

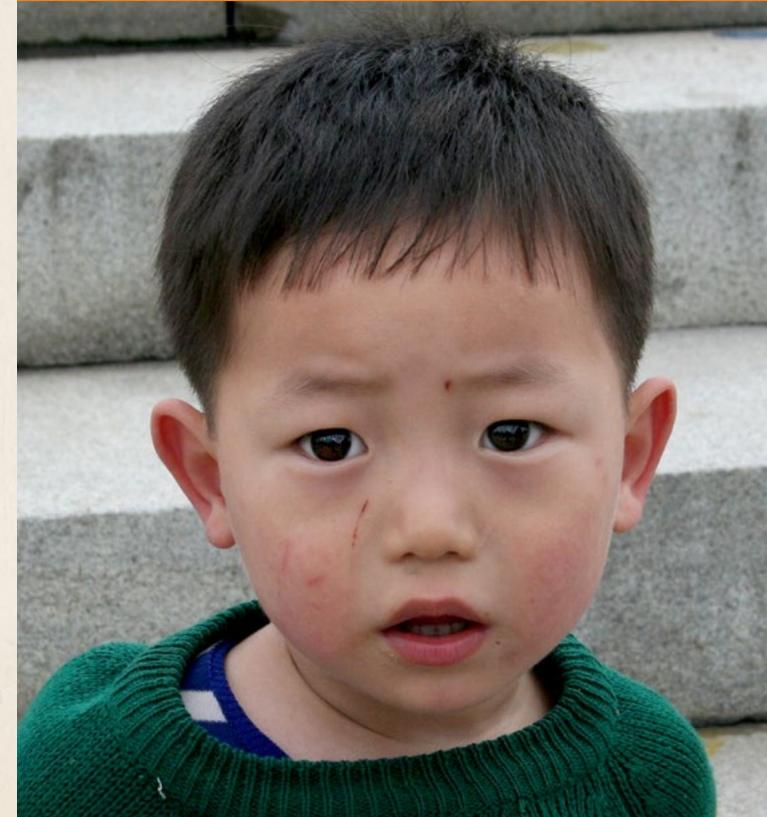


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PRAYER *force* ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33 (NIV)



Pray for countries such as Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea, that in the Lord's hand the king's heart would be a stream of water that He channels towards all who please Him. (Proverbs 21:1)

INDIA

22 Jeyram Khosla brought around 50 families in his village to Christ. In November, 2016, he was found shot dead, 4km from his house. Pray for comfort and the safety of his family and the other Christians in his church who are also under threat for their faith.

23 Pray for different states in India where elections are taking place this month. Pray that God will take control and that, whatever happens, it will lead to peace and stability in the country.

BRUNEI

24 Pray that God would give Christians in Brunei discernment to find fellow believers, so that they can stand together through times of trial and persecution.

NIGERIA

25 Thank the Lord with us for providing the resources necessary for crucial relief aid to persecuted Christians in Nigeria. Pray that His name will be glorified through this assistance and that it will serve to remind the Christians that they are not forgotten.

26 Pray for God's intervention in the case of some Christian men, pressured to become Muslim, whose farms were confiscated. Pray for justice and that the Lord will make a way for them to earn an income and care for their families.

MYANMAR

27 Through the Open Doors "Women of Worth" discipleship programme, many women are discovering how precious they are to the Lord. Pray that these women will be a light in their homes, communities, and beyond.



COMOROS

28 Titus* is a recent Believer from a Muslim Background. He asks that we would pray for God's timing in telling his family about his new faith.

ERITREA

29 Thousands of Christians have been arrested and imprisoned over the years in Eritrea, some of whom still remain in prison after 10 or 11 years. Pray for brothers and sisters imprisoned under horrific conditions, that they might be a light to their captors.

SUDAN

30 The government of Sudan is one of the most dictatorial regimes in Africa. Please pray for Sudanese leaders, that the Holy Spirit will change their hearts and use them to bring justice and peace to the country.

SOMALIA

31 Thank the Lord for His promise to build his Church. Many Muslims in Somalia are seeking Him – pray that He will make Himself known to them.

