

**21 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES** In the Southern Philippines, there are committed, young missionaries who serve the Lord in very dangerous areas of Mindanao. Pray that the fire of their commitment will reflect God's love to Muslims and other people they encounter.

**22** Praise the Lord for the time and passion teachers and workers recently invested in a Vacation Bible School. Pray for God's protection over the presenters, attendees and their families and that they will continue to be salt and light in their communities.

**23 SRI LANKA** Pray for seminary students from Sri Lanka who recently graduated from their studies. Pray that they will obey the Lord no matter the cost. May they use what they learned at school for the glory of the Lord and be a blessing to the oppressed and persecuted.

**24 LAOS** During the first week of May, seven people accepted Christ and four of them were baptised. Pray for new believers in Laos to continue to seek the Lord. Pray also for our partners, who are journeying with these new believers, to disciple them well and draw them closer to God.

**25 BHUTAN** In Bhutan, Open Doors helps to nurture the relationship of Christian couples so that they may have a greater chance of enduring persecution together. Pray for the couples who have attended these kinds of seminars to experience the Lord's strength as a couple and in their family.

**26 INDIA** A Believer from a Hindu Background, Ashani Kumeti (19), was supposedly raped and killed by her Hindu fiancé for unknown reasons. Nobody is willing to tell her family the truth about what happened to her. Her parents now fear for the safety of their four other daughters. Pray for comfort and protection for this family.

**27 CENTRAL ASIA** Boris (24) was beaten up twice for his faith – the people in his village are not happy that he has chosen to be a Christian. Pray for his protection and that God's love will be stronger than any fear or hate he may be experiencing.

**28 HORN OF AFRICA** Sister A\*, a Believer from a Muslim Background, is fighting for custody of her 11-year-old son. He was staying with her ex-husband who denied him an education and emotionally abused him. She is currently in hiding with her

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son. Please pray for her as she prepares to go to court for full custody.

**29 VIETNAM** Open Doors partners report that, despite the Vietnamese government being Communist in outlook, it is starting to favour Buddhism. Pray that Vietnamese Christians will stand firm in their faith amidst this new development and will remain committed to the Lord.

**30 VIETNAM** In some remote villages of Vietnam, women are supported through trainings that help establish their faith and affirm their worth in Christ. Pray Proverbs 31:25 over these women, that they will be clothed with strength and dignity and that they will be able to laugh at the days to come.



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# PRAYER FORCE ALERT



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." –Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

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**1 LIBYA** Libyans are very family orientated; when a person faces problems, they turn to their family first. Sadly, when Libyan Christians face problems, because of their faith, their families are often part of the problem. Pray that Libyan Christians will find their refuge in the Lord.

**2 TUNISIA** Pray for Jamila\*, a female Christian, whose husband forbids her to meet with other Christians. Pray that the Lord's joy would be her strength, and pray also for her husband to find Christ.

**3 MAURITANIA** In April, the National Assembly of Mauritania re-enforced an apostasy law, which puts pressure on the Church and new believers. Pray for strength and wisdom for the Mauritanian Church in living out Christ under this law.

**4 ALGERIA** The pressure on the Algerian Church continues. Please pray especially for church leaders, as they are showing signs of exhaustion under the relentless pressure. Pray for renewed strength and unity for these leaders.

**5 LEBANON** In Lebanon, there are strong forces who want to close the country's borders and send people back 'home' to homes that no longer exist... Pray that Lebanon will continue to be a place of refuge for many people, despite these forces.



**6 YEMEN** Sachi\* and his family have experienced the Lord's light and salvation. Pray that the Lord, who has begun this good work in the lives of this family, will complete it.

**7** Pray for Raha\* who recently lost her husband in the ongoing war. Pray for comfort and peace for her amidst the grief. Pray also for provision for this family as they have lost their breadwinner.

**8 SYRIA** Open Doors is starting a project called "Places of Hope", with several local church partners, in the major cities of Syria. Pray that through this project, people will indeed find hope and peace as they start rebuilding their lives.

**9 MALI** When Doussa told her husband she had become a Christian, he used witchcraft to try and get her to return to Islam, but eventually gave up. Now, he occasionally attends church with her. Pray that, through his church attendance, the Lord will bring him to faith in Christ.

**10 GUINEA** Mary, a Christian from a traditional African background, was attacked on her farm. All her produce and property were destroyed, leaving her without an income, which meant her children had to drop out of school. Pray for the Lord's provision for her.

**11 NIGER** Pastor Laouali cares for believers in Diffa, a town in Niger that is under curfew because of radical Islamic activity. Recently, some of those radicals vandalised his church – supposedly to get him to leave the town. Pray for God's protection for this pastor and his church.

**12** When Habou and three of his family members became Christians, their Muslim family members said they had brought shame on the family. And Habou's younger brother attacked him and tried to kill him. Pray for the protection of these Christians and healing for Habou, as he still suffers from physical pain from the attack.

**13 MEXICO** Pray that God will provide Mexican church leaders with the tools they need to minister with wisdom and love to their church members.

**14 CHINA** Bible translators in China are working on the first-ever Bible in an ethnic Buddhist minority language. They fear that they may be discovered and their computers and/or materials will be confiscated. Pray that God will shield them from prying eyes and local government inspections.

**15 BRUNEI** Christian young people continue to leave the country, seeking greener pastures and/or freedom from sharia law. This is creating a leadership crisis in churches. Pray for God to speak to these believers and their parents so that they can stay and serve Him in the country.

**16 MALAYSIA** The newly elected government has brought fresh hope for Malaysians, especially for the minority religious and ethnic groups. Pray for the new administration to uphold human rights and religious freedom, especially in the investigation into the whereabouts of the still missing pastor Raymond Koh.

**17** Pray for the families of the still missing pastor Raymond Koh, Amri Che Mat, and Joshua Hilmy and his wife, Ruth. The government has reopened the inquiry into their disappearances. Pray for strength for them as new court proceedings have begun.



**18 NIGERIA** Please pray for the Lord's continued grace in the lives of those Chibok parents who are still eagerly awaiting the return of their daughters. It has been four years since they were kidnapped by Boko Haram.

**19 BANGLADESH** Rijina (35), a Believer from a Muslim Background, is a widow with one son. She lives in dire poverty and is often harassed by her community for her faith. She is actively involved in various Open Doors programmes that enable her to earn an income. Pray that through her witness many in her community will come to salvation.

**20 MALDIVES** A few prayer warriors have testified to the "improved spiritual atmosphere" in the Maldives. Please continue to pray for various bondages – drug addiction, soaring divorce rate, gangster activity, witchcraft – to be broken, and for the light of the Gospel to shine ever brighter in the country.