

18 ALGERIA Praise the Lord for an answer to prayer after the Algerian government re-opened two of six previously closed churches in June. Pray for the re-opening of more churches and that the Algerian Church will continue to withstand this wave of pressure.

19 LIBYA Pray for protection over the sub-Saharan African believers who live and work in Libya. They face persecution both because of their ethnicity and their faith.

20 JORDAN A group of Christians are planning a trip to Jordan this year, to minister to refugees in the country. Pray that nothing will hinder this trip from taking place. Pray also that the Lord will use the trip as a source of hope for refugees in Jordan.

21 MIDDLE EAST One of the biggest challenges our partners in the Middle East face, is finding qualified Christians to be part of the work needed for ministering via social media platforms. Pray that our local partners will find the right people to help them in this work.

22 SYRIA Please pray for those refugees and displaced people who have returned to their ruined and burnt-out homes and cities. Pray that they will have the courage and perseverance to start from scratch as they face huge challenges in rebuilding their lives and homes.

23 LEBANON Praise God for all the opportunities that the Church can take advantage of in serving the needy among the refugees in Lebanon. Pray that the leadership of the Lebanese Church will remain obedient to Jesus' promptings to serve.

24 KUWAIT In Kuwait, Believers from a Muslim Background experience all sorts of problems, such as legal problems related to personal property. Pray that God will undertake for them as they serve Him in this country and that they will stand firm despite the persecution they face.

25 TURKEY Christians from a Muslim background often experience heavy pressure from family, friends and their community to return to Islam, especially as Turkey becomes more nationalistic in nature. Pray for endurance for them and that they will be able to minister graciously and with much love to their families.

26 IRAQ Please pray for this divided country – that the various people groups will once and for all be able to live together in peace. Pray that the elections that took place a few months ago will lead to lasting stability.

27 Pray for the Church leadership in Iraq – may God give them wisdom as they and their church members start moving home to repair what remains of their houses and churches, after the devastation caused by Islamic State.

28 COLOMBIA The main agents of Christian persecution in Colombia are leaders of criminal groups. Pray for the protection of Christians who live and minister in areas where these criminal and revolutionary groups are active.

29 AZERBAIJAN It is a punishable offense to bring religious literature into Azerbaijan. Pray that God will grant wisdom and safe passage to get Christian literature into the country to help Christians grow in their understanding of the Bible and the faith.

30 AFGHANISTAN The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan does not allow citizens to convert from Islam. Please pray for godly change to take place in the country, which will allow Christians to worship God more openly and freely, without fear of being persecuted.

31 BAHRAIN Despite being a majority Islamic country, Bahrain is relatively tolerant of other religions. Yet the law bans religious practices that violate Islamic custom. Local Christians, therefore, face various restrictions. Pray that God will open the eyes of this country's leaders so that true religious freedom will reign.

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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." –1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)

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1 KAZAKHSTAN In Kazakhstan, the law, concerning young people sharing the Gospel, is becoming stricter. Pray that God will give these young people wisdom and guidance in sharing their faith despite this law.

2 TAJIKISTAN Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background as the persecution, stress and problems they face are increasing. Pray for God's wisdom for them in how to stand firm in their faith and deal with this pressure.

3 KYRGYZSTAN Pastor Miran* was falsely accused of paedophilia in 2017 by local Muslim authorities as an act of revenge because he follows Christ. Despite being vindicated of this accusation, he and his family continue to be persecuted by their Muslim community. Pray for the safety of pastor Miran and his family, as well as for perseverance.

4 CHINA The situation in western China for Believers from a Buddhist Background continues to deteriorate as the government tightens its control on religious expression. Pray for God to strengthen these Christians amid the tightening regulations.

5 Samuel (early twenties), a Believer from a Muslim Background, has been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Subsequently, his wife discovered she is pregnant. Samuel feels very despondent as they cannot afford his medical treatment and he feels like he is a burden to his wife. Please pray for both provision and strength for Samuel and his wife.

6 PAKISTAN Pray for the new intake of students at the ALIVE Bible College. They started their theological studies in mid-September. Pray that they will know that God is with them over the course of the next three years. May what they learn be used to further extend God's Kingdom.

7 BANGLADESH Pray for Eusuf (21) who is attending Open Doors training to help him grow in his faith. He asks that we pray for God's help as he attends this training, and also for the salvation of his wife.

8 BRUNEI The number of Christians in Brunei is rapidly shrinking in the face of intense Islamisation by the government... Pray that God will equip the remaining Christians to stand strong in their faith – and for ways to keep sharing the faith – no matter what.

9 GUINEA Mother Luupou used to be involved in witchcraft and other traditional practices in her village. A few months ago, she became a Christian. She is now severely persecuted and has been abandoned by her family. Thank the Lord that He is watching over Luupou – may she keep sensing His presence with her.

10 A young convert, John, is being threatened by his family and village because of his faith. Pray for the Lord's protection over John. Pray also that the Lord will reveal himself to the rest of John's family.

11 MALAYSIA The general secretary of the Council of Churches in Malaysia has requested that the new government seriously considers issues affecting religious minorities, such as churches' right to run mission schools. Pray that the government will heed these requests.

12 INDONESIA Islamic radicals are trying to cause division between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia. Pray for religious leaders, from both sides, to step up and get involved in interfaith dialogues to build bridges instead of getting caught up in the plans of these Islamic radicals.

13 NIGER Salifou is a Christ believer and descendant of a famous chief. He faces daily pressure from his family to return to Islam... Pray that through his testimony and perseverance his children, sister and the rest of his community will come to know Jesus.

14 MALI Thank the Lord for the faith of Julianna (33) who refused to convert to Islam after marrying a Muslim man. Her husband abandoned her and their baby because of her refusal. Pray that she will not give in to discouragement and will continue to grow in her relationship with Christ.

15 NIGERIA Praise the Lord for providing resources for trauma care seminars to help those affected by the violence of Boko Haram and Muslim Fulani herdsmen. Pray that through these seminars, the Lord will continue to heal the many women and children who have lost their husbands and fathers in the violence.

16 MOROCCO In Morocco, local Christians meet in houses because they cannot get permission and official recognition to meet in public. The authorities also monitor them and they risk persecution if they evangelise. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Christians in this country.



17 TUNISIA Habiba* has been a believer for less than a year. She wants to share her faith with her family but is afraid. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for her in reaching out to her family with Jesus Christ.