# Show persecuted believers they're never alone.

Never Alone 2019–2020 is one of the largest and most important campaigns of the year to provide practical and spiritual support to persecuted Christians under greatest threat.

Please join in this three-month campaign by sending a gift in November, December, and January to help reach a R10 872 000 goal—and by praying specifically for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your gifts and prayers will directly strengthen...



MEN These are the fathers, leaders, pastors, and Bible smugglers. More Christian men are hunted, beaten, and martyred than any other believers.



CHILDREN

Kids are the lightbearers of the world. They're our sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren —and they're abused, bullied, kidnapped, raped, and traumatized for their faith.



"Our prayers can go where we

cannot. There are no borders,

no prison walls, no doors that

are closed to us when we pray." —Brother Andrew.

Founder of Open Doors

These are the mothers, aunts, and grandmothers. They're doubly vulnerable because of their faith and their gender. They're the silent victims and prayer warriors.

WOMEN

Help meet the<br/>Never Alone goal of<br/>R10 872 000Your gen<br/>60 countries around the<br/>Perse

to show them you care

These men, women, and children are our family in Christ... and they desperately need your support. Your generosity and prayers give them hope and strength in more than 60 countries around the world. Thank you for being part of *Never Alone 2019–2020*!

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## Never alone campaign

Standing with Persecuted Christians Under Greatest Threat

#### November, December, & January Prayer Guide

 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go," Joshua 1;9

"Please join me in praying for our family – the men.

for our family – the men, women and children we're spiritually bonded to through our relationship with Jesus." My Friend,

It's a mystery how God unites us with other Christians regardless of race, language, distance, or any other factor. But certainly, we're one family in Him. And He delights to see our love for one another. As He tells us in 1 Peter 1:22, "Love one another deeply, from the heart."

So let's love our persecuted brothers and sisters deeply, prayerfully, and generously—especially now during this special *Never Alone* campaign from November to January.

May they know with absolute certainty: they're never alone. Gratefully,





#### **NOVEMBER** PRAY FOR MEN

Just like the apostle Paul was imprisoned for sharing the Gospel, an African believer named Paul endured 10 years in an Eritrean prison for his faith. Our African brother said, "I was sick and in pain and was tempted to compromise. Then I thought, 'Where is my hope? Is it not in heaven?' This revived my soul. I decided to never stop thinking about heaven" – and he took comfort from the apostle Paul's words from prison in Colossians 3:2 to "set [my mind] on things above, not on earthly things."

Please pray for your Christian brothers this month...

**WEEK 1** Pray for Christian men who are in prison or facing other difficult circumstances. Pray they'll be given strength to hold on to Jesus.

**WEEK 2** Ask God to provide work and finances for Christian men who face ostracism, discrimination, or loss of employment.

**WEEK 3** Pray for protection, encouragement, and Christian literature for pastors who are leading churches in hostile areas.

**WEEK 4** Pray for men who have converted from Islam to Christianity to be discipled in God's Word and remain faithful to Christ.



#### DECEMBER PRAY FOR CHILDREN

God deeply loves and values children. Often they're the first in their family to believe the Gospel, and many lead their parents, siblings, and friends to Christ. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

Let children be the focus of your prayers this month...

WEEK 1 Pray that children in every nation will hear the Gospel and grow in their faith, courage, and commitment to Jesus.

**WEEK 2** Children in Christian families often face ostracism and mistreatment because of their parents' faith. Pray for resilience and for a strong faith of their own.

**WEEK 3** Pray for the children of martyrs and prisoners, and those who have experienced trauma from persecution.

**WEEK 4** Pray that churches will be effective in ministering to children and youth, and that they would have access to helpful teaching resources.

Jan Gouws, Executive Director, Open Doors Southern Africa



### JANUARY PRAY FOR WOMEN

"Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" (John 20:15). That's what Jesus asked Mary Magdalene—and He's still asking those questions of women today. He longs to comfort those who are hurting and to reveal Himself to His daughters... even in places where the Gospel is forbidden.

Intercede for your sisters in Christ this month...

**WEEK1** Pray for women to grow strong in their faith and confidently share the Gospel with their children and with others.

**WEEK 2** Pray for protection and encouragement for secret believers and for access to Christian literature and fellowship.

**WEEK 3** Pray for emotional and physical healing for women who have been bereaved, abused, or traumatised by persecution.

**WEEK 4** Pray for women prisoners to remain strong in their faith despite harsh conditions and pressure to recant.

**WEEK 5** Pray for financial provision for impoverished Christian women so they can provide for themselves and their children.

Please pray for the R10 872 000 goal to be met by 31 January 2020 to show more persecuted believers they're never alone.