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PRAYER *force* ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



**"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

21 Please pray for the new ministry that has been started amongst Believers from a Hindu Background in Indonesia. Pray that a strong partnership with local church leaders will be fostered in order to help strength these believers in their faith.

EGYPT

22 In Egypt there is an increasing concern of more deadly attacks against Christians. This has led to a spirit of fear spreading among the Christian community. Pray that Christians will be bold and courageous despite the increased threat.

EGYPT continues

23 New security restrictions have been imposed on the movement of Christians due to the recent attacks against them. This affects Christian activities. Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they deal with this new challenge in organising church and ministry activities.

VIETNAM

24 Vang Mo* became a Christian a few months ago. In June, the chief of his village kicked him and his family out of the village because of their faith. Please pray that God will be their refuge and that He will provide for them and protect them.



Please pray for wisdom for church leaders in Egypt as they deal with the issue of security restrictions placed on Christians' movements and for the implication on ministry activities.

SOMALIA

25 In Somalia it's common for Christians to be killed when identified. Pray for God's sustaining grace and protection over His children and that He would help them grow in the faith despite the extreme pressure and persecution they face.

YEMEN

26 Life in Yemen is not easy for women, and more so for those who have converted to Christianity – as leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal, punishable by death. Pray for the Lord's hand of protection over these women and that they will be a shining light for Him.

DJIBOUTI

27 In Djibouti, Believers from a Muslim Background face intense pressure from their families, communities, and community religious leaders. This has forced them to stay underground. Pray for strength for these believers to continue to walk steadfastly in the faith.

QATAR

28 Many migrant workers; including Christians, are often away from their families for many years as they end up getting trapped in Qatar by their employers. Pray for the children of these workers who often grow up without a father figure.

IRAN

29 Six-year-old Nooshin from Iran became passionate about Jesus after seeing a movie about Him. She bravely showed the movie to her Muslim grandparents who are starting to become interested in Christ. Pray with Nooshin that her grandparents will get to know her new Friend and give their lives to Him as well.

SYRIA

30 The situation for Christians in Syria has stabilised since the city of Aleppo was retaken by government forces. But the war seems far from over. Pray that all those involved in the war will take steps toward peace in order for the war to end.

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LIBYA

1 Praise the Lord for the Christian gatherings that are being established in Libya, despite the circumstances in the country. Pray for protection for these Christians to meet with each other and to grow in their faith.

ALGERIA

2 Please pray for Omaira*, a Believer from a Muslim Background, from Algeria who has cancer. Her heart's desire is for her family to come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Pray for the salvation of her family and for healing for Omaira.

3 Christian children in Algeria face persecution at school. Many of them are bullied, resulting in few friends to play with. Pray for strength for these children as some suffer from nightmares because of the bullying.

CHAD

4 Samuel is a Christian from southern Chad, whose cousin died of suspected appendicitis. The cousin's family blamed Samuel for his death because he told them to go to the hospital instead of trying to appease the spirits. They destroyed all Samuel's possessions. Pray for the Lord's provision and strength for Samuel, his wife and eight children during this time.

CHAD continues

5 When 16-year old Douma's family found out he became a Christian, his father destroyed all he owned and then disowned him. Now his family wants to kill him. Pray for Douma's safety and for strength to persevere.

ERITREA

6 Eritrean Christians say there is a "dark cloud of persecution" hanging over them as the government steps up its arrest campaign. Pray for grace and endurance for Christians who are arrested, and wisdom for Christians who are interrogated by the police.

NIGERIA

7 In the sharia-governed states of northern Nigeria, Christian students are often denied access to education. In many of these states Open Doors has built schools for these students. Pray that they will not only receive a quality education but that they will become well-grounded in the faith.

MALAYSIA

8 Pray for church leaders in Malaysia to be bold and wise in leading their flock as they reach out to Muslims in the country. Pray that the Gospel message will take root in the hearts of Muslims who hear it.



Pray for God's blessing over Open Doors' Lay Leadership Training in Bangladesh to equip lay leaders with the necessary biblical knowledge and skills to lead their flock.

BANGLADESH

9 In Bangladesh, most house churches of Believers from a Muslim Background are situated in remote areas and they need lay leaders to ensure their survival. Pray for God's blessing over Open Doors' Lay Leadership Training programme to equip such leaders.

10 In June, a statue of Lady Justice was removed from the front of the Supreme Court in Bangladesh, after Islamic radical groups deemed it "un-Islamic". Pray that, despite the rise in Islamic extremism, Christians will courageously be witnesses for Jesus.

LAOS

11 Pray for Yeng*, a Laotian church leader, whose house was set on fire while he and his family were away. The arson was most likely carried out by non-Christians. Pray for Yeng and his family's safety and that God will provide in their needs.

12 It's reported that a Christian cult's teaching is being spread among Hmong churches in Laos, which resulted in a man committing murder. This has further alienated Hmong Christians from the authorities. Pray that God will give Hmong church leaders wisdom and guidance in equipping their churches against this teaching.

SRI LANKA

13 Churches in Sri Lanka, that are not registered, are in danger of being shut down. Pray that God would work mightily in this situation as pastors and their churches face added pressure due to the threat of closure.

MYANMAR

14 In Myanmar, in order to force Christians to leave the faith, Islamic State abducts and abuses Christians. Pray for protection for Christians and pray that those who have been kidnapped will be released.

BHUTAN

15 Pastor Lazarus has been conducting Open Doors literacy classes for a few years, which has seen people come to know Christ and learn to read the Bible. Pray that through these classes many more people will become literate and come to know Jesus.

SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

16 Thank God for Andin and Sahadi, former marijuana users and bullies who surrendered their lives to the Lord and now serve in their local church. Pray that they will stand strong in the faith despite the insults and persecution they now experience.

CHINA

17 Pray for Pastor Paul Sun who serves a Buddhist minority group in the south-western part of China. He has been warned by the authorities not to conduct any Christian activities or else he will be imprisoned. Pray for protection for Pastor Paul and his ministry work.

IRAQ

18 Praise the Lord for the safe return of 6-year-old Christina, three years after she was kidnapped by Islamic State. Pray for her and her family as they readjust to life together and for healing from the trauma they endured.

NORTH KOREA

19 Pray for all those Christians who have been imprisoned by the North Korean government for their faith. Pray that God will keep his hand of protection over them and that one day soon Christians in North Korea will be able to practise their faith freely.

MEXICO

20 In rural Mexico, Protestant Christians are denied permission to bury their loved ones in the local cemeteries. Please pray for all Christian families that have been affected by this persecution, and for wisdom and guidance for them in tackling it.