

19 VIETNAM Praise the Lord for the powerful testimonies of a group of former drug addicts who accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and have become evangelists. The group has received training at Galilee Bible School. Pray that God will continue to use what they have learned to positively impact the churches that they pastor.

20 Pray for our local staff in Vietnam who are constantly travelling to different provinces in the country to visit and follow-up on projects. Pray for safe journeys, for wisdom in decision-making, and for the Lord to connect them with the right people in serving Christians in each province.

21 BHUTAN Open Doors is aiming to assist diligent Christian students in Bhutan with their education. Pray that students who receive support will be good stewards of what they receive, will become productive citizens in their country, and will be a witness for Christ to those around them.

22 SRI LANKA Pastor Jit*, a participant in the *Standing Strong Through the Storm* training in Sri Lanka, sent 50 young people from his church to also attend the training. Pray that through this training they will be encouraged to persevere in their faith, regardless of the circumstances they face.

23 MALAYSIA Open Doors has various discipleship opportunities available to help church leaders and believers understand and learn the biblical principles of standing strong in the face of increasing persecution – pray that God would connect us with even more Christians to disciple.

24 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES In Marawi, Southern Philippines, many people are traumatised, especially our brothers and sisters who were held hostage and lost family members during the conflict last year. Pray for healing for them and the rebuilding of Marawi.

25 BANGLADESH Sharing the Good News in Bangladesh may end in persecution... But pray for courage and love for believers as they reach out to their neighbours, and that Open Doors will be able to effectively help them to stand strong.

26 SOMALIA In Somalia, Christian persecution is almost always violent. Pray for the protection of Christians and for their persecutors to meet Christ.



Pray that God will have mercy on Djibouti's government who will do anything to ensure that Christians remain a minority.

27 DJIBOUTI Djibouti's population is 90% to 95% Muslim. The government is doing everything in its power to make sure Christians remain a minority. Pray for believers to find ways to worship and fellowship secretly, and even to share the Gospel with others.

28 SUDAN Sharia law in Sudan allows for the use of amputation, stoning and flogging as punishment for crimes. Please pray for Christians who are arrested and face these violent kinds of punishment for sharing their faith.

29 BAHRAIN In Bahrain, Sunday services are not allowed to be translated into Arabic, making it hard for the Church to grow. Pray that the Word of God will become more accessible for Arabic-speaking believers.

30 TURKMENISTAN The government of Turkmenistan still holds to dangerous views on religion and wield control over religious institutions. Pray for God to intervene so that religious freedom will be established in the country.

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"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." –1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)



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1 CAMEROON In Cameroon, Christians, especially those from a Muslim background, come under pressure during Ramadan. Pray that the Lord will sustain and protect them. Pray that they will have a renewed appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ, and the freedom they enjoy in Him, despite the persecution they face.

2 IRAN Many Iranians are turning to Christ because they meet Jesus in a dream. Pray that the Lord would reach more of them in this way during the Ramadan season.

3 PAKISTAN As the Ramadan fast continues, pray for the hearts of Pakistan's Muslim leaders. They are one of the main drivers behind Christian persecution in the country. Pray that they will have a real encounter with "Isa" (Jesus) and realise that He is the Messiah.

4 INDONESIA Ramadan will be a difficult time for Christians in Aceh, Indonesia. The entire population embarks on the pursuit of holiness, resulting in intensifying pressure to apply sharia law in the province. Please pray for the security of Christians in Aceh and for strength to endure the pressure.

5 LIBYA Pray for strength for Christians in Libya to make it through the Ramadan fast. They face a lot of problems because they do not participate in the Islamic rituals during the fast. Pray that their testimony will bring many Muslims to Christ.

6 SAUDI ARABIA During Ramadan, the pressure on secret believers in Saudi Arabia is even more intense than usual. They are forced to fast and pray like devout Muslims in order not to stand out as apostates. Pray that amid all the darkness, they will focus on Christ and be able to endure the pressure they face.

7 QATAR Christians in Qatar must be careful to respect the Muslim fasting rules. Eating or drinking in public, or even in a car, can result in arrest, three days in jail, and a fine. Pray for wisdom for these believers as they go about the last days of Ramadan and interact with their Muslim neighbours.

