



21 BANGLADESH Pray that the tailoring training in Bangladesh, presented by Open Doors, will impact the lives of many persecuted believers, like it did for Janath Ara, who said, "I didn't have any source of income and felt useless, but after joining Open Doors' tailoring training, I am now able to work and support my family."

22 IRAQ Despite Islamic State having been driven out of Iraq, there is still a lot of pain and uncertainty among Iraqis. Pray for relief from the pain and for the peace that only Jesus can give to His children in the country.

23 GAZA Daily life in Gaza is a struggle for the handful of believers living there. There is limited electricity available, the water is undrinkable, and temperatures can get high. Pray for all the people, including Christians, who suffer greatly under these circumstances.

24 YEMEN According to a report, the war in Yemen is causing children to be stunted in their growth. Also, because of the war, more girls under 18 are getting married, the cost of living is 40% higher, and two million children do not attend school. Please pray for emotional and spiritual healing for the people of Yemen and that the war will end.

25 Emir* has been praying for the sick and has been spreading the Gospel in Yemen. May the Lord heal those he prays for, not only physically, but also emotionally as much trauma is suffered due to the war. Pray for wisdom for Emir in ministering to Yemenis.

26 ARABIAN PENINSULA Pray for believers in the region of the Arabian Peninsula to find ways to reach out to Muslims who have never heard the Gospel. Pray that Islam will lose its grip over this region and that new believers will be added to the Kingdom of God.

27 INDONESIA On 13 May, a family of six suicide bombers, bombed three churches in Surabaya, killing at least 14 people and injuring a dozen others. Pray for comfort and strength for those who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones.

28 VIETNAM The Vietnamese government released a document requiring churches to register all their activities with their local authority. Many church leaders believe that this will have a huge negative impact on their activities. Pray for wisdom and guidance for churches in dealing with this requirement.

29 BRUNEI The sultan's push to implement sharia law in Brunei has resulted in churches working only behind the safety of their walls. Pray for these churches to learn new ways to impact their community with the Gospel.

30 TURKMENISTAN Akhmad*, a Believer from a Muslim Background, was fined for reading his personal Bible at home, which is allowed under Turkmen law. Pray for Turkmen Christians – for freedom to practice their faith and that the police will not lawlessly oppress them.

31 CHECHNYA During Ramadan in May, Islamic extremists attacked a church service, killing seven people. Pray for the Lord's protection over His children in Chechnya. Pray also for those who have been traumatised and who lost loved ones in the attack.

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"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken." –Psalm 55:22 (NIV)

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1 INDIA A pastor from northern India was charged with coercing people to convert. Please pray for his and his family's protection as a Hindu extremist group threatens him and police and other extremist groups monitor him.

2 NEPAL Shirisha* was kicked out by her husband due to her Christian faith. She now stays with her parents who also persecute her. Her father beat her and demanded that she renounce her faith. Pray for perseverance and a safe haven for this sister.

3 The Hindu Youth Association of Nepal has urged the government to stop Christianity in the country. Christians are also targeted through false accusations that they are planning to assassinate Hindus and Hindu gurus. Pray for the Lord's divine intervention in Nepal.

4 MYANMAR Pray for the Lord's provision for believers in Myanmar who are displaced due to severe persecution. Pray that God will provide sources of income and that believers will be encouraged to continue in the faith.

5 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Please continue to pray for the rebuilding of Marawi and for the recovery from loss and trauma of all who were affected by the five-month conflict in 2017. Pray for renewed hope for the Church so they can be a source of encouragement to all the survivors.

6 BHUTAN Pray that the newly elected leaders of Bhutan will serve the people of the country and not their own personal interests. Pray that they will open more doors for Christians in the country to practice their faith in freedom.

7 Mrs Ran* was beaten by her husband, and is continuously mocked by his family, for refusing to deny Christ. Pray that she will not fold under the pressure, but will stand strong in the Lord. Pray for the salvation of her husband and in-laws.

8 LAOS Praise the Lord for the heart of tribal churches in Laos. Many of them, supported by Open Doors, initiate nationwide prayer gatherings and fellowship for Christians. Pray that they will continue to obey the Lord.

9 SRI LANKA Pray for Christians in Sri Lanka, especially pastors, who are attacked by Buddhist mobs. Pray that they will continue to stand strong in the truth, and in serving the Lord, despite these attacks.

10 MALI When Yoro* (20), a member of the Muslim Fulani herdsmen, converted to Christianity, he faced death threats and daily pressure from his community and had to flee. Pray for grace and provision for Yoro as he undergoes discipleship and vocational training.

11 ERITREA When the Eritrean authorities discovered that Matthew* was a Christian, they imprisoned him in a military camp. Upon release, he fled the country and today serves Christian refugees. Pray for God's grace and provision for him, and many others like him, who help those who face danger for the faith.

12 NIGERIA Pray for Comfort Obida, and the many other widows like her, who must fend for themselves after their husbands were murdered by Muslim Fulani herdsmen, earlier this year. Pray for God's comfort and provision for them and their children.

13 HORN OF AFRICA When Ayaan became a Christian, her family wanted to kill her. She felt very lonely, but, thankfully, Open Doors could connect with her and minister to her. Ayaan now asks that we pray for the Lord to connect her with other female believers whom she can minister to in turn.

14 Farah*, a Christian from Somali descent, desires to be reunited with his wife who left him because the persecution against them became too much to bear. Pray that God will indeed reunite Farah with his wife.



Please pray that the Lord will comfort Farah* as he deals with being rejected by blood family because of his faith, and that he will be reunited with his wife.



15 EGYPT Pray that as young Egyptians take part in the Church's summer activities, they will realise God's call on their lives and will fully commit their lives to Him.

16 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Please continue to pray for Jeovani (7), Steven (6) and Dieu (8), who were severely injured in an explosion at a church in 2013. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen them as they adjust to life with artificial limbs. May they also continue to grow in the faith.

17 ETHIOPIA Tariku* lives in the persecution-prone eastern Ethiopia, serving his church as an evangelist. He attended our *Standing Strong Through the Storm* (SSTS) training a few years ago. Pray that he will reach many more believers with the SSTS lessons he learnt.

18 CAMEROON Djibril*, a Believer from a Muslim Background in northern Cameroon, has been despised, rejected by his family, falsely accused, and imprisoned for his faith in Christ. Despite this, his zeal remains intact – pray for continued strength amid such pressure.

19 ALGERIA Over the past months, the Algerian government has increased the pressure on the Algerian Church in several ways. Pray for Algerian believers to stay strong and bold in their faith in Jesus and to share their faith despite the increased pressure.

20 CHINA Nazar is a Believer from a Muslim Background, and her husband divorced her many years ago because of her Christian faith. The divorce deeply affected her son. Please pray for healing and comfort for Nazar's son and for patience and wisdom for Nazar.