



Keep in your Bible

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)



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PRAYER CALENDAR

JUNE 2020

1 | GULF Many Christian settlements are germ-infested due to the little to no access to proper sanitation and health care. Pray that God will help Open Doors, through our local partners, to use the research they’ve done to meet the needs of these Christians.

2 | IRAQ Some Iraqi’s feel that their country will always see bloodshed. Pray that change will take place in this country so that the bloodshed will end. Pray also that Christians will walk in faith during these difficult times.

3 | IRAQ Pray that the leaders of Iraq will forgo their desires to enrich themselves and work towards assisting the almost 40 million people in the country. Pray that they’ll work towards rebuilding the country for the benefit of their citizens.

4 | LEBANON Christians in Lebanon ask for your fervent prayers, especially since the turmoil and unrest that broke out at the end of 2019. Pray that God will restore peace in Lebanon, which is a place of refuge for many people fleeing unrest in their countries.

5 | IRAN Many believers suffer from loneliness and isolation because gathering together is difficult. They also struggle to grow in their faith because of difficulty accessing Christian resources. Pray that God will send His Holy Spirit to minister to these believers.



6 | INDONESIA Over the last few years, the Sunday School teachers' training has reached hundreds of teachers and has left a powerful impact. Pray that these teachers will put into practice all they've learned to impact the lives of those they teach.

7 | INDONESIA Pray for more Sunday School teachers to be equipped, especially in remote areas where believers don't have access to Christian literature and trainings. Pray that, through these teachers, more children will be well-served and supported to grow in their faith.

8 | LIBYA Rejoice with us that people are finding Jesus and getting baptised in politically unstable countries like Libya. Pray that newly baptised converts will find a group of believers to join for fellowship.

9 | KENYA Samoa* was married to two women as a Muslim. After he became a Christian, his first wife's family took her from him, and his second wife's family is threatening to kill him. Pray for Samoa and his wife, who've taken refuge at his pastor's home. Pray that his wife will come to know Christ.

10 | UGANDA Asman (16) lives in fear of his mother, who converted from

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Christianity to Islam, married a prominent Muslim leader and then tried to force Asman to also convert. Eventually, he left his mother's home for safety. Pray that he will get to know Christ more intimately and for protection against his mother.

11 | EAST AFRICAN ISLANDS Amina* is a pillar to many women in the region, providing spiritual nourishment to new believers and often caring for their material needs. She has a desire to share the Gospel with women in her region. Pray for God's wisdom in this endeavour and provision in all her needs.

12 | SYRIA It's painful to see so many Syrians unable to return home. Pray that the love of Jesus will reach every Syrian so that in their harsh daily realities, they'll remember that God hasn't forsaken them. May God put an end to the suffering in this country.



13 | TUNISIA Amira's* father wants her to leave university and return home after he found out that she has become a Christian. He's also threatening her so that she'll return to Islam. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Amira as she faces pressure from her father.

14 | NORTH KOREA April to June is the most difficult time of the year for North Korean believers to survive as their food stores empty and the next harvest is months away. Thanks to your prayers and support we're able to assist during this time. Pray that God will raise up more prayer warriors and supporters for North Korea.

15 | NORTH KOREA Spiritual soldiers are serving God in secret in North Korea. Pray that these people will look at the hope they have in God and stand strong amidst persecution, so that they'll win the spiritual battle for their nation.

16 | MALAYSIA When the new government came into power two years ago, it raised hope for more equality. However, minority groups have yet to see any real political or societal changes. Pray for the Church to not put their hope in politics, and instead focus their hope on Christ.

17 | BANGLADESH Kanon, one of the discipleship training participants, shares that learning to meditate on one Bible verse at a time has resulted in God's guidance and wisdom in his life. Praise God for using this training in Kanon's life. Pray that this training will continue to help young believers grow in their faith.

18 | NEPAL Lalita* lives alone with her children after her husband persecuted her because of her faith. She works as a day labourer to take care of her children. Pray that God will provide for her and that her husband will also come to faith in Jesus.

19 | INDIA Since becoming Christians three years ago, Maniraj* and his wife serve the Lord by sharing the Gospel in different villages. Pray for wisdom and protection for Maniraj and his wife as

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they've been threatened with violence and expulsion from their village if they don't stop evangelising.

20 | CHINA A small number of churches are starting to reach out to Buddhist or Muslim minorities. Pray that many more churches will embrace this servant-style call to local missions and that this will lead many to faith in Jesus.

