

22 | LAOS Poup*, a pastor from northern Laos, has received several threats from villagers after more than 10 people in the village converted to Christianity. Pray for continued courage and wisdom for Pastor Poup and the believers as they come together despite the threats.

23 | ETHIOPIA Adane*, an ethnic Somali from eastern Ethiopia, lost his job after a colleague reported him to the Somali State Human Rights Office for unknown reasons. He was instructed to return to Islam. When he refused, he was arrested but thankfully released again soon after. Pray for God's protection and provision for Adane.

24 | SOMALIA Omar* and his son Hassan* continue to face isolation by their community but are remaining faithful. Pray that they will daily experience the Lord's presence and provision as they live for Him, despite hostility from their community.



25 | NIGERIA Please continue to pray for Leah Sharibu who was kidnapped along with 104 other girls last year by Boko Haram. Pray for the Lord's continued grace to Leah and that she will be reminded regularly of the Lord's love for her and presence with her. Pray also for sustaining grace for her family.

26 | IVORY COAST Since Maniga, an elderly man, left his village's traditional beliefs in 2017, he has faced pressure from the whole village, especially the other elders and chiefs, to renounce his Christianity. They even confiscated the land he inherited from his parents. Ask God to provide for and strengthen Maniga's faith.

27 Julie (13) has turned her back on her family's traditional religion to worship Christ. As a result, her grandmother has verbally abused her, beaten her, and threatened to kill her. Pray that the Lord will help her to courageously bear this persecution and that He will change her grandmother's heart.

28 | THE GAMBIA A Muslim community in the Gambia confiscated the burial grounds of a group of Christians and sold it to a rich businessman, leaving the Christians in a serious predicament. Pray for wisdom for the church leaders as they seek a solution – may the Lord make a way for them to have their own burial grounds again.

29 | SUDAN There is ample evidence for the violation of human rights in Sudan, including the right to freedom of religion, despite the country's denials. Pray for wisdom for the international community as they seek to engage Sudan on the much-needed human rights improvements. Pray for the Church to remain courageous in their testimony.



30 | LEBANON Pray that God's love will be manifested in His people in Lebanon and that the country will continue being an example of living together, despite different cultural and religious backgrounds.

*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.



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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:9-10 (NIV)

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1 | MALAYSIA Many Christians from eastern Malaysia convert to Islam when they move to western Malaysia for work and education. Pray that Open Doors' discipleship training will be a catalyst for them to stay faithful to Christ. Especially during these last few days of Ramadan.

2 | BANGLADESH Pray for Christians during these last few days of the Muslim month of fasting. Pray that they will be salt and light to their Muslim neighbours as Ramadan comes to an end.

3 | COMOROS Christians in Comoros are prohibited, by law, from openly speaking about their faith. Pray that despite this, their lives will be living testimonies to the majority of Muslims around them.

LAST DAY OF RAMADAN

4 | ISLAMIC COUNTRIES Praise God for all He has done through Christians in Islamic countries and for the seeds that were planted in the lives of Muslims. Pray that these seeds will grow into a personal relationship with Christ. Pray also that Christians will continue to be a shining light for Christ in every Muslim-dominated country.

5 | EID AL-FITR Today, Muslims around the world celebrate Eid to mark the end of their month-long fast. This is a time when Muslims seek forgiveness from one another. Pray that God will open their eyes to see that the way to eternal forgiveness is in Jesus Christ.

6 | VIETNAM Praise God for the children who are being ministered to through summer school in ethnic villages in Vietnam. Pray that the Lord will bless all the coordinators, teachers, and volunteers as they prepare for this month's classes.

7 | LIBYA In Libya, most Christians are single believers in their families. One such believer is Omar* whose wife is threatening him with the militias if he doesn't renounce his faith. Pray for strength and wisdom for Omar and that His wife will turn to Christ.

8 | MOROCCO Jasmina* is a young Christian who leads a small group of her peers. She is experiencing a lot of pressure to get married and renounce her faith. Pray that God will grant her endurance to withstand the pressure.

9 | TUNISIA Rihala* was abandoned by her husband after he found out she is a Christian. Pray that God would take care of her every need and protect her.



10 | SYRIA Pray for young leaders who are involved in youth and children's ministry. While the civil war continues, Syrian children need great role models like these to look up to. Pray that those involved in ministry will have a big impact in the lives of those they minister to.

11 | IRAQ Many people in Iraq are exhausted from having to deal with trauma and loss. Pray that they will seek Jesus and be comforted by His words: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

12 | OMAN In Oman witchcraft is more overtly a part of Islamic practices. Magic spells and seeking protection against evil are relatively common subjects to speak about. Pray that Christians will have the courage and wisdom to deal with these spiritual evils.

13 | CHINA Praise God that Joyce, a Believer from a Muslim Background, was released earlier this year after being imprisoned in 2017. Pray that, as she cannot connect with other believers due to the risks, she will be comforted by God's Spirit as she heals from her ordeal.

14 In China, the government has banned all Christian activities for young Christians, including summer camps. They are also banned from attending church. Pray that, despite such oppression, the Christian youth will experience a supernatural hunger for God and spiritual maturity beyond their years.

15 | SOUTH ASIA Pray for God to bless the various income-generating projects happening in South Asia for believers. Pray that these projects will help them to take care of their families and each other.

16 | NEPAL A pastor who was falsely accused of rape by villagers has been sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, despite his innocence. Pray that God will undertake for him and clear him of this sentence.

17 | SRI LANKA In Sri Lanka teachers who are required, by law, to be given a post at the schools for Christian studies, are often made to feel unwelcome. Pray that God will undertake for these teachers and that they will remain steadfast despite the inhospitality.

18 Ishka, a Christian teacher, has been denied a classroom or seating for her Christian classes. She has also not been paid a salary since she started working at the school. But she is determined to continue teaching Christianity at the school. Pray that God will bless her and that her students will grow in their faith.

19 | MYANMAR Myanmar is plagued by civil wars and rebellion in almost all its states. Many have been internally displaced and are traumatised by the ravages of war. Pray for peace and reconciliation in the country.



20 | BHUTAN Praise God for our partners who continuously work hard to share the Word of God in their communities and who strengthen the believers in Bhutan. Pray for protection, good health, wisdom, and discernment as they coordinate and facilitate training for believers and that all who attend will be richly blessed.

21 | BRUNEI Every month we receive reports of people converting to Islam, mainly for financial gain and career promotions. Pray that believers will not fall prey to this temporary gain but will stand strong in their faith in Christ.