8 EGYPT The last week of Ramadan is usually the most difficult for Christians, as many Muslims become more devoted in their practice of religious rituals. Muslims will remind Christians of their "infidelity" or punish them for it. Pray for protection for Christians and that, through their witness, Muslims' eyes will be opened to the truth of who God is.



Pray for protection for Christians in Nigeria during Ramadan as they usually experience an increase in attacks against them.

9 NIGERIA Shockingly, an average of five churches are attacked each Sunday in Nigeria. And attacks typically increase during Ramadan. Pray for God to convict and bring repentance to the hearts of those executing these attacks.

10 ETHIOPIA Pray that as the threat of Islam is on the rise, God will bring greater unity to His Church in Ethiopia. May Muslims who are seeking God during the last few days of Ramadan find Him through the example of the unified body of Christ Jesus.

11 NIGHT OF POWER Muslims view the Night of Power as the holiest night during Ramadan – they believe the blessings and mercy of Allah are abundant, sins are forgiven, and requests are answered. Many Muslims have also had supernatural encounters with Jesus on this night. Pray that tonight God will reveal Jesus to the many Muslims who are seeking Him.

12 CENTRAL ASIA Many believers are on the run for their faith in Central Asia – often from those closest to them, such as family members. Pray for God's continued protection for them as the month-long fasting comes to an end.

13 OMAN While there is a degree of religious freedom in Oman, Islam is the state religion; if a father leaves Islam, he is prohibited from having custody over his children, amongst other kinds of persecution. As Ramadan comes to an end, pray for Omanis, and their sultan, to turn to the one true King.



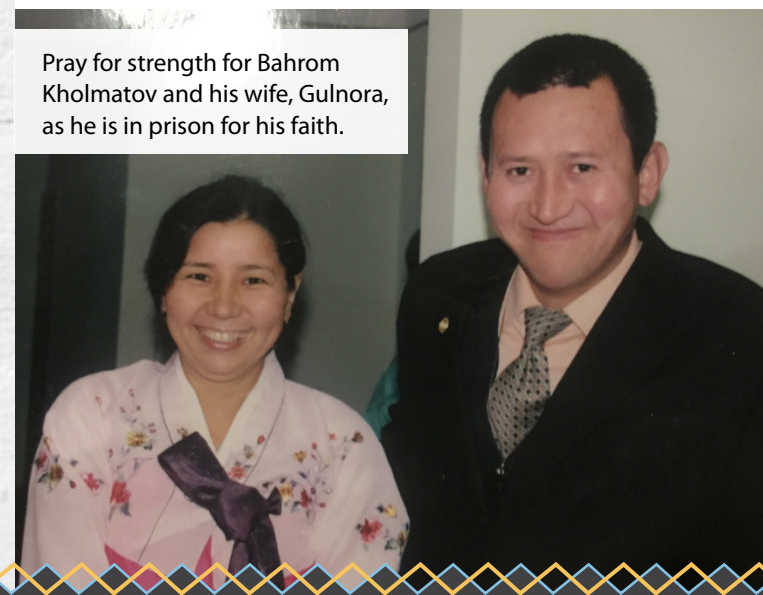
14 WORLDWIDE On this final day of Ramadan, join us in thanking God for all He has done during this time, and for the many who encountered Jesus, maybe for the first time ever! Pray that the seeds of the Gospel that have been sowed in the hearts of Muslims will flourish.

15 EID AL-FITR Today, Muslims celebrate the breaking of their month-long fast. If this celebration brings them such joy, how much more would the everlasting joy, peace and hope of Jesus bring to the lives of Muslims diligently seeking God? Pray that Muslims worldwide will come to know the joy, peace and hope of Jesus.

16 INDIA In India, Hindu extremists want to enforce "Saraswati Puja" (worshipping the Hindu goddess, Saraswati) in Christian schools and want to force the schools to display a picture of this Hindu goddess. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance for these schools in dealing with the situation.

17 KAZAKHSTAN Approximately 15 000 Believers from a Muslim Background in Kazakhstan keep their faith a secret. Pray that they may experience fellowship with other Christians.

18 TAJIKISTAN Please keep praying for the family of Bahrom Kholmatov, a Tajik pastor who was falsely accused of "extremism" and imprisoned for three years. Earlier this year, his wife, Gulnora, fell ill and was admitted to hospital. Pray for strength for her and provision for them as a family.



Pray for strength for Bahrom Kholmatov and his wife, Gulnora, as he is in prison for his faith.