



PRAYER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2020

1 | ARABIAN PENINSULA Many Believers from a Muslim Background live in secret and isolation. Ask the Father to bring these isolated secret believers into fellowship with one another so they can grow in their faith. Pray also that their families will come to know Jesus Christ.

2 | QATAR We seldom hear about locals coming to faith, but there is a Christian community in the country. Pray that as God works in Qatar, His people will be brought into contact with those willing to hear the Gospel.

3 | MOZAMBIQUE Mozambican jihadists have continued attacks in the north of the country. Pray for wisdom for the government in dealing with this situation. Pray for protection and provision in all the needs of the Church so it can be a vehicle of hope to attacked communities.

4 | ETHIOPIA As a teenager, Marta was married off to a witchdoctor and experienced severe hardship. Some time ago, we asked you to write letters of encouragement to her. Pray that God will continue to heal her from the trauma she sustained and that she can return to school to continue her education.

5 | NEPAL Pray for the relief distribution carried out by Open Doors' local partners across Nepal, reaching those who can't afford to provide for their families. Pray for the protection of our local partners, and that they'll be able to reach those who are most in need.

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

6 | BHUTAN Pray that Open Doors local partners will be able to find alternative ways to carry out their work. Pray for creativity, energy and wisdom for them. Pray also for a spiritual awakening and that believers in Bhutan will grow in their faith amid this pandemic.

7 | MALDIVES Believers in the Maldives are mainly expatriate workers from India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. Many have lost their jobs because of the pandemic and have been forced to move back to their countries. Pray for God to help them in the transition and to provide for their needs.

8 | SYRIA Najwa (in her 50s) used to live with her sister. When her sister found out that she'd become a Christian, she kicked Najwa out of her house and refused to give her of the family inheritance. Pray for provision for Najwa.

9 | ISRAEL AND PALESTINE Pray for church leaders, who care for their people in need. Pray for continued wisdom for them as they care for their flocks and for their own spiritual wellbeing, peace of mind and rest.

10 | INDIA Tina*, a Christian nurse, faces daily verbal abuse by other hospital staff, for her faith. Earlier this year, while on duty, one of the male staff members tried to rape her. Pray for Tina's protection and for strength amid these challenges.

11 | LAOS An infrastructure project, sometimes referred to as the new Silk Road, aims to provide economic growth and development to Asia and beyond. However, many are worried that it may expand China's communist political influence in Laos. Pray for God to undertake and that this will not impact the Christian minority.

12 | NIGERIA The Christians from Naka in Nigeria are a peaceful community. Increasingly, they've come into direct conflict with the nomadic Fulani herdsmen and many of them have been displaced. Pray that God will protect His children amid continuing violence.



13 | ALGERIA Churches have remained closed by the government for a year now. Pray that they will re-open. Pray also for authorities to not discriminate against Christians as is the current situation, but to be fair in their treatment of them.

14 | VIETNAM The government and several charitable organisations have been providing aid to struggling families during lockdowns. However, some Christian families were told by authorities: "Your God shall take care of your family! The government is not responsible [for your] families!" Pray for provision and strength for these believers.

15 | LEBANON You can still share the Word of God freely in Lebanon and God hasn't been buried, but the country is dealing with great economic struggles and instability. Pray for God to undertake for this country as it's a place of refuge for many people fleeing their own countries.

16 | EGYPT Many Christians in Egypt have had to move to online programmes due to the pandemic. Pray for wisdom for pastors and church leaders as they lead their congregations through this unprecedented time of uncertainty.

17 | SUDAN Aman* found safety with Christians from a Muslim background when he had to flee home for becoming a Christian. When the police found out, they ransacked their home and locked up Aman and some of the other Christians. Pray for the Lord's protection over the communities of Believers from a Muslim Background.

18 | MYANMAR A community located close to the border between Myanmar and India sell their products as farmers, hunters and woodcutters in the neighbouring communities in India. Unfortunately, the lockdowns in India have made this difficult to do. Pray for God's provision for the believers living in the border villages.

