

## YEMEN continues

**17** Pray for Christian parents in Yemen to seek the Lord's wisdom as they raise their children amidst the insecurity of the war. Pray that they will be reminded that God is their strength and their provider always.

## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**18** Violence in the Central African Republic (CAR) is again increasing, putting the country at risk of enduring the same crisis it faced four years ago. Thank the Lord for His presence in CAR and that He gives our brothers and sisters great peace.

## MALAYSIA

**19** Many Christians in east Malaysia have converted to Islam, either voluntarily or through trickery, following the government's Islamic 'dakwah' (missionary) activities. Pray for the training Open Doors provides, which seeks to strengthen Christians in their faith to withstand such temptations.

## SRI LANKA

**20** Thank the Lord that He reminds Sri Lankan Christians that He is the just and righteous Judge, even as local police officials ignore Buddhist mob assaults on Christian churches. Pray that our brothers and sisters will experience the Lord as their shield and very great reward.

## VIETNAM

**21** Please pray for God's favour as we expand the distribution of Children's Bibles in Vietnam. We believe these Bibles are an instrument to change the future generation – pray that the Bibles will reach many Vietnamese children.

## NORTH KOREA

**22** In North Korea, if a woman gets pregnant from being raped in prison or a concentration camp, she is often murdered. Pray that God will supernaturally protect these vulnerable women in prison and concentration camps.

## COLOMBIA

**23** Open Doors trains persecuted young people in Colombia to build efficient, strong ministries in the face of persecution. Through this they can help bring healing to society. Pray that through this training, more young Christians will be a godly influence in their communities.

## SYRIA

**24** Thank God for the many Syrians who have found Jesus during the war. Pray that they will grow in their faith, but also that they will be embraced by the body of Christ and discipled.

## AFGHANISTAN

**25** When a Muslim in Afghanistan becomes a Christian, their Muslim family forces them to return to Islam to restore the family's honour. If they don't reconvert, they can be disowned, banished, abused, kidnapped or even killed. Pray for protection for Christians in Afghanistan.

## CHINA

**26** Nancy is the only Christian in her Muslim family, which makes it difficult to fully live out her faith. Pray that God will give her courage and wisdom to be a living witness in her family.

## LAOS

**27** A few months ago, two sisters (aged 16 and 17) were imprisoned with several other Christians for continually refusing to deny Christ. When they were released, they were kept from returning to their family – pray that God will reunite this family again.

## TUNISIA

**28** A few years ago, Fatima's\* husband divorced her after he found out that she had become a Christian. Life for Fatima and her daughter is very difficult – Fatima is a single mother in a Muslim society and they continue to be persecuted for their faith. Pray for strength and peace for the two of them.

## GAZA

**29** Christians and others living in Gaza are suffering due to the complex political situation in this region. Pray for churches to be able to remain strong, as well as for the provision of medical support amidst the lack of medicine, equipment and electricity.

## ALGERIA

**30** In Algeria, young Christians are testifying about their faith in Christ. Pray that as they witness to others they will be able to answer questions and respond wisely to challenges to their faith.

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# PRAYER force ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR  
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me."

– Psalm 142:6 (NIV)



## CAMEROON

**1** Abdias\* (22) was the pride of his distinguished Muslim family when he decided to become a Muslim hermit. But in 2016, when he became a Christian, his family physically assaulted and disowned him. Pray for God's protection over Abdias, while his family is searching for him to force him to return to Islam.

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**2** Pray for provision and protection for Christians in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. They face attacks by the Allied Democratic Forces (a militant Islamic group) and have been forced to live in displacement camps where there is insufficient food and shelter.

**3** Churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo feel ill-equipped to help Christians in displacement camps. Pray for Open Doors as we partner with them to provide emergency relief, trauma care training, and persecution preparedness seminars.

## UGANDA

**4** Until recently, Farouk, a Believer from a Muslim Background, was studying Islamic law. During this time, he had several dreams of Christ and became drawn to the Gospel, so much so that he started preaching about it at the mosque. Pray that he will continue to grow closer to Jesus.



Pray for Open Doors as we partner with the Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo to provide Christians with emergency relief.

## HORN OF AFRICA

**5** Many Believers from a Muslim Background in the Horn of Africa need discipling. Pray that the work Open Doors does, in helping to equip the Church for discipleship, will bear much fruit and help Christians grow in their faith.

## KENYA

**6** In July, Al-Shabaab militants beheaded nine men in a coastal village in Kenya. All were non-Muslims, and several of the men belonged to a local church. Please pray for the Lord's grace and comfort for all the families affected by this tragedy.

## ERITREA

**7** A few months ago, Fekadu Debessai Negassi, a Christian wife and mother of four, died in prison after being denied treatment for an illness. Please pray for comfort and strength for her family as they mourn the loss.

## BHUTAN

**8** Praise the Lord for all the Bhutanese women who could participate in a programme that aims to reveal the true meaning of a woman's nature and existence, as created by God. Pray that these women will apply what they have learnt to their everyday lives.

## TAJIKISTAN

**9** Pastor Holmatov Bahrom, from Tajikistan, was charged with extremism and sentenced to three years in prison after several false witnesses testified against him. In the face of this sentence, may Pastor Holmatov be assured of the Lord's presence, righteousness, and justice.

## CENTRAL ASIA

**10** Guliyar\* is a Christian woman from Central Asia who has cerebral palsy. On top of that she only has one hand. When her family found out about her faith, they tried to reconvert her. When they couldn't, they beat her up and disowned her. Pray that she will continue to stand strong in the faith.

## BANGLADESH

**11** Please pray for the continued work to strengthen persecuted Christians in Bangladesh. Pray for the Lord's guidance, wisdom, and protection for all Open Doors' partners and trainers, as well as for good health.

## INDIA

**12** On 12 August, the Jharkhand Assembly passed an anti-conversion bill, making it the sixth state in India to implement this law. Pray that the Lord will continue to build His Church in India, despite the anti-conversion law being adopted by more and more states.

## MALI

**15** Many Christians in Mali are internally displaced due to Islamic extremism and oppression. Church leaders in the country are concerned that under the constant pressure, Christians will give up and embrace Islam. Pray for divine strength for Christians to keep the faith despite the danger they face.

**13** Christian persecution continues to increase in India. It's reported that Christians in the country faced almost as many attacks in the first half of 2017 as in the whole of 2016. Pray that the Church will be properly equipped to strengthen and lead as persecution increases.

## SAUDI ARABIA

**14** Recently, the Saudi government has been implementing regulations aiming at lowering the number of foreign workers by 50% by the year 2020. If this plan continues, many migrant Christians, including Christian leaders, will be sent home. Pray that the authorities will re-evaluate this plan.

## YEMEN

**16** Yemeni believer Jaden\* is one of the faithful servants of God staying in Yemen, and serving His Kingdom despite the persecution, war, hunger, and diseases. Pray with Jaden that the violence, deaths, hunger and fear will come to an end in the country.



Pray for migrant Christians who are at risk of being deported due to the Saudi Arabian government wanting to reduce the number of foreign workers in the country.