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#19 TURKMENISTAN Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background in Turkmenistan who are severely pressured to return to Islam. They bear the brunt of persecution in Turkmenistan. Pray for God's protection over them and endurance to stand strong in the faith.

#20 LAOS The government of Laos is strictly opposed to any influence deemed foreign or Western. They, therefore, put enormous pressure on the small Christian minority. Please pray for an increased openness and acceptance towards Christianity.

#21 JORDAN Pray for Christian converts in Jordan who are interrogated by police and abused or abducted by family members because of their Christian faith. Pray that the Lord will protect and heal them.

#22 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Christians in Tajikistan who are under surveillance by the authorities and who are beaten and pressured to renounce their faith by their families. Pray that they will stand strong as they face persecution from many sides.

#23 MALAYSIA New converts in Malaysia are often kicked out of their homes, isolated from their families and communities, and sent to Islamic re-education camps. Pray that God will give them strength and courage to remain faithful.

#24 MYANMAR In Myanmar, Christian converts from Islam or Buddhism face strong pressure from their family, friends, and neighbours to recant their faith. Pray that they will have courage to stand strong in the faith amid discouraging circumstances.

#25 NEPAL The adoption of anti-conversion law in Nepal has legitimised the persecution of Christians, as they are perceived as proselytising. Pray for protection and wisdom for Christians in reaching out to their friends and family with the Gospel.

#26 BRUNEI Pray for underground believers in Brunei who strongly feel the weight of persecution – the country is so small that there is nowhere for them to run if their faith in Christ is exposed. Pray that the Lord will be their shield and reward.

#27 QATAR Pray for Christian converts in Qatar who feel that they cannot share their faith with their Muslim family members because of the dangers. Pray that they will have wisdom and discernment and boldness in sharing their faith.

#28 KAZAKHSTAN Pray for those in Kazakhstan who are beaten and imprisoned for leaving Islam and turning to Christ. Pray that they will experience peace and rest in Jesus as they live out their faith under such difficult circumstances.

#29 ETHIOPIA In Ethiopia, persecution is common in the context of family and community. In many cases, Christians are denied community resources and are discriminated against when looking for work. Pray that the Lord will provide for the persecuted Church in Ethiopia.

#30 TUNISIA Pray for Christians in Tunisia who are persecuted. Many of them lose hope and find it difficult to continue living a Christian life in a very strongly Muslim society. Pray that they will know God is always with them.

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"So with you: now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." –John 16:22 (NIV)

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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR THE TOP 30 WORLD WATCH LIST COUNTRIES

#1 NORTH KOREA Once again North Korea heads up the World Watch List this year. Pray that the country's rulers will come to know God, for the protection of the North Korean Church, and for healing and restoration to take place in this country.

#2 AFGHANISTAN Afghanistan continues to face violence and instability, especially as elections are due in 2018 and 2019. The small Christian community is extremely vulnerable amid all of this – pray for strength and perseverance for them.

#3 SOMALIA Somali Christians cannot openly attend gatherings and if they are caught reading the Bible, it may cost them their lives. Even reading about Christ on the Internet is dangerous. Pray for God's protection as they look for ways to be disciplined in secret.

#4 SUDAN Sharia law is the foundation of Sudan's legal system. The government frequently arrests, harasses, and expels Christians. Please pray that the Sudanese government will become more accepting of Christianity.

#5 PAKISTAN Pakistan is an Islamic Republic and the more recent process of Islamisation goes back as far as the 1980s. The country suffers from a plethora of radical Islamic groups. Please pray for the Pakistani government to pass laws that will protect minorities, including Christians, in the country.

#6 ERITREA In Eritrea, Christians face pressure from the ruling government as they are seen as agents of the West and, thus, a threat to state and government. Despite this, the local Church does not pray evil upon their rulers but rather that their rulers will have a change of heart – please join them in prayer.

#7 LIBYA Pray for the growing church of Believers from a Muslim Background in Libya, especially those who are isolated from other believers. Pray that they will experience God's presence and that those who are in isolation will be able to safely find other Christians to fellowship with.

#8 IRAQ Thank God for some of the many Internally Displaced Persons who have been able to return to their villages on the Nineveh Plain since the self-proclaimed Islamic State was driven out. Pray that they will know that God is with them as they try to rebuild their lives.

#9 YEMEN The war in Yemen is helping extremists from Al-Qaeda and Islamic State to move freely through the country. They are extremely aggressive towards Christians. Please pray that God will touch the hearts of these extremists, so that they may embrace the Gospel.

#10 IRAN In Iran all laws must be consistent with the official interpretation of sharia law. Any Muslim who leaves Islam may face the death penalty. Pray for Iranian Christians for the wisdom and righteousness of Daniel and his friends, when their faith in Jesus is challenged.

#11 INDIA The assertiveness of all kinds of Hindu organisations has increased in India in recent years. These organisations claim that to be Indian is to be Hindu. Pray for strength for Christian converts from Hinduism who are forcefully pressured to return to Hinduism.

#12 SAUDI ARABIA Saudi Arabia is defined by Wahhabism – a purist and strict interpretation of Islam. It is forbidden to openly practice other religions, making conversion punishable by death. Please pray that Muslim Saudis will come to know Jesus despite this.

#13 MALDIVES Pray for the discipleship of secret believers in the Maldives. It continues to be very challenging because of security and unity issues. Pray for God to provide answers and solutions about how to overcome these hinderances so that secret believers can be spiritually nourished to grow in the faith.

#14 NIGERIA Northern Nigeria is predominantly Muslim and is likely to continue to be a dangerous place for Christians. Pray for the protection of many Christians who are internally displaced in that region, particularly for women who are in danger of being abducted and forced to marry Muslim men.



Pray for protection for internally displaced Christians in the north of Nigeria, which is predominantly Muslim.

#15 SYRIA In Syria, support for providing basic necessities is still very much needed amid the ongoing war. Please pray that our brothers and sisters will remain encouraged by the help they receive. Pray also for spiritual encouragement and strength.

#16 UZBEKISTAN Uzbekistan has one of the harshest dictatorships in Central Asia – the government will do anything to remain in power. All forms of opposition and deviations from the norm are attacked, making Christians vulnerable to persecution. Pray for change and for the acceptance of Christianity in Uzbekistan.

#17 EGYPT Christians in Egypt have been left feeling discouraged and fearful due to the countless attacks on them since 2016. Pray that God will give them a renewed sense of hope and that He will bring even the leaders of Islamist groups to Christ.

#18 VIETNAM As the Christian minority grows in Vietnam, the government works hard to monitor churches and to curb their growth. Pray for a loosening of restrictions and increased freedom in the country.