19 | CHINA Despite Believers from a Muslim Background in the northwest of China suffering greatly over the past three years, more people have given their lives to Christ. Pray for our contact, Amir, to find a way to serve and disciple these new believers.

20 | SRI LANKA Pray that God will give the newly appointed parliament wisdom and guidance to lead the people of Sri Lanka. Pray that the Christian minority will

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be represented well and that their rights will not be suppressed by the decisions made by government.

21 | BAHRAIN We're grateful for God's work in Bahrain. Unfortunately, people in the country don't like reading. New Christians, however, need to read God's Word in order to grow in their faith and be able to stand strong under persecution. Pray that new believers will be thirsty for God's Word.

22 | YEMEN Millions of people in Yemen depend on help from large NGOs but these organisations are struggling with their funding. Pray that God will provide basic food supplies, especially for local believers who also suffer from diseases like cholera and COVID-19, and from the ongoing war.



23 | TUNISIA The pandemic has made life difficult for many people in Tunisia. Pray that the people can slowly build up their lives again. Pray especially for isolated believers to find one another so they can grow together in their love for the Lord.

24 | LIBYA Ahlem* is the only believer in her family and is under huge pressure to recant her Christian faith. Pray for her protection and for her witness among her family – that through her living testimony, they'll become followers of Christ.

25 | NORTH KOREA Jacob hasn't seen his mother since she was sent back to North Korea a few years ago by the Chinese police. He has decided to pray for his mother's country and its people. Join Jacob in praying for North Korea – for an end to the suffering and for freedom of religion.

26 | CENTRAL ASIA House of Mercy, a rehab centre run by Christians in Central Asia, has been falsely accused of forcing a lady Aysha* to read the Bible. The woman falsely reported them to the police. Pray that the centre and its staff will be vindicated from the accusations.

27 | BRUNEI Many young Bruneian Christians have a desire to see their friends and family come to know Christ, but they feel limited by what they can do due to Sharia law. Pray that God will provide them

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with opportunities to share their faith with others.

28 | MOROCCO Some time ago, Fatima* was divorced by her husband, leaving her to take care of herself and her son alone. Pray for her as she looks to provide for her and her son. Pray also for reconciliation between her and her non-Christian husband.

29 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES In August, we conducted two trainings with pastors, missionaries, and believers to encourage and empower them as they work with Muslim tribes in the Philippines. Pray that all they've learned will be a blessing to those around them as they use it to minister.

30 | UZBEKISTAN Earlier this year, many people were forced to evacuate their homes after a dam burst in the Syrdaria region. There were several illegal churches and secret home groups of deaf Christian believers based in the flooded area. Pray for these Christians who have lost their possessions – that God will undertake for them.

31 | INDONESIA During the pandemic, we've heard that some of Open Doors Leadership Project participants are now leading small church groups. Pray that this training will be able to continue once the pandemic is over, as it has helped strengthen many believers in Indonesia.



NOVEMBER 2020

1 | PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Believers from a Muslim Background are vulnerable, as their families and communities reject them when they become Christians. Pray that our economic support to these believers will help them make a living so they can provide for their families.

2 | COLOMBIA In some rural areas of Colombia, indigenous ethnic leaders have accused local Evangelical Christians of being responsible for COVID-19 and have sent them to prison. Pray that God will shatter these lies and lead those who make these accusations to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

3 | MYANMAR Pastor Min*, a pastor serving in northern Myanmar, has received leadership training from Open Doors. She let us know that she found it helpful, practical and applicable in ministry. Pray that many other leaders will have the opportunity to receive this training.

4 | SAUDI ARABIA Butros*, a new Saudi believer, was baptised a few months ago. This is a turning point for many Believers from a Muslim background as it symbolises to them “no turning back now”. Praise the Lord for Butros’ decision to follow Christ. Pray for him to be used mightily by God.

