

# PRAYER FORCE ALERT

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



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“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”  
–Matthew 24:12-13 (NIV)

**21 TANZANIA** Last year July, Masai Christians were attacked by the ethnic group, Masai Morans. The group is upset that the Christians preach the Gospel, which opposes some of their cultural practices. Pray that these Christians will be able to clearly and continually live and show the truth and love, only to be found in the Gospel.

**22 EAST AFRICA** In East Africa, children and youths are being ensnared by the temporary gratification of substance abuse. Pray that the Lord will help children’s ministry workers in the region to have a positive influence in the lives of these young people.

**23 SUDAN** Seidi Nuri’s\* husband passed away in 2011, and ever since then, she has faced pressure from her Muslim family. They use her difficult circumstances to try and get her to return to Islam. She asks that we pray for her to grow spiritually and for God to provide in her needs.

**24 THE GULF** Pray for the many Christian events, some very secret, that will take place throughout the rest of the year. Pray for God’s blessing upon each event and upon the teams – may they continue to work faithfully and diligently as they seek to make God’s Word known in various ways.

**25 ETHIOPIA** Nigist was forced to flee her village after her husband divorced her and he, along with the rest of the villagers, threatened to harm her. She now takes care of her two children by herself. Pray for God’s encouragement and provision for her.



Pray for God’s encouragement and provision for Nigist from Ethiopia as she takes care of her two children by herself.

**26 ALGERIA** Last year, October, a pastor appeared in court after being accused of opening an illegal place of worship. The case against him is ongoing – please pray for favour for him and the dismissal of the charge.

**27 LEBANON** Praise the Lord for the peace that Lebanon has been blessed with in recent years, making it a safe haven for refugees. Pray for the country’s leadership to continue working together against any rumours of war and threat in the region.

**28 CAMEROON** Please pray for Haoua. She is the mother of 12-year-old Kadidja who suffered from liver cirrhosis and who passed away last November... Haoua also lost her two-year-old daughter last October, after a brief illness. Pray for the Lord’s sustaining comfort and strength for her.

**29 PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES** Pray for the Believers from a Muslim Background who face challenges in raising their children, providing in their daily needs, and building relationships with their Muslim family and community. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and provision for these believers.

**30 YEMEN** The war in Yemen is receiving very little attention. Millions of people are at the point of starvation and many more suffer from malnutrition. Please pray for an end to this terrible, and seemingly forgotten, war, which is costing many people their lives.

**31 MALI** In Mali, persecution is on the increase and the government is under pressure to Islamise the country, so, they are considering implementing sharia law. Pray for God’s blessing on Open Doors work as we help the Church deal with these changes.

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**1 SRI LANKA** Pray for Christians who have undergone *Standing Strong Through the Storm* training. Pray that what they have learnt will strengthen them in their faith amid persecution. May they be reminded that God redeems and upholds us in every situation.

**2 INDONESIA** Please continue to pray for three of the victims of the bomb blast in Samarinda last year: Alvaro (5), Trinity (4) and Anita (3). Pray for God's healing over the scars on their bodies and the mental trauma they have endured.

**3 MALAYSIA** In Malaysia, if a Christian shares the Gospel with a Malay Muslim, both the Christian and the Muslim risk being persecuted. Yet, there are those Christians who have chosen to reach out to the Malays. Pray for wisdom and protection for these Christians.

**4 NORTH KOREA** Haejoo, from North Korea, leads a women's bible study group in a country near the North Korean border. Even though the families of the women threaten her, she continues her ministry. Pray for protection for Haejoo as well as for her physical and spiritual wellbeing.

**5 NORTH KOREA** Pray for the survival and for provision for North Korean believers during the freezing winter when many people starve because there isn't enough food. Pray that God will provide them with both spiritual and physical bread.

**6 INDIA** Evangelism in the state of Jharkhand has become a very difficult and life-threatening undertaking. Please pray for the political landscape to change so that Christians and the Gospel will be welcomed.

**7 IVORY COAST** Silué, who became a Christian in 2016, faced a lot of pressure from her husband's Muslim family after he died. They twice tried to marry her off to a Muslim man. When she refused, they took away her possessions. Pray for the Lord's provision for Silué.

**8 IRAQ** In Iraq, especially over recent years, church leaders have put all their energy into keeping their church members alive and preserving Christianity in the country. Pray for renewed strength and perseverance for them – may the Lord Jesus always be their source as they watch over His flock.

**9 IRAQ** Pray for the children of Iraq who have been traumatised by the devastation they have witnessed in the country. Pray for their complete healing in the Lord: physically, mentally, and emotionally.

**10 BANGLADESH** Pray for wisdom for churches as they plan more initiatives that will help immerse the next generation of believers in the Word of God.

**11 SYRIA** Grocery items have become very expensive in Syria, and are in short supply. As a result, incomes and savings quickly disappear. Please pray for the Lord's restorative intervention in this country.

**12 TUNISIA** Yacina's\* mother is opposed to her Christian faith and is putting a lot of pressure on her to return to Islam. Pray for perseverance for Yacina and that God will soften her mother's heart, so she too will come to know Christ.



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**13 TUNISIA** Hajer\* is a Believer from a Muslim Background and she has a physical disability. She faces much abuse from her extremist brother. Pray for God's protection over her and for the Lord to open her brother's eyes to the truth of who He is.

**14 LIBYA** The instability in Libya has caused the slave trade to explode in size. Christians and many others are falling victim to it. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones to the slave trade and for a permanent solution to this exploitation of God's children.

**15 SAUDI ARABIA** Pray that the many foreign Christians in Saudi Arabia will have opportunities to come together for fellowship. May the way Christians love one another be a testimony that reveals Jesus to Saudi citizens.

**16 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** After Toby (13) and many others from his village were taken hostage by Muslim extremists (Allied Democratic Forces), he witnessed his mother's brutal murder. He is safe again, but much traumatised – please pray for Toby's healing and many other children like him.

**17 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO** Manda (29) suffered severe burns at the hands of her Muslim husband when she became a Christian. And the rest of her family has also cut her off. Pray for strength and courage for Manda as she bears the persecution and rejection that have come her way.

**18 BRUNEI** Christian celebrations and symbols are banned in Brunei, out of fear that Muslims could be led astray by these. Pray for creative ways for Christians to still celebrate and share the Gospel message with those around them.

**19 MALDIVES** In the Maldives, importing Christian literature is officially forbidden. Reportedly, even tourists have faced problems for taking their own personal Bible with them. Pray that despite this prohibition, secret believers will miraculously obtain Bibles and Christian literature and learn more about God.

**20 GUINEA** Séré (in her 50s) has faced much persecution since she became a Christian. She lost her job when her colleagues managed to cancel her teachers' association membership. She then started a small business, which people boycotted. Pray that she will experience the Lord's guidance amid the persecution.