21 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES Almost 10 000 residents in the Southern Philippines were displaced after a series of earthquakes rocked the region in October 2019. Pray for comfort and peace of mind for the victims who are still traumatised by these events and for wisdom for the Church to minister to these victims.

22 | NIGERIA One month after Rikiya's husband passed away, Boko Haram attacked her town, and she lost everything. Open Doors helped her with trauma care and to start farming with goats. Pray that the Lord will continue healing her and bless her business.



23 | LAOS Churches in Laos face trying times as some have been ordered by local authorities to stop their worship services. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen Christians' faith and they'll know that no trial can ever snatch them away from the love of Christ.

24 | MALAYSIA An estimated 5 000 Rohingya refugees reside in the small city of Malacca, Malaysia. Pray for wisdom for the state ministers and council as they see how they can help these refugees and tackle some of the social problems arising from having so many refugees in a small place.



25 | SRI LANKA During a meeting for pastors and church leaders, organised by Open Doors local partners, it became clear that children in Sri Lanka are at risk of drug addiction and drug abuse. Pray

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for wisdom for the Church in dealing with such issues and that Christian children will not be victims of addiction.

26 | BRUNEI An English, Bahasa and Chinese speaking congregation joined together to worship God in one church for the first time. Five other churches also came together for fellowship. Praise God for this miracle. Pray for unity among the believers in Brunei, for where there is unity, God commands a blessing (Psalm 133).

27 | MYANMAR Simon,* a missionary in a Buddhist township, serves at an orphanage that houses 20 children. The children have to walk 20 minutes to bath and to wash their clothes, as the welfare society neglected Simon's request to dig a well for the orphanage. Pray for God's provision for the children.

28 | BURKINA FASO Christians in Burkina Faso face increasing attacks. Pastor Sawadogo, who cares for internally displaced Christians, asks that we pray that "the peace of God will reign in the country, and our people will be able to go back to their villages and continue their daily activities".

29 | CAMEROON When Abdul (in his 50s) became a Christian, he faced many challenges. Open Doors helped him start a business, which he uses to teach Believers from a Muslim Background a trade and disciple them. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Abdul and his business.

30 | ALGERIA The end of 2019 saw a new president come into power, which has led to unrest with Christians facing ongoing pressure from the authorities. Pray for believers to be steadfast as they face increasing pressure.

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1 | INDIA Many house churches across India are interrupted and threatened by the police and Hindu extremists. Soon court cases against a few of them are scheduled to be heard. Pray for the verdict to be in favour of the churches.

2 | INDIA Pray for the various projects being run in different parts of India through Open Doors local partners to support Christians. Pray that God will use these projects to restore our brothers' and sisters' dignity by being able to support themselves and their families.

3 | PERSECUTORS OF CHRISTIANS Pray for family members and communities who see Christians as "traitors", and also for religious extremists who seek to rid countries of Christians. Pray that God will change their hearts and that they'll come to know the truth of Jesus Christ.

4 | BHUTAN Praise the Lord for the training given to Bhutanese youth. The training has helped them to see relationships through a biblical lens. Pray that God will help them to use what they've learned to build strong and stable Christian relationships.

5 | NORTH KOREA Thanks to your prayers and support, six more North Korean refugee women could be baptised at the end of 2019. Pray that these women will continue to feed themselves with the daily manna of the Word of God so that they'll grow in their faith.

6 | CHINA Earlier this year, police warned Wei that the authorities knew he was in regular contact with Muslims and told him to stay away from them. He asked



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us to pray that he will experience God's peace at this time. Pray for him and all Chinese believers who reach out to other ethnicities.

7 | VIETNAM Authorities attacked Yen's* church at the end of 2019. His church continued to meet and in January local authorities warned them to stop meeting or face more violence. Pray that God will protect these believers from their local authorities.

8 | PAKISTAN After two years in prison, 40 Christian men falsely accused of being involved in the lynching of two Muslims were finally freed earlier this year. Pray for strength for them as they work on their physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

9 | INDONESIA A marriage seminar was held in Aceh earlier this year. Pray for all couples who attended – that their love for one another will deepen as well as their understanding of one another, so that they can build strong families that will be a blessing to their communities.



10 | NEPAL Bahadur, who is pursuing his theological studies, isn't financially supported by his parents because of his Christian faith. Pray that God will continue to provide for Bahadur's needs and help him stand strong in his faith.

