

PRAYER FORCE ALERT



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



“The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary.... He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” –Isaiah 40:28-29 (NIV)

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Pray that Dinke* from Ethiopia and her family will soon be able to safely return to their home.

20 MALAYSIA There is a great demand for more Christian literature in the Malay language. Pray for God to guide Malay-speaking believers to write more of these materials or to translate spiritual books in other languages to Malayan.

21 MALDIVES Pray for an outreach mission to reach Maldivians for Christ both in and outside the country. Pray that all the seed sown will bear fruit that will grow into a strong Maldivian Church.

22 NORTH KOREA The North Korean government monitors and surveys the Christian activities of foreign missionaries and North Korean escapees who stay in cities close to the China-Korea border (on the Chinese side). Pray for God's hand of protection over these missionaries and escapees.

23 Pray for God to give missionaries, working along the China-Korea border, wisdom and guidance in serving North Korean Christian escapees. Pray also that God would shelter and protect His people inside North Korea.

24 IVORY COAST Traoré (20) is a student in secondary school who became a Christian in 2016. His family has tried many things to get him to renounce Christ, but to no avail. Pray for the Lord's continued protection over him and that he will be sustained in the faith.

25 NIGERIA Elizabeth Paul, a university student, was expelled after some Muslim students accused her of blasphemy for sharing about Christ on social media. She was also arrested for further investigation. Pray for God's grace and justice for Elizabeth and that she will remain strong in the faith.

26 DJIBOUTI Native Christians in Djibouti are young in the faith and there is almost no indigenous church leadership because of a lack of mature Christians. Pray that the Lord will call and equip indigenous church leaders so that native Christians can grow in the faith.

27 ERITREA Worship in the Eritrean Church remains a complex matter due to some churches choosing to register and others being forced underground due to being outside the allowed church denominations in the country, thus, causing disunity and mistrust between churches. Pray for the wider Eritrean Church to become united and for mistrust to be eradicated.

28 ETHIOPIA When Dinke* (a former Muslim in her 50s) found out that her oldest son had become a Christian, she was mortified. But after choosing to support her son, she too became a Christian. They were forced to flee their home as a result. Pray that they will soon be able to safely return to their home.

29 KENYA Al-Shabaab has destroyed churches, forced Christians to flee their homes, and, in some instances, has killed Christians. Pray for the Lord's protection over His Church in this country.

30 SOMALIA The Somali Christian community is small and under constant attack. Pray that God will protect this small, vulnerable community and that more labourers will be released into the harvest so that the Church will grow.

31 PAKISTAN Shahzad*, a day labourer and a Christian, often does not get paid for his day's work when his faith is discovered. So, he's now changed his name to 'Nazir' – a Muslim name. Pray that the Lord will provide Shahzad with a stable income, free from the stigma that being a Christian in his country carries.

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1 EGYPT In Egypt, churches have started arranging activities for the summer, such as, youth camps and family retreats. Pray for the safety of those organising and participating in these events during the summer months.

2 CENTRAL ASIA Pray for the many bold, Christian women in Central Asia. They bear the brunt of persecution in their families, communities and countries. Despite the suffering, God is using them to build His kingdom. Pray for endurance for them.

3 KAZAKHSTAN In Kazakhstan, changes to the religious laws of the country, currently being implemented, are mostly unfavourable towards Christians. Pray that the Church in the country will remain strong and wise amid these changes.

4 UZBEKISTAN In the northern province of Karakalpakstan several pastors have been detained and are waiting to appear in court. They had to pay fines previously, due to their ministry activities. Pray for strength for these pastors and their families.

