

22 LAOS The Laotian Church faces two big dangers: weak leadership and susceptibility to false doctrines. To help with these growing dangers, Open Doors trains Hmong church leaders to disciple the Church and protect it from erroneous teachings. Pray that these discipleship efforts will strengthen the Church and help produce mature Christians.

23 Thank God for His provision of 200 MP3-players with Bible teachings and worship songs, which were distributed earlier this year to Christians in Laos. Pray that those who received these devices will use it as a tool to nurture their faith and to advance the Gospel in their country.

24 INDONESIA Please continue to pray for physical and emotional healing for all the victims of the November 2016 church bombings in Samarinda and the May 2018 Surabaya bombings. Pray for strength and patience for families and friends who are walking with the injured – may all experience God's comfort.

25 VIETNAM Most Christians from a tribal ethnic background in Vietnam are poor and illiterate due to limited access to basic government services, exacerbated by geography and prejudice. This makes it difficult for them to find employment, receive an education and to access other government social services. Pray for strength and provision for them.



26 MYANMAR Daw Seng*, an internally displaced Christian and recipient of a Bible, through our Bible distribution efforts, said, "I consider it a source of my life and hope." Pray that many more will be able to receive a Bible to be strengthened in their faith.

27 NEPAL Pray for Srijana* from Nepal whose parents banned her from going to church and tortured her for her faith. She has left home, but is going through a very difficult time. Pray that God will provide in all her needs.

28 INDIA Pray for pastor Kiran* and Ramesh* from the east of India. Earlier this year, while leading a worship service, some Hindu extremists attacked them and caused panic amongst the churchgoers. Pray for these pastors' protection as they continue to serve the Lord and the Church amid growing persecution.

29 CHINA Ma*, a Believer from a Buddhist Background, is enduring constant persecution from her family and community. She gets blamed for any misfortune that the village experiences. She feels misunderstood and alone. Pray that God will connect her with other believers and that she will experience His encouragement.

30 TAJIKISTAN Missionaries hold weekly services at a centre for handicapped people who have no relatives to care for them. When many of the people at the centre accepted Christ, the new Muslim director of the centre threatened to kick out local nationals who attended the meetings. Pray for wisdom for those who want to attend but are fearful of being kicked out.

31 MALDIVES Praise the Lord for ministry opportunities among Maldivians living outside their country. Pray that the Christians around them will have a burden to reach these Maldivians with the Gospel.

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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



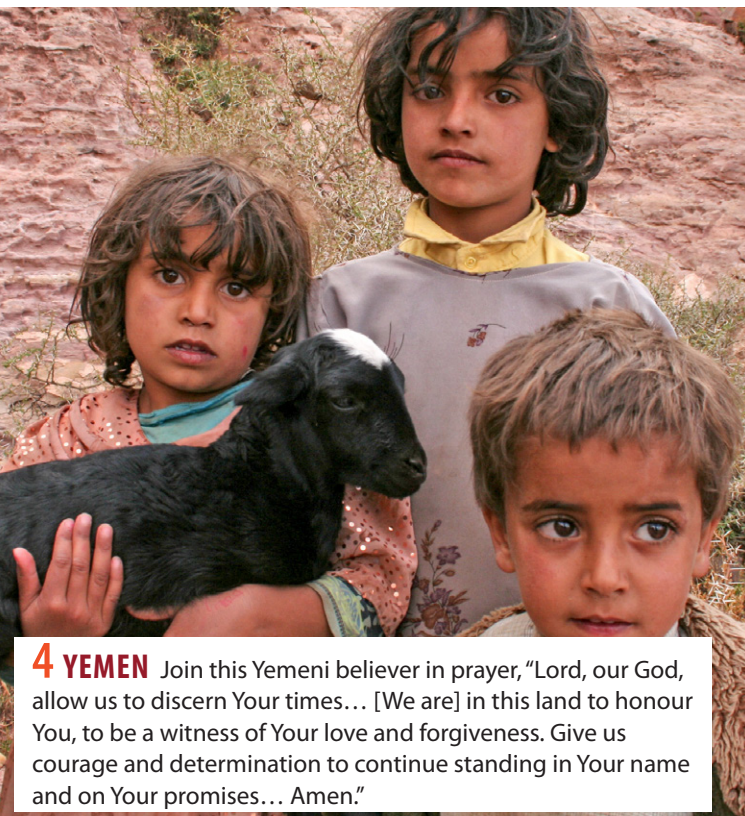
"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." –Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

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1 LEBANON Several Christian producers of radio and TV content operate from Lebanon, reaching into the rest of the Middle East. Please pray for the Lord's blessing over the development of this content, and that people will be drawn to the love of Jesus through every broadcast.

