

19 IRAN Many Iranian Christians have been forced to leave Iran due to their faith. Pray that God will minister to these Christians in the new places they find themselves. Pray that He will open the eyes of the Iranian government so that they will not feel threatened by Christianity.

20 SYRIA In the ongoing turmoil, Syrian couples, with children born outside Syria, are faced with the challenge of having no papers or identity documents to prove that the children exist. Pray that the Lord will be with these families and that their children will find their identity in Christ.

21 SYRIA Let us pray earnestly that 2018 will be the year in which we see the war in Syria come to an end – let us trust for the Lord's intervention and an end to the pain and suffering in this country.



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22 KAZAKHSTAN Praise the Lord for the release of Pastor Yklas Kabduakasov (56) from prison. He returns home to his wife, children and their baby who was born after he was arrested. Pray that the Lord will be with this family as they adjust to life together again.**

23 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Pray for Marawi in the Southern Philippines, which was liberated from Islamic State (IS) last year. Pray that as rehabilitation continues, God will provide for all those who have lost their jobs because of the IS invasion.

24 SRI LANKA Give thanks to the Lord for Pastor Rajamay who has committed to disciple and mentor young people from his village. Pray for wisdom and guidance for him and that the young people he mentors will become a blessing to their community.

25 CENTRAL ASIA Zania*, a mother of three and wife of Pastor Mahmut*, an underground church leader, is tired of all the pressure they endure because of their faith. She is absolutely broken. Please pray for emotional and spiritual refreshment for her.

26 MALAYSIA Pray that this will be another fruitful year for secret believers in Malaysia to grow stronger in their faith. Pray also for God's protection over them and their loved ones so that none will come to any harm, considering the disappearance of Pastor Raymond Koh last year.

27 BRUNEI Pray for God to bring fresh revelation and strength to secret believers in Brunei so that they will grow stronger in the faith. Pray that they will know that the body of Christ is standing with them in prayer and in love.

28 MALDIVES Praise the Lord for the greater unity we see among mission agencies and workers in Maldives. A recent gathering showed that trust and collaboration are starting to flourish. Pray for God to continue to build one-heartedness amongst those who have a heart to reach Maldivians for Christ.

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"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy..."
–Psalms 126:5-6 (NIV)

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1 CHAD Achta is in her seventies and when her Muslim husband passed away, her children took care of her, but stopped when she became a Christian in 2016. They started assisting her again after her son, Ahmat, was touched by how the church assisted her, though, they still don't accept her faith. Please pray for the salvation of Achta's children.

2 NIGERIA Mercy was previously kidnapped, forcefully Islamised and married off to a Muslim man. She eventually managed to escape and start over again. Last year, November, she got married to a Christian man. "I have left darkness and am now in the light," she said. Thank the Lord for the marvellous healing He has brought to her life! Pray that her and her husband will, together, continue to grow in the Lord.

3 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR) In CAR, violence throughout 2017 caused a deterioration in the humanitarian situation in the country, and the government has been unable to establish order. Pray for the government to find a clear path in establishing authority and restoring order.

4 ETHIOPIA Last year, when Amanza* (20) decided to follow Christ, her parents left her without shelter and food. She had to skip her grade 12 exam and drop out of school. Pray that the Lord will make a way for her to return to school – she is an excellent student and hopes to one day study economics.

5 ETHIOPIA When Z, a former Muslim, refused to return to Islam, her father threatened to kill her to defend his honour. Thankfully church leaders could relocate her. Pray that she will remain steadfast in the faith and that God will soften her father's heart.

6 SOMALIA Last year, October, in the capital of Mogadishu, 300 people were killed in a bomb attack, followed by another 29 people killed in a second bomb attack only two weeks later. Pray for peace to be restored and that the government will be equipped to thwart the operations of Islamic extremists.

7 WEST AFRICA The Muslim Fulani have only a few Christians among them, but the Lord is adding more to the flock. These Christians need a lot of courage as they are rejected and persecuted by their Muslim families. Pray for the Lord's protection over them.

8 SUDAN In Sudan, the Islamic government is trying to put an end to the influence of the Church by ordering church appointed church committees to hand over authority to state-sanctioned rival committees. Pray for God's grace and wisdom for the church leaders of several congregations facing this pressure.

9 SUDAN Pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of the government and security agents who come against Christians in the country. May the Christians experience the grace to continue living out clear testimonies for the Lord.

10 INDONESIA Indonesia continues to lose its character of being a democratic country with a tolerant form of Islam, due to Islamic extremists. Pray that amid this, Christians in the country will fix their eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



Pray for the Lord's protection over the Christians in West Africa who are persecuted by their Muslim families.

11 YEMEN When a country is at war, it is very challenging to educate children. Please pray for the educational needs of children and young people in Yemen to be met.

12 ALGERIA In 2006, a law was passed that regulates religious freedom, and it continues to cause problems for the Church in Algeria. Pray for the abolition of this law so the Church's work will not be hindered.

13 LEBANON In Lebanon, inhabitants live with the reality that some of their neighbours have been, or still are, part of Islamic State. This has caused trauma amongst people. Thankfully, the Church has been there for many of these people. Pray that through the Church's presence many will come to know Christ in this country.

14 IRAQ Pray for the political leaders in this country to work towards creating unity amongst all ethnic groups, instead of going to war against one another.

15 MOROCCO Last year, a group of young people experienced difficulties in organising a Christian conference. Praise the Lord that despite the difficulties, they were eventually able to hold the conference. Pray for their continued spiritual development, future meetings, and for opportunities to wisely testify of their love for Jesus.

16 INDIA Last year October, Christians in Raoutpara and Jharipara were brutally assaulted by around 200 extremists because they refused to leave the faith. They threw small children on the ground and tore the women's clothes to humiliate them. Pray for God to continue to emotionally heal those who were attacked.

17 EAST AFRICA ISLANDS A woman told one of our partners that she saw both Mohammed and Jesus in her dreams – Mohammed could not compare to the brilliance of Jesus. Pray that through this dream, the woman will ask questions and come to know Jesus as her Saviour.

18 BANGLADESH Pray for the adult literacy training for teachers in Bangladesh. Pray that this year, through the training, even more believers will be blessed as they learn to read the Bible on their own.