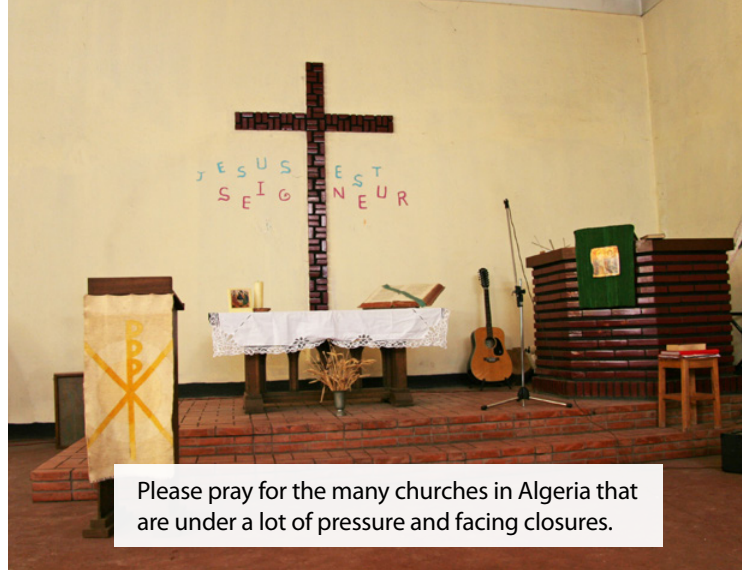
5 NIGER In Niger (a Muslim-majority country) Christians face various challenges, including increased pressure to convert to Islam. But they are courageously facing these challenges. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen them in their faith and witness to their Muslim neighbours.

6 CAMEROON Abdul faces pressure from his family who, even after 10 years, continues to try and get him to return to Islam. He remains steadfast in the faith, serving God by discipling other Believers from a Muslim Background. Pray that God will protect and encourage Abdul in his faith and ministry.

7 SAUDI ARABIA Pray for Christians in Saudi Arabia who, to stay alive, are forced to read the Qur'an and act like they are praying to Allah. Pray that their eyes may be fixed on Christ and for endurance when the pressure to recant their faith is at its highest.

8 YEMEN Pray for the salvation of the wife of Abdel Nur*. He has been praying for a long time that she would take the step of faith to live for Christ, but she is under tremendous pressure from her family to remain a Muslim.

9 SYRIA The war in Syria continues after seven years... Pray for the Church to continue to live out the message of redemption and reconciliation and that, through this, the eyes of those fighting will be opened and peace will prevail.



Please pray for the many churches in Algeria that are under a lot of pressure and facing closures.

10 ALGERIA Many churches in Algeria are under a lot of pressure. Some have been ordered to close while others face lawsuits against them. Please pray for wisdom and strength for church leaders, but also boldness for their congregants to stay strong in the faith.

11 INDIA Please pray for endurance and protection for Christians across India as persecution against them continues to increase. In only the first few months of this year very many Christians have been brutally attacked for their faith.

12 Pray for God to work in the hearts of the police officers who support and add to the persecution Christians face. The police, for example, gave Hindu Munnani (a Hindu extremist group) details about churches in the south of India, which led to the extremists threatening these churches.

13 BHUTAN Praise the Lord for the lives of two Christian workers, May* and Ram*, who have committed to seek out persecuted Christians in Bhutan. Pray that they will always be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in serving these Christians.

14 LAOS Due to security restraints in Laos, Christian activities, such as discipleship and seminars, are often conducted outside the country. Participants and facilitators who travel to these events are sometimes investigated by immigration officers during border crossings. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and travelling mercies to be upon them.

15 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Pray for Christian youths in the Southern Philippines who are rejected by their families and friends because of their faith. Pray for perseverance for them and that, through their testimonies, those around them will also come to faith.

16 BANGLADESH Pronob Chakma (34) is a believer from a tribal background. He says, "After we believed in Jesus, we suffered a lot. They beat us, burned our houses, and abused our children. Please pray for us that we will be faithful to Jesus. Pray that we will glorify God in our sufferings."

17 BRUNEI The Christian youth of Brunei say that they face two challenges: restrictions in expressing their faith to others and pressure to convert to Islam. Pray for wisdom for these youths as they face these challenges.

18 INDONESIA Pray for the training of trainers who present the *Standing Strong Through the Storm* seminar to young people. This is one of our most strategic programmes to build a generation of strong, young Christians in Indonesia.

19 Please continue to pray for Trinity (5) and Alvaro (5) who are still undergoing treatment for injuries sustained in a bomb blast at their church in Samarinda. Alvaro must now go to Malaysia for further treatment.



Please pray for Alvaro (pictured left) who must go to Malaysia for further treatment, as well as for Trinity both of who were injured in a bomb blast at their church in Indonesia.