2 IRAQ Some displaced children in Iraq are able to return to school – pray that they will grow from strength to strength. Other displaced children are not yet able to return to school, and have serious gaps in their education – pray for them too.

3 SYRIA In some areas of Syria, rebuilding is happening, but restoring one house does not restore a city, let alone a country. Pray that the international community will give attention to and help with Syria's rebuilding efforts.



4 YEMEN Join this Yemeni believer in prayer, "Lord, our God, allow us to discern Your times... [We are] in this land to honour You, to be a witness of Your love and forgiveness. Give us courage and determination to continue standing in Your name and on Your promises... Amen."

5 SAUDI ARABIA Peter* is a Christian and lives in a remote area in Saudi Arabia. There are times when he doubts his faith... Pray that he will be specially aware of the Lord's presence and glory during those times of doubt.

6 IRAN Even though alcohol and drugs are illegal in Iran, addiction to these substances is a major problem. Other forms of addiction are also becoming increasingly common, especially amongst those under 30. Pray that addicts will find freedom and healing in Christ.

7 LIBYA Pray for African believers who live in Libya, some already for decades. They are under immense pressure both because of their skin colour and their Christian faith. Pray for their protection in this difficult situation.

8 ALGERIA Since the end of 2017, the Church in Algeria has experienced an ongoing wave of pressure, which weighs heavily on church leaders. Pray for strength for these church leaders and for wisdom in how to respond to the pressure.

9 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC In September, 14 Christians, including a pregnant woman, were brutally killed by Muslim ex-Seleka militia. Pray for strength and comfort for the bereaved and the affected Christian community who continue to be terrorised by ex-Seleka factions.

10 NIGER Pastor Saidou faces a lot of pressure because of his evangelistic zeal. Recently, he was taken to court and accused of abducting and brainwashing a young man whom he led to Christ. Thankfully, he was found innocent. Pray for the Lord's encouragement for pastor Saidou and his family after the trouble they experienced.

11 CAMEROON Neighbours and friends, Sarah and Hannah, lost their husbands when Boko Haram attacked their village earlier this year. Pray for God's comfort, healing and provision for them and their children.

12 IVORY COAST Elie, a young Christian man, was attacked by some youths after he refused to participate in his community's traditional religious rituals. Pray for his recovery and that those who persecute him would, through his testimony, come to follow Jesus.

13 When Sidoine left an African traditional religion to become a Christian, his aunt and others were furious and accused him of betraying them. They have tried many times to kill him. Pray that he will experience the Lord's protection and that he will not be ruled by fear but constantly grow in his faith.

14 UGANDA Esther* (13) was born to a Muslim family and gave her life to Christ after attending a Christian conference for children. Her Muslim uncles make life very difficult for her and have put her in a Muslim school. She sneaks out weekly to attend church services. Pray for the Lord's protection over Esther and for the salvation of her uncles.

15 TANZANIA In Zanzibar, Tanzania, the influence of radical Muslims is growing. Five pastors are facing legal action due to this growing influence. Pray that each of these pastors will be vindicated and that the Church will flourish despite opposition.

16 MALAYSIA Let us continue to pray for missing Raymond Koh, Amri Che Mat, and Joshua and Ruth Hilmy to be reunited with their loved ones. Pray for breakthrough in the ongoing public enquiry into their disappearance.

17 BRUNEI Christians fear losing their freedom and material wealth if they reach out to Muslims in Brunei. While Islamisation is depleting the number of Christians in the country. Both are threatening the survival of the Church. Pray for pastors and leaders to wake up and prepare for the coming storm.

18 BANGLADESH Razaul Islam (35) is a church leader in Bangladesh who recently attended Open Doors sponsored leadership training to increase his effectiveness in ministry. Pray that God will build His Kingdom through Razaul, and many like him.

19 Believers from a Muslim Background, who live in remote and rural areas, are most prone to persecution and isolation in their community. Pray for strong lay leaders in their small congregations to ensure the Church's continued existence and growth, despite difficult circumstances.

20 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Pray for Christians in the Southern Philippines amid threats of kidnapping and bombings. These occur so frequently that many people have grown numb to the dangers – pray that they will stay alert and discerning, but without giving in to fear.

21 BHUTAN Pray that the oppressive spiritual walls surrounding Bhutan will crumble and fall. May the spiritual eyes of the Bhutanese be opened and their hearts be softened and made ready to hear and accept the light of the Gospel.