11 | MALDIVES President Mohamed Nasheed has said that the Maldives will head towards ruin if religious extremist activities in the country don't stop. Pray that God will give the country's leaders wisdom and divine strategies to combat this issue.

12 | MYANMAR Elections will be held this year in Myanmar. Pray for free and fair elections and that those who are elected will help bring peace to the nation.

13 | CENTRAL ASIA Bagit* is the only believer in his village. His family's cow was stolen, which is a setback as they're not rich. Pray for provision for Bagit's family and that he'll continue to stand strong in the face of persecution.

14 | CENTRAL ASIA In April, we asked for prayer for a group of believers who were arrested by security services. One of the believers said: "They can arrest, beat and frighten us. But they can't take away the love and hope." Pray that these believers will be a beacon of love and hope for one another.

15 | TURKMENISTAN When a group of secret Christian women held a homecell, police broke into the house and fined them for an "illegal religious meeting". Pray for wisdom for these sisters and that they'll have the chance to meet safely.

16 | UGANDA Juma,* a Believer from a Muslim Background, sadly passed away, leaving his family to fend for themselves. Pray for the Lord's provision to his family so that they can earn an income and the children can return to school.

17 | MALI Open Doors assisted Naomi after the internally displaced camp she lived in closed. She told us that her siblings, who troubled her because of her faith, became Christians. Praise the Lord for



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this. Pray that He'll continue to draw them closer to Him.

18 | CHAD Mariam, who was forcefully taken away from her husband Moussa, when he became a Christian, fell pregnant last year after they were reunited. Sadly, she miscarried in September. Pray for comfort, as they continue to deal with their loss and spiritual growth.

19 | NIGER In January, two Muslim fanatics killed Pastor Lanli. His wife, four children and church are in agony due to his death. Pray for the Lord's abundant grace to his family and church as they come to terms with their loss.

20 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) has committed terrible atrocities against men, women and children. Pray for more effective and successful strategies for military operations geared at uprooting the ADF and other violent militia.

21 | IVORY COAST When Aboya Tano's (24) father, a voodoo priest, discovered that she converted to Christianity, he forced her to renounce her newfound faith. She fled the country after he threatened to kill her. Pray for the Lord's favour for Aboya in the new country.

22 | ETHIOPIA In January, Muslim youths entered a church compound and assaulted an elder, Galgalo* (35), and harassed Christians in the church. Pray for courage and strength for Christians in this Muslim-dominated area as they suffer regular attacks.

23 | ARABIAN PENINSULA Pray for believers in countries like Yemen and Saudi Arabia to overcome tribulations by trusting in our Lord Jesus. Also pray for the Church in the region to daily experience a deep relationship with God.



24 | MOROCCO Mohammed* is struggling to make ends meet as the villagers don't want him to work in their village anymore because of his faith. Pray that God will undertake for him and give him wisdom in securing an income.

25 | KENYA In January an unknown number of suspected Al-Shabaab members attacked a convoy of three buses travelling from Mombasa to Lamu. Pray for Christians in Lamu as they try to come to terms with yet another targeted attack on them.



26 | BURKINA FASO In January, militants killed at least 75 people in one week. They killed these people as punishment for men not heeding their warning to not wear pants that cover their feet and grow their beards, and the women to wear veils. Pray for protection for those who've fled because of this attack.

27 | YEMEN Pray for sustainable provision and resources for those suffering from starvation, disease, economic problems and lack of education. Pray for God to supernaturally intervene in the internal and external conflict so that the war will end.

28 | IRAQ Thank God for the reopening of another church in Tel Skuf in the Nineveh Plains. During the opening, they used a Bible verse as a slogan: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Pray for a united and strong Church to stand against all the persecution.

29 | SYRIA The war in Syria has been ongoing for nine years, with surrounding countries sending their militias, terrorists and money to keep the "fires burning". Pray for a fundamental change in international politics and a true end to the war in Syria.

30 | LEBANON After months of watching Lebanon and its people drown, please pray for Lebanon. A Lebanese Christian said: "Pray for us all that we'll be able to see Jesus clean our country the way he cleaned the temple." Pray that the Church in Lebanon will be a source of strength to the communities around them.

31 | VIETNAM In early 2019, Qui* and her family converted to Christianity. In January, her husband, Trong,* repeatedly flogged her arms with a stick and kicked her out of their house. He wants to divorce her. Pray that God will change her husband's heart towards her.

*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.

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