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LAOS

1 Pray for persecuted brothers and sisters in Laos who have to find creative ways to meet together for worship and fellowship. May they be led by the Spirit.



NORTH KOREA

2 North Korea continues to head up the Open Doors World Watch List. Pray that the country's rulers will come to know God, for the protection of the North Korean Church, and for healing and restoration to take place in this country.

3 Pray for the summer flood survivors who lost their loved ones and belongings. Pray that God will comfort and carry them through the harsh winter season as they're forced to live in flimsy shelters due to their houses not being restored yet.

MALAYSIA

4 Pray for wisdom and boldness for the Church and for Christian politicians who continue to speak out, despite threats from Islamists not to interfere, against a bill that will most likely further restrict religious freedom in Malaysia.

MALDIVES

5 Pray for the few individuals who have chosen, at great personal cost, to remain in the Maldives to share Christ's love with others and to disciple secret believers. Pray for the Lord's protection and blessing over these individuals.

BANGLADESH

6 In Bangladesh it is considered inappropriate for male pastors and evangelists to preach to women of other faiths, which means Christian women have to do this. Pray for Christian women to rise up in reaching all the unreached women in the country.

7 Many children, of parents from a Muslim background, do not have the opportunity to regularly attend churches where Sunday school is held. Please pray for more initiatives and activities to spring up to nourish the next generation of believers in Bangladesh.

INDONESIA

8 Christian students in strong Islamic regions in Indonesia often experience

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discrimination at school when it comes to grading them. The discriminatory grading they receive, also has a negative impact on their future job prospects. Pray that these students will have hope and remain strong in their faith despite the discrimination.

9 On Sunday, 13 November, 2016, three children were injured and one died in a bomb attack at a church in the Sengkotek district. Pray for healing for the three children from their physical injuries, as well as from the emotional scars they've received.

10 Two-year-old Intan is the child who passed away in the attack in the Sengkotek district, previously mentioned. Pray for her family and friends, who are mourning her, that God would comfort and strengthen them.



Please pray for Anita Kristabel Sihotang (pictured) and the two other children injured in a bomb attack in the Sengkotek district, Indonesia.

CUBA

11 Please pray for Cuban Christians and church leaders, who are committed to their communities, that the Lord will give them the confidence and intelligence they need to continue doing their work in Cuba, despite opposition from the authorities.

MEXICO

12 Pray for persecuted Christians in Chiapas, Mexico, for the establishment of effective projects to help the victims of religious intolerance in this state.

13 Ask the Lord to give His children grace under fire, and to be His witness, when they have to deal with difficult and hostile officials and community leaders.

PAKISTAN

14 Five men received death sentences after killing Christian couple, Shahzad and Shama, for their alleged role in desecrating the Qur'an in November, 2014. Pray that this ruling does not spark violence and riots across Pakistan.

SYRIA

15 Through our local partners, Open Doors is investing in income generating projects such as a dairy farm, furniture factory, and a sewing workshop. Pray that those taking part in these projects will be able to make a living from the projects for their families.

LIBYA

16 Pray for Libya as it has been plagued by oppression, dictatorship, civil war, and economic hardship for many years now. Pray for healing for the people of the country as they deal with significant trauma.

17 Pray that many Libyans would hear the Gospel through the Internet and social media. Pray for new believers, for their protection and for opportunities to keep growing in the faith.

SRI LANKA

18 Many pastors have to endure being frequently visited by the police due to complaints about their ministry work

SRI LANKA continues

and faith in hostile settings. Pray that these pastors will be strengthened to continue enduring in their witness for Christ in Sri Lanka.

19 Please pray for Ali*, a pastor who was forced to leave his village by angry residents because of his faith. The authorities cut the electricity to his home, while one villager threatened to kill him. May Ali be strengthened in his faith despite the persecution from his community.

IRAQ

20 Thank God for the liberation of many Christian towns and villages on the Nineveh Plain. There is a lot of destruction, but not all is destroyed. Pray that many more areas in Iraq will be liberated from the control of the Islamic State.

21 Pray for the priests and pastors ministering in Iraq, that they might be living examples of Christ's presence. Pray for the body of Christ to keep hope alive.

