resulting in Muslims falling into extremist behaviour. Pray for wisdom for the Church in responding to this growing influence.

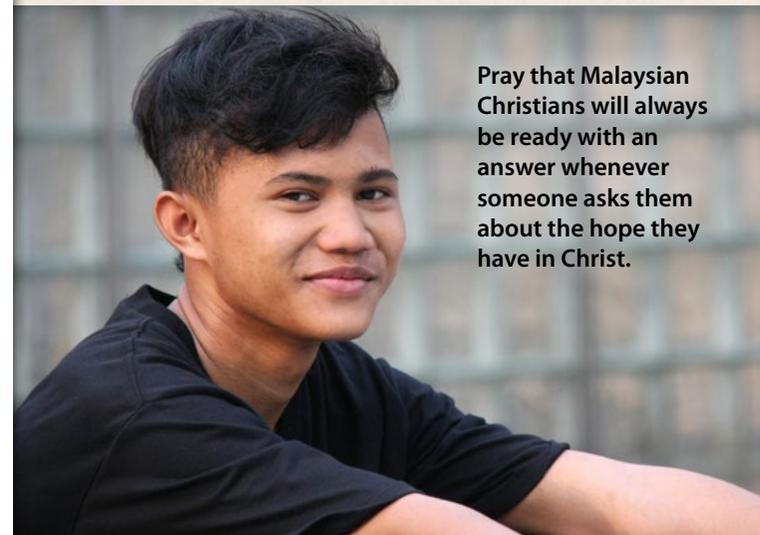
## IRAQ

**18** Traumatic events have left deep scars on Christian families in Iraq, especially among the displaced. Due to their culture, they may not want to open up about traumatic events. Pray for wisdom for trauma workers who are helping them to work through their trauma.

## BRUNEI

**19** Pray for secret believers who remain deeply underground in Brunei. May the Lord bless them with opportunities to grow in the faith and to enjoy fellowship with other believers.

**20** Pray for wisdom for all church leaders as they test the boundaries of what they can do under sharia law. May they be like Daniel and Esther in serving the Lord with wisdom, and without compromise, in a hostile environment.



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