

# 12:26 CHALLENGE

## INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER

5 to 12 November 2017



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## CAN YOU SPARE A MINUTE?

A minute is so valuable. Just ask someone who missed the bus or is sitting in traffic because they left the house a minute later than usual. A lot can happen in a minute.

So today, we want to challenge you to take a minute to participate in our International Days of Prayer (IDOP) 12:26 Challenge. Why 12:26? First Corinthians 12:26 says, *"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it..."* For the eight days of IDOP, set your alarm for 12:26 p.m. and commit to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

**05/11/17**

**BANGLADESH**

**WWL #26**

As the threat of militant Islamism in Bangladesh grows, so do violent attacks on Christians.

*"Villagers put us [under] house arrest and tortured my dad so badly that he was hospitalised."*

– Nahid Babu\*



**12:26** p.m. Pray that the Lord will sustain, strengthen, and encourage Bangladeshi Christians daily.

**06/11/17**

**VIETNAM**

**WWL #17**

Christians are monitored by the government, registering churches is difficult, and a recent law now limits religious freedom.

*"We [have to] draw up a list of the people attending [church]. We also inform [the authorities] of the schedule. Then, they give us verbal approval."*

– Pastor Vanh\*



**12:26** p.m. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen Christians in Vietnam, that they may point the people around them to Jesus Christ.

**07/11/17**

**NORTH KOREA**

**WWL #1**

North Korean citizens can worship and serve only Kim Jong-Un. Therefore, Christians face imprisonment, torture or death.

*"When I saw how the other prisoners and I were treated, as if we weren't humans, I gave up on life..."*

– Myoung-Hee\*, North Korean Christian



**12:26** p.m. Pray for the proclamation of the Gospel throughout North Korea, so that God's truth reaches the hearts of all North Koreans.

**08/11/17**

**SYRIA**

**WWL #6**

Christians in Syria have been caught in the crossfire of a civil war for over six years.

*"We were living in Homs with our four children. Because of the fighting, we had to flee. It is hard..."*

– Sham\*, Christian refugee



**12:26** p.m. Pray for believers in Syria to be used as strong witnesses of Christ's love amid war.



09/11/17


EGYPT

WWL #21

Earlier this year, Islamic State vowed to wipe out Christians in Egypt – they are facing one deadly attack after another.

*"What I saw on my way to [my husband] was horrible, like a massacre had just taken place...."*  
– Sara\*, widow of a Palm Sunday martyr



 **12:26** p.m. Pray for the protection of Christians in Egypt, and that God will bring Islamist leaders to Christ.

10/11/17


LIBYA

WWL #11

Libya is a deeply Islamic nation, and leaving Islam is a cultural betrayal. So, Christians must keep their faith secret.

*"The living room was filled with men in white dresses with long beards. One of them hit me with his fist in my face."* – Maizah\*, Christian convert



 **12:26** p.m. Pray that Libyan Christians enduring extreme persecution will remain steadfast in the faith.

11/11/17


NIGERIA

WWL #12

While the Nigerian army has had some success in tackling Boko Haram, killings of Christians carried out by Hausa-Fulani herdsmen, a radical Islamic tribe, remain a concern.

*"We used to live among the Fulani. We gave them no reason to kill us... they wanted to kill us because we're Christians."*  
– Christina\*, who lost her husband at the hands of Fulani herdsmen



 **12:26** p.m. Pray for strength for Christians who have lost loved ones in attacks by Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen.

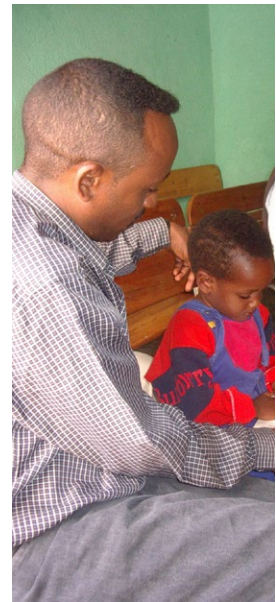
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ERITREA

WWL #10

Many Christians in Eritrea have been in prison for over a decade, living in miserable conditions for their faith.

*"We shared cells with all kinds of people: drunkards, hard-core criminals, the insane... We rarely slept through the night...."* – Aberash\*, Christian leader



 **12:26** p.m. Pray that Eritrean Christians will fix their eyes fully on Christ, as they undergo persecution for following Him.

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

We would love to send you two of our **12:26** wristbands, as a special thank-you for your donation or an increase in a standing debit order to help advance the Gospel where faith costs the most. These wristbands serve as constant reminders that as the body of Christ we're connected. And with IDOP coming up, they're a great way to remember to pray for our persecuted family.

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