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# PRAYER *force* ALERT

 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR  
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE


Pray that a solution will be found in the conflict between the Nuba people and the government of Sudan.

## SUDAN

**23** The Nuba people, of which a significant number are Christians, have occupied the Nuba mountains in Sudan for generations, despite the Sudanese government attacking them to uproot them. Please pray for security, peace and stability in the region, and that those in positions of power will negotiate to find a solution.

## ERITREA

**24** Shiden (30s) was imprisoned for a long time for his Christian faith. When he was released, he fell into

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depression, due to a sense of hopelessness. Pray that God will heal and restore to him the joy he once had.

## TAJIKISTAN

**25** Last year, Pastor Bahrom Kholmatorov was sentenced to three years imprisonment on false charges of extremism. He is prepared to serve out his sentence for the name of Christ. Pray for his emotional and spiritual state, as well as physical health during his prison term. Pray also for strength for his family.

## AZERBAIJAN

**26** Shamil\*, a former Muslim priest, came to faith two years ago. As a result, Shamil and his family have become outcasts in their village and endure severe persecution. Pray for the family's safety as well as strength to resist the pressure to recant.

## BHUTAN

**27** Continue to pray for the work of Open Doors in Bhutan. Pray that the ministry activities and projects will be channels of blessing to the Bhutanese and that it will be used by the Lord to unite the Bhutanese Church.

## TUNISIA

**28** Pray for Maia\* who was expelled from her family and has left her home city. It is very painful for her to live without family. Pray that she will discover a new family in the Church.

**29** Praise the Lord for Ahmed\* and his wife Meriam\*. Ahmed has been a believer for

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a few years now, and his wife recently came to the faith. They are facing pressure in their village. Pray that they will remain strong and will be a light for the other villagers.

## MALI

**30** Last year, several churches in Mali were attacked, many during their church services. Pray that our work, through local partners, will enable them to remain strong in the faith. Pray also that the Gospel will continue to spread in Mali, despite the violence against the Church.

## INDIA

**31** Last year, Pastor Seviya was attacked by five Hindu extremists and sustained a head injury. Pray for Pastor Seviya, and many other pastors in India, who continually face the risk of being attacked for their ministry work – may they be continually aware of the Lord's presence.

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"Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown." – Revelation 2:10 (NIV)



## VIETNAM

**1** A religious law, that might be used to confine, control, and create problems for the Church, is likely to be implemented this month. Pray for the Lord's wisdom for His children, especially church leaders, as they continue serving Him in Vietnam.

## CENTRAL ASIA

**2** A group of radical Muslims threatened to beat, rape and kill the women of Aminat's\* household, a Believer from a Muslim background, if they are found to be Christians. Please pray for protection for Aminat and her family.

## BRUNEI

**3** Pray for Christian youth in Brunei who face pressure from their Muslim friends. Pray for them to have a close relationship with Jesus – may they hear His voice and be guided by Him in every situation they face.

## INDONESIA

**4** Pray for the ongoing discipleship classes held by our partners across Indonesia. Project evaluation reports revealed a good impact on churches. Pray that this year even more Christians will be impacted by these discipleship classes.

**5** Harun\* (19), a Believer from a Muslim Background, who was locked up by his father for

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his faith, decided to continue living with him, and endure the daily pressure, to be a blessing to him. Pray for God to touch his father's heart so that he will come to accept the Lord.

## MALAYSIA

**6** In Malaysia, some Muslims are becoming bolder in imposing their Islamic standards on minorities, resulting in some Christians becoming more hostile toward them. Pray for pastors and church leaders for wisdom as they share Jesus' teachings on loving our enemies.

## SRI LANKA

**7** Mary\*, a volunteer Christian teacher, who has been teaching Christianity at a Hindu boys' school, has been singled out due to her beliefs. While other teachers have classrooms, she has been told to teach her class under a tree. Pray for Mary and scores of other Christian teachers who undergo similar persecution in schools.

## NIGERIA

**8** Since 1999 there are 12 states in Nigeria that operate under sharia law. In these states, Christians are an unwanted minority. Pray that despite the sharia law in northern Nigeria, the Lord will continue to build His Kingdom in the whole of Nigeria.

## SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

**9** Pray for the ongoing peace and interfaith dialogues between Christians and Muslims in Marawi, the Southern Philippines. Pray that the Muslims will see Jesus' true identity and beauty through the lives of our brothers and sisters.

## WORLDWIDE

**10** Pray that as persecution increases, the Lord will go before our persecuted family and that He will equip them for the challenges they may face this year. Pray that they will be mightily used by Him to be a shining light among their persecutors.

## ETHIOPIA

**11** Six converts from animism upset their families after refusing to attend tribal rituals. The village leaders pressured their families to kick them out, forcing the young men to move to another area. Pray for grace for them during this time and for the salvation of their families.



Pray that the Lord will provide for the needs of Rohingya refugees and that those who attack them will have a change of heart.

**12** Fedlu\* was attacked and his farmland destroyed by local Muslims, who were angry about his Christian faith. Him, his wife, and three children were forced to flee. Pray for the Lord's protection and provision for this family.

## SOMALIA

**13** In Somalia, despite facing the danger of being killed for being a Christian, people are coming to faith and following Christ. Pray that new believers will grow in the faith and that many more will hear the Gospel this year.

## MYANMAR

**14** Please continue to pray for refugees, both Rohingya Muslims and Believers from a Muslim Background, who are in great distress in Myanmar. Pray that the Lord will provide for their needs in the refugee camps and that those who attack them will have a change of heart.

## CHAD

**15** Halime (17) came to know Christ after encountering Him in her dreams. Despite having left her family, her mother continues to threaten her and pressure her into returning home and marrying a Muslim. Pray that Halime will remain strong in the faith.

## IRAN

**16** Please pray for Eskandar Rezaei and Soroush Saraei, believers who have faced various pressures over the past five years. Last year, both Eskandar and Soroush were charged with "acting against national security". Please pray that judges will reject the charge and acquit them.

**17** In Iran, despite the good news of Christian prisoners being released, many released prisoners struggle enormously after being set free. They may feel hunted or they might still be suffering from psychological or physical abuse. Please pray for them.

## IRAQ

**18** Many Iraqis have lived amid bloodshed for more than 50 years. Pray for a breakthrough in the cycle of violence and for God's kingdom to come in Iraq as it is in heaven.

**19** In Iraq, the number of Christians has dwindled dramatically over the past decades. As the Church here has existed since the time of the Apostles, pray that it will remain an integral part of Iraqi society in the future.

## SYRIA

**20** Many church leaders in Syria are exhausted and see no hope for a future for the Church in the country. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reignite their hope so that the Church will be a declaration of hope amid the war.

## LEBANON

**21** Pray that, this year, the Christian programmes on radio, television and the Internet will bring in a great harvest for the Kingdom of God – not only in Lebanon, but in many other Arab countries where the productions are aired.

## KYRGYZSTAN

**22** Darina\*, an elderly Believer from a Muslim Background, lives with her son Keram\*, an alcoholic. When Keram's wife divorced him, he started oppressing his mother and blaming her faith for all his problems. Pray for Darina's safety and for strength to endure. Pray also for her son's salvation.