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PRAYER *force* ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."
– Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

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Christian men who were brutally killed by Al-Shabaab. Three of the men were tied up and killed after refusing to recite the 'Shahada' (an Islamic creed declaring belief in the oneness of Allah).

UGANDA

22 Please pray for Edith (40), from eastern Uganda, who is being targeted by an influential sheikh because she is a Christian. He has twice been responsible for breaking the leg of one of her animals. Pray for the Lord's protection over Edith and that, despite the pressure she faces, she will courageously continue living for Him.

BAHRAIN

23 While the constitution of Bahrain provides for religious freedom, religious beliefs, outside Islam, cannot violate established culture or customs. So, Christian beliefs are effectively outlawed and evangelism is illegal. Pray for wisdom as Christians strive to share the Gospel with their neighbours.



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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

24 Please pray for the families of 80 people brutally killed in the Central African Republic in July. Among those killed were women and children, patients in hospital, and six aid workers. Pray for all who have lost loved ones in the violence and that the fighting will cease.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

25 In their bid to win a foothold for Islam, rebel Islamic militants of the Allied Democratic Forces continue to wreak havoc against the mostly Christian population of North Kivu province in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Please pray for peace to be restored in North Kivu and other areas of the DRC.

MALI

26 Many missionaries have been kidnapped in Mali and are missing since the beginning of last year. Pray

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for God's sustaining grace for these missionaries, as well as for their families who continue to await their return.

KAZAKHSTAN

27 Christian converts from Islam in Kazakhstan bear the brunt of persecution, both at the hands of the state and their family, friends and community. Pray that despite the pressures they face, they will remain strong in the faith.

IRAQ

28 The political situation in the southern parts of the Nineveh Plains is uncertain, due to conflict between the Iraqi government, Kurdistan, and the militias in the area. Pray for a resolution of this conflict, as it negatively impacts the return of displaced people to their villages.

INDONESIA

29 In Indonesia, cases of churches being forcefully closed down due to not having a building permit is on

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the rise and applications for obtaining a building permit are denied. Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they fight for their religious rights and for the government to act fairly when dealing with minority religious groups like Christians.

ERITREA

30 According to a report published in June, the Eritrean government has made no effort to end human rights violations. Christians are largely targeted, with most being imprisoned without due process. Pray for God's grace in abundance for imprisoned Christians and their families.

31 Pray for the Church as they seek to continue to worship Christ and serve His people amidst very challenging circumstances. Pray for the Lord's courage and hope so that they will have the grace to continue to live as witnesses for Him and point many in Eritrea to Christ.

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KYRGYZSTAN

1 Until recently, Hamida*, a Believer from a Muslim Background, never experienced any resistance to her faith from her Muslim husband. This has changed, but despite being persecuted by her husband she has chosen to stay with him. Pray for Hamida's protection and for the salvation of her family.

TAJIKISTAN

2 A Christian leader from Tajikistan shared, "The attitude towards Christians in Tajikistan is getting worse each day. Pray for Christian believers for courage, and peace, and for strength to keep preaching the Gospel among Muslims in Tajikistan."

TUNISIA

3 Praise the Lord for bold Christians like Mochsen* who, though being the only Christian in his small village, shares his faith with others. Pray that a fellowship of believers will be born out of his bold witness.

TURKEY

4 Turkey's rank on the Open Doors World Watch List rose sharply this year, from #45 to #37. Persecution in Turkey is shaped by Islamic extremism and violence. Pray for those treated as traitors after embracing Christ. Pray that God will strengthen them to endure for the sake of His name.

NORTH KOREA

5 North Korean Christians are hungry for their daily bread, both physical and spiritual. Pray for provision for these Christians who risk their lives to keep their faith.

LIBYA

6 Please pray for courage for Hanna*, a young woman who is struggling to tell other people about her faith. She is very afraid of the grave consequences she may face for sharing about her faith.

7 Pray for perseverance for a young man in Libya who is being pressured to recant his new faith in Christ. He has been heavily abused and mistreated. He is still strong in the faith, but the pressure to return to Islam is unrelenting.

SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

8 May*, a Tausug Christian, is being threatened by her brother. He has told her that he will kill her if she doesn't leave her Christian faith. Pray that her desire to learn more about Jesus Christ will continue to grow, despite the threats she faces.

MAURITANIA

9 Please pray for Mauritania – a self-proclaimed Islamic Republic, which has been under military rule for three decades. There are very few Christians living in this country and they feel very



Pray for God's comfort for the many widows in Nigeria who have lost their husbands at the hands of Muslim extremists.

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isolated. Pray for strength for them and for their numbers to increase.

VIETNAM

10 Last year, Vang Atao's* family was persecuted by his younger brother, who led a mob against them. This younger brother also raped Atao's daughter-in-law, because she would not deny Jesus. Pray for complete healing for the whole family and the Lord's grace and mercy upon them.

NIGERIA

11 In August, Muslim men attacked and killed Baba Kale

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Dankali (62). When his son Micah Kale (20) went outside to see what happened, the men returned and killed him too. Their widows were forced to flee with their children. Pray for God's comfort for this family.

MALDIVES

12 The Maldives, world-renowned as a vacation destination of choice, is a place of intense persecution for Christians. Pray that believers in the Maldives will have wisdom as they live out their faith – may they have great resilience, despite ongoing persecution.

YEMEN

13 Pray for a cholera outbreak in Yemen to stop spreading through Yemeni communities. Pray for medical relief to arrive and to reach the different hospitals and areas in need.

SYRIA

14 Praise the Lord for six Christian families in Homs who could return home. An Open Doors restoration project helped them restore their partially damaged homes. Pray that these families will be able to rebuild more than their houses, as the whole city tries to recover from the war.

TURKMENISTAN

15 In Turkmenistan, no religious activities beyond state-run and state-controlled institutions are allowed. Christians, therefore, are branded extremists and are monitored by the authorities. Pray that security forces who are monitoring Christians will encounter the Gospel. Pray that their hearts will be transformed by God's love.

CENTRAL ASIA

16 Samed* (23) is a recent convert, and was given an ultimatum by her husband: leave Christ or lose her family. She chose Christ, so her husband divorced her and is threatening to take their daughter away from her. Pray for wisdom and strength for Samed.

MYANMAR

17 Pray for ethnic minorities in Myanmar, especially the Rohingya. They are cruelly treated by the authorities and are denied citizenship, not just in Myanmar, but globally. Pray for an end to the discrimination against minorities like the Rohingya.

18 For their refusal to deny Jesus, a Christian family from a Buddhist background had their house and motorbikes destroyed by a mob. They are now under the care of a local church. Pray that God's comfort and love will be felt by this family.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

19 Compared to any other group in the United Arab Emirates, Christian converts from Islam face the most persecution. Please pray for the safety of these converts as they live out their faith in this Muslim dominated country.

SRI LANKA

20 Praise the Lord that Pastor Dayaratne, from Sri Lanka, can reopen the Agape Children's Home, which was closed due to false charges made against him. Pray for provision for Pastor Dayaratne and his wife as they welcome the children back.

KENYA

21 Please pray for comfort for the families of four