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# PRAYER CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2020

### 1 | WORLDWIDE BODY OF CHRIST

The Body of Christ, in closed and not closed countries, is under constant attack by the Enemy. Pray that around the world, the Body will unite in prayer for one another. Let's pray for wisdom, guidance and strength in this new year to help us stand against Satan.

**2 | BANGLADESH** Thank God for the newly constructed training centre where Open Doors workers can safely gather with believers from across the country. Pray that the centre, which opened in November, will be a place where the Bangladeshi Church can be strengthened and equipped for the Kingdom of God.

**3 | INDONESIA** Praise God that we could successfully reach out to several seminaries and two campuses in the last few years with the *Standing Strong Through the Storm* seminar. Pray that these lessons will help these students to be able to equip their own church members for persecution in the future.

**4 | INDONESIA** Andi,\* who is married with two children, stopped attending church two years ago. But when the earthquake struck last year and their home was destroyed, he became actively involved in church again. Praise God for working through this disaster. Pray that He will continue to strengthen Andi in his faith and provide for his family.

**"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."**

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)

**5 | MALAYSIA** A participant of our disciple programme for young people shared that the story of the prodigal son helped her to think about her relationship with her father. She thanks God that it's not too late for her to change the way she treats him. Pray that many young people will be helped in their relationships through this training.



**6 | INDIA** Christians from rural areas are often poor and face discrimination because of their faith, particularly in the area of job opportunities. Pray for wisdom for Open Doors local partners as they plan and carry out projects to support persecuted believers in their education and employment.

**7 | CHINA** Mark Liu,\* is a Chinese missionary who works among Muslims in the far west of the country. Recent developments in the area have made his work extremely difficult and he needs a legitimate reason to travel in the region to not attract unwanted attention. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Mark as he undertakes this work amongst Muslims.

**8 | NORTH KOREA** Open Doors delivers food, medication, and Christian books through underground churches to help North Korean believers fight starvation and help them grow spiritually. Pray that North Korean believers will not lose hope during these tough seasons and that they'll cling to God. Pray also for safe delivery of food smuggled into the country for those in need.

**9 | NEPAL** Many self-help groups have been set up in 2019 to help groups of persecuted believers find ways of earning an income together as a group. These projects help to support persecuted believers from rural areas who are struggling to provide for their families. Pray that these projects will have a big impact in the lives of these believers.

**10 | NEPAL** Last year, there were several arrests in western Nepal as restrictions on sharing the Gospel increased. Pray that believers in Nepal will have wisdom to know how to share their faith safely, and for boldness to continue sharing the Gospel.

**11 | KAZAKHSTAN** Two pastors and one of their wives were convicted and sentenced to prison for praying in other languages and laying on hands which allegedly caused 'serious harm to the health' of some parishioners. Pray that the court of Kazakhstan will release them from these false accusations.

**12 | GULF** Open Doors local partners have been serving churches and communities in the Gulf region through various means and to challenge them to use their gifts to reach out and minister to their communities. Pray that God will help our local partners to reach believers throughout the region with encouragement, healing and love.

**13 | VIETNAM** Canh, his wife and two young daughters were expelled from their village by the village chief for refusing to leave their faith. Pray for God's intervention in the life of Canh and his family. Pray that they'll continue to stand strong in their faith amidst the trials.

**14 | LAOS** Tribal believers easily accept Christ but also easily return to their old ancestral beliefs. Many come to faith through healing but are not intentionally disciplined which leads to this return. Pray that these believers will truly encounter our living God, not merely as someone who heals but someone who is greater than all the spirits they know combined.

**15 | MYANMAR** Christian women are strengthened, empowered and uplifted through Open Doors' entrepreneurship training. Pray that the women who attend this training will become godly business women and entrepreneurs. Pray that the Lord will bless their businesses, so that they'll become a blessing to others.

**16 | IVORY COAST** Kadiatou is the second wife of her husband. When he learned that she had become a Christian, he threatened her and then divorced her. She is now very vulnerable. Pray for wisdom for her church to know how to help her and that she will experience the Lord's provision in all her needs.

**17 | EAST AFRICA** Lisa,\* and her husband's reputations are being marred by malicious and false accusations of adultery (by Lisa) and cover-up by her husband. The couple are tent makers and these tales are badly affecting their business and ministry as the community shuns them. Pray that the Lord will make the couple's righteousness appear like the daylight sun.

**18 | CHAD** When Djimet (in his 40s) became a Christian in 2017, he had to flee after refusing to recant his faith. Djimet had two wives and one of them decided to follow him with their seven children. Now the kids face mocking at school. Pray for protection and safety for his family.

**19 | IVORY COAST** Tabitha (20) faces death threats and insults from her family because she has become a Christian. She has been forced into marriage where she continues to endure physical and psychological persecution from the whole family. Pray for her faith to grow in these difficulties and for the Lord's provision for her.

**20 | BHUTAN** Buddhist leaders have taken great measures to promote Buddhism and deepen the Buddhist faith amongst young people, like preaching in English as many young people like to speak English. Pray for the Christians in Bhutan to remain true and strong in their faith amidst the strong influence of Buddhism in the country.



**21 | NIGER** Two years ago, Peter O's carpentry shop was deliberately set on fire by Muslim neighbours, probably because of his faith and the success of his business. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he continues to live in a community that doesn't accept his faith.

**22 | IRAN** Many Iranian Christians are forced to leave the country and seek asylum in Turkey. Now that the authority for refugee status has been transferred to the Turkish Immigration Police, Christians are concerned that they may face increased bias in the process. Pray for protection for Christians and that the process will be fair.

**23 | LIBYA** The years of anarchy and power struggle has taken many lives and it has left people with no hope for the future, while minorities such as Christians have become very vulnerable under these circumstances. Pray for the people in power in this country – that God will work in their hearts and lives to work towards restoring peace and stability in the country.

**24 | SYRIA** Pray for the many people who have given their time to assist the many people in need in the country – that God will bless them and undertake for them in their needs so they can continue to be a helping hand to those around them.

**25 | SYRIA** Last year, Syria was faced not only with the ongoing civil war but war against Turkey as well. Pray that God will restore the peace in this country and that people will live in harmony with each other despite religious and ethnic differences.

**26 | IRAQ** Praise God for the amazing opportunities that are presented for people to share the Gospel with those around them. Pray that through these encounters with the Gospel, many will turn and give their lives to Christ.

**27 | ARABIAN PENINSULA** Fear is a barrier to the growth of Christ's Church in this region. Those who think of converting to Christianity, fear what will happen to them if they start following Christ. They also live in fear that if under duress other Christians will betray them. Pray that the bondage of fear will be broken so that the Church can thrive in this region.

**28 | YEMEN** The ongoing war in Yemen puts our brothers and sisters under continuing restrictions amidst other difficulties. Pray that God will bring change, peace and access to food and healthcare to our brothers and sisters in this country.

**29 | OPEN DOORS** Every year the needs of the persecuted Church increase as the number of persecuted Christians rise. Pray that God will not only give us wisdom in serving our persecuted brothers and sisters, but that He will also provide for us to meet the increasing need.

\*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.

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