

21 | INDIA Praise God that Open Doors local partners are able to provide legal support for believers when they are falsely accused and arrested. Pray that God would continue to use Open Doors partners to reach those who are in most need of this support.

22 | VIETNAM When Anh* was persecuted by local authorities earlier this year she was able to respond with calmness, boldness and kindness, thanks to the persecution preparedness training she attended. Pray that she will continue to stand firm in the faith despite life's many challenges.

23 | LEBANON In Lebanon there are several towns and villages where the refugees outnumber the local population. Although the locals and refugees live in relative peace, this situation can create tension. Pray that the Church will play a key role in keeping the peace and hope amid this situation.

24 | SAUDI ARABIA A Christian brother has been in prison for many years in Saudi. Pray that God will keep him physically and spiritually safe. Physically, because there is a lot of pestering and pecking-order abuses among the prisoners. Spiritually, as lack of hope for a release, combined with an environment of godlessness, is wearing him down.



25 | YEMEN Christian children in Yemen do not have access to Bible storybooks like in the Western world. Pray that God will give Yemeni parents wisdom in telling and teaching their children stories from the Word of God in a way they would understand so they can grow in the faith.

26 | ARABIAN PENINSULA Pray for the community of Christians in the region to be committed to prayer and fasting as well as gathering together on a regular basis for fellowship. Pray that they will encourage each other with how God is helping them and answering their prayers.

27 Pray that isolated Christians will not be discouraged but will join with other Christians through media and online connections. May they find opportunities to connect with one another and to learn from and encourage each other.

28 | IRAQ It has been a long time since Iraqis have enjoyed a time of peace and tranquility. While rebuilding has started in the country, pray that believers will find hope and courage to stay in the country and remain a light for Christ in their communities.

29 | SYRIA As a result of years of battle and chaos, many children live and grow up on the streets in the major cities in Syria. Please remember and pray for them to find a place to call home and a family who will love them after years of neglect.

30 | IRAN The economic situation in Iran is causing hardship for many Christians who find it hard to meet the cost of basic necessities. To make matters worse, earlier this year there was flooding in the country. Pray for the many thousands who were affected by the devastating floods.

31 | OPEN DOORS We, at Open Doors, praise the Lord for allowing us to be able to assist believers through trainings and various other assistance so they can stand strong amidst persecution. Pray that God will undertake for us so that we can assist even more believers in closed countries this year.

*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.



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"Pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one." – 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3 (NIV)

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1 | WORLD WATCH LIST COUNTRIES Pray that God will change the hearts of leaders who persecute Christians. And in countries where leaders are spectators of persecution, pray that they will have the courage to use their power to ensure that all religious minorities have freedom of religion.

2 | THE GAMBIA When Yusupha's* parents died, his Muslim uncle made him transfer his parents' compound to him. He then expelled Yusupha, his wife and two children from the compound. Pray for God's provision for him and his family.

3 | IVORY COAST When Guiéman* (28) became a Christian his family rejected him and he still endures all kinds of threats from them to get him to renounce Christ. Pray for God's protection over Guiéman and that He will change Guiéman's family.

4 | NIGERIA Many Christians have been killed or displaced due to the Muslim Fulani herdsmen violence. Pray for God's intervention in this horrible situation and for wisdom for the international community in engaging with the Nigerian government over this matter.

5 The West African States Court of Justice has ordered the Nigerian government to investigate the violence that occurred in 2016 in the Middle Belt. Pray that this ruling will help start the process to put an end to the violence in the Middle Belt.

6 | ETHIOPIA Open Doors started a self-help group for Abeba* (a believer who had to flee her Muslim home) and 14 other youths so they could start a business together to help them earn an income. Thank the Lord for the impact this support has in their lives. May their lives point others to Christ.

7 | NORTH KOREA Hannah*, a believer from North Korea, has still not been reunited with her son who was unable to escape North Korea. She asks for our continued prayers for him. "I thank you all who pray for my son. I believe that our prayers will be answered soon."

8 Praise the Lord that Open Doors secret network are able to smuggle food into North Korea amid the ongoing food shortages. Pray for protection for this work, and that God will provide for all the needs of our North Korean brothers and sisters.

9 | SRI LANKA Pastors serving in persecution hotspots are severely traumatised by mobs as they endure frequent insults and death threats. Pray for peace and protection for these pastors, their families and churches.

10 | BHUTAN Praise the Lord for Mrs Dolma* who accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour. A wife and mother, she is the only believer in her family. Pray that her faith will grow and that she will be strengthened in the Lord.

11 | MYANMAR Myanmar's youth are plagued by drugs and alcohol. Open Doors' partners conduct youth training to help them understand the effects of drug abuse and how to avoid it. Pray that the Lord will bless these trainings to meet the needs of the youth in Myanmar.

12 | MALAYSIA The law in Malaysia prohibits Malay Muslims from leaving Islam and other religious groups from propagating their religion amongst them. Pray for opportunities for Muslims and Christians to exchange their thoughts on spiritual matters, which will allow Christians to openly share the Gospel without breaking the law.

13 | MALDIVES "There is no hope for my country unless the Bible is translated," said a believer. Pray for the whole Bible to be translated into the native language so that secret believers can grow in their faith and their lives can be a living testimony for God.

14 | CHINA Ade*, a Believer from a Buddhist Background, has been forbidden by his parents to follow Jesus because his younger brother is studying to be a Buddhist Lama. They believe if Ade follows Jesus the whole family will be cursed. Pray for wisdom for Ade to know how to follow Jesus in this difficult situation.

15 | BANGLADESH Christians in Bangladesh contend with persecution every day. The best help we can give is training to help them respond to difficulties with a Christ-like attitude. Pray that believers will be emboldened through such training so that they can withstand persecution.

16 | LAOS Anya*, a pastor and health care volunteer, uses his work as a volunteer to share the Gospel with those he treats, and through this his community is seeing miraculous healing when they pray to Jesus. Pray that Anya and the other Christian volunteers will continue to share the love of Jesus with those around them.

17 | BRUNEI In Brunei, all students regardless of their faith must study Islam. This has become a great challenge for young believers. Pray that youth camps that seek to help them stand strong in their walk of faith will have a powerful impact in their lives.

18 Since April, Bruneians have been living under the full implementation of sharia law, which allows for penalties, such as death by stoning for adultery and amputation of limbs for theft. Pray for strength for the people of Brunei, including Christians, who are subject to this law.

19 | INDONESIA Last month, Open Doors fieldworkers attended a retreat to help them to get to know each other better and to strengthen one another. Pray that the spiritual and emotional nourishment they received at the retreat will continue to strengthen them in the work they do.



20 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Earlier this year, Cita* became a Christian. She shares that sometimes she feels that her husband still does not approve of her conversion. Pray for Cita's husband and family to also come to faith in Jesus.