5 | INDIA This year, apart from the COVID-19 struggle, India has endured super cyclones, accidents and a severe locust attack in many parts of the country. Pray that God will undertake for Christians amid all of this and that He will open the eyes of the people of India to the truth of who He is.

6 | SRI LANKA Pray for the safety of Open Doors partners who facilitate discipleship training, and that the training will be a blessing to those who participate in it. May the Lord use the training to build His Kingdom in the country.

7 | ALGERIA The ‘Ordinance 06-03’, also called the anti-conversion law, is a very strict law that was introduced in Algeria in 2006. It doesn’t allow people to convert from Islam to another religion but does allow conversion to Islam. Pray for this law to be abolished.



8 | VIETNAM When Ose’s* mother passed away this year, he and his children were told by his relatives to worship his mother. Ose and his children refused because they’re Christians, so his relatives reported them to the local authorities for dishonouring the dead with their new beliefs. Pray for protection for Ose and his family.

9 | AZERBAIJAN Pastor Shabanov's church has been allowed to meet once a week after seeking legal status for 25 years. Although they still don't technically have legal status, it's a blessing. Pray for other unregistered churches who are still in the process of seeking registration. (Source: Forum 18)

10 | LAOS The pandemic has caused a few setbacks for a new project for families in Laos. Pray that Open Doors local partners will continue to be strengthened and remain hopeful in Christ despite these setbacks.

11 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES COVID-19 has affected the plans and projects of Open Doors in Southern Philippines. Pray for strength and wisdom as our team implement new projects that were postponed because of the crisis. May the Lord guide them as they see how they can assist Christians after the pandemic.



12 | INDIA Ashima (26) used to live in the slums. She befriended a girl who she then lived with. Tragically one of the male members of the girl's family raped Ashima. We praise God that she's spiritually strong and resilient. Pray for emotional and physical healing from injuries sustained during her attack.

13 | CENTRAL ASIA Earlier this year, Leyla and her four children were kicked out of their house by her husband because she refused to recant her Christian faith. Thankfully her husband allowed her to return home. Pray that her husband will come to faith in Christ.

14 | CENTRAL ASIA When Leyla's Muslim relatives asked people to support them in their activity against Christians, people refused as they "know Christians as good people and helping others". Pray that more people will stand with Christians as they shine the light of Christ in the region.

15 | INDONESIA Pray for Christians who are affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Many new believers can't attend discipleship gatherings at this important stage of their Christian faith. Pray for wisdom for them, and that they'll be able to stay in touch with other believers.

16 | TURKMENISTAN Turkmenistan has denied the presence of COVID-19. According to unofficial information, the number of infected people is growing. Pray that the government will act to protect the people of Turkmenistan from the spread of the virus.

17 | BRUNEI Continue to pray for the people of Brunei, as the effects of the pandemic have caused many hardships. Pray for churches as they navigate this new season together – for unity and strength among church leaders and believers throughout the nation.

18 | IVORY COAST In May, Ouattara Adama was set alight by his older brother while sleeping as punishment for becoming a Christian. Ouattara passed away from his injuries. Pray for emotional healing for Ouattara's pastor who saw him last, as well as his faith community as they come to terms with this tragedy.



19 | KAZAKHSTAN Kazakhstan's capital Nur-Sultan and the nation's largest city Almaty are under lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19. People are scared, frustrated and upset. Pray that God will work through His Church in Kazakhstan to share His love with those around them in this time.

20 | LAOS When a demon-possessed man was healed after Athit* (34) prayed for him, many people started coming to Athit for prayer for healing. This upset the local authorities and they arrested him. Pray for strength for Athit as he endures persecution.

21 | LAOS Athit's* wife Boupha* and their children are taking strain as a result of his arrest. Pray that God will undertake for them in this time and will help them to stand strong amid this trial.

22 | TUNISIA Zaