

19 | MALAYSIA Please continue to pray for the Lord to strengthen the family of missing pastor Raymond Koh. Pray also for the advocacy team, which are tirelessly working on this case, to be filled with wisdom and kept safe.



20 | SAUDI ARABIA Selah (55) is married and a father of three children. Yet he feels isolated due to the fact that he must keep his Christian faith a secret. He is struggling. Pray for him to endure and to step out in his faith. Pray for other Christians to cross his path who can witness to him directly, as well as to his wife and children.

21 | INDONESIA Pray for a greater impact among our beneficiaries this year, all to God's glory. Pray also that more churches in Indonesia will become aware of persecution and will become properly equipped to withstand it.

22 | MALDIVES Various social issues in the Maldives, such as the rising crime rates and gang activities, continue to be a reality. Pray for God's protection to be upon Christians and for them to be Christ's witnesses in society, even amongst the gangs.

23 | MIDDLE EAST God is at work through dreams and different forms of media in the Middle East. He is speaking right into the hearts of people who do not yet know Him. Pray that many will find the truth and boldly follow Christ.

24 | SYRIA Noha, a former cook, suffers from cystic fibrosis and survives on constant supplies of oxygen, even while she showers. Medical care is not adequate in Syria, and travel is difficult for her. She needs much prayer. Please pray for her complete healing.

25 | IRAQ Pray for Christians in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. Due to the frequent terrorist attacks in and around this city, civilians run the daily risk of getting injured or killed. Pray also for the different church denominations – for unity, mutual support and acceptance.

26 | IRAN Pray for Christians imprisoned in Iran and those awaiting the verdict on their appeals. Pray for God to give them supernatural endurance and courage as they wait and that, during this time, they will be bold witnesses to the guards and other inmates.

27 | COLOMBIA Missionary couple, Omar Prieto* and his wife, Cecilia*, have received several death threats over the last 10 years. Yet they are determined to keep ministering until God tells them to stop. Praise God for this brave couple! Pray that He will protect them and that their ministry will grow.



28 | MEXICO Criminal groups demand money from Christians in exchange for the right to continue carrying out religious activities in certain areas. If they refuse, they or their relatives may become victims of extortion or physical violence. Pray for wisdom, guidance and protection for Christians in Mexico.

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PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE



"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

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1 | NIGERIA Nigeria's 2019 presidential elections take place this month. Pray that someone after God's own heart will be elected to the position of president and that they will rule the country with much wisdom.

2 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Continued rebel activity and banditry make church ministry difficult, and Christians face terrible violence and intimidation due to it. Pray that as Christians worship God under such trying conditions, they will be wise as serpents and gentle as doves.

3 | ETHIOPIA Last year, Fatuma, the wife of an evangelist in Oromia, lost her unborn baby after she was severely beaten for her Christian witness. Pray for Fatuma to experience God's comfort following the tragic loss of her baby.

4 | GUINEA Anne Marie K. (23), who grew up in a traditional religion but became a Christian last year, faces persecution from her family and community. They not only verbally abuse her, but also blame her for her father's illness and deprive her of her basic needs. Pray for the Lord's encouragement, strength, faith and provision for Anne.

5 | IVORY COAST Since becoming a Christian, Paul-Moise's Muslim family has tried to admit him to a psychiatric hospital, has beaten him, and has even tried to poison him. Eventually, he had to flee. Pray for the Lord's protection over him as his family continues to search for him.

6 | NIGER Former Muslim Isaiah Hachimou (20) used to persecute his Christian peers, but now endures persecution himself after becoming a Christian. Isaiah has been warned that his brother carries a knife with him to kill Isaiah. Pray for the Lord's protection over Isaiah and that he will experience the Lord's provision in all his needs.

7 A Christian family has been divided after their young daughter, Keisha, was drugged, raped and fell pregnant. Her mother wants her to abort the baby, while her father wants her to keep it. Pray for Keisha to experience the Lord's comfort and encouragement, and for grace and wisdom for her family.

8 | EGYPT Last October, at least seven Christians were killed after Islamic terrorists opened fire on a bus convoy. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones, as well as for protection for the Church in Egypt as they continue to face attacks from extremist groups.

9 | SUDAN Believers from a Muslim Background in Sudan face arrest, torture and lengthy imprisonment for apostasy if they are discovered. Pray that God will speak to the leaders of this country so that they will allow Christians to freely worship Jesus without any consequences.

10 | AFRICA Open Doors is coming alongside the Church in Africa through various kinds of discipleship and socioeconomic upliftment. Please pray for strength for all those involved in this work. It is not easy... "I want Him to use me more, so I need prayers to help me penetrate areas where I have not reached before," stated one of our partners.



11 | CENTRAL ASIA Thank God that He is using the often-forgotten deaf Christian community to build His Kingdom in Central Asia, and that He is growing the ministry of Open Doors to serve these believers. Pray that through their testimonies many hearts will be changed.

12 | KAZAKHSTAN Wide-ranging amendments to Kazakhstan's law on religion, and about 10 other laws, seem set to increase the already tight restrictions on freedom of religion and belief. Pray for strength for the Church to stand strong amid these changes.

13 | KYRGYZSTAN Last October, Eldos Satar Uluu, a young Believer from a Muslim Background, was brutally beaten by radical Muslim men to try to force him to return to Islam. Pray that he will not suffer from any residual injuries after the beating left him with a severe concussion, knocked-out teeth and a fractured jaw.

14 | SRI LANKA Last year, pastor Ranjit* was kidnapped, drugged, and badly tortured by people who wanted him to stop his ministry activities. Please pray for God's hand of protection over pastor Ranjit and his family, as they continue to serve the Lord in Sri Lanka.

15 | CHINA Last year was a turbulent year for the Chinese Church, as the government ramped up control of all religious activities across the country. Ask God to pour out His blessing on the Church in China, so they will experience amazing growth in 2019, both numerically and spiritually, despite the increase in opposition.

16 Just as a Han Chinese couple, Mr and Mrs Cheng, were beginning to see the fruit of their ministry labour amongst a devout Buddhist ethnic minority, the local authorities shut down their work. Pray that in the absence of their ministry, the seeds they have planted will grow into followers of Christ.

17 | BANGLADESH Please pray for a stronger partnership between churches this year across the country. Especially between those who partner with Open Doors and serve persecuted believers from various cultural backgrounds. Pray also for new partnerships to develop so that even more Bangladeshi Christians can be assisted.



18 | BRUNEI Pray that God will give the youths of Brunei boldness to express their faith in Christ and overcome the pressure to convert to Islam. Pray that the Holy Spirit will grant them strength and wisdom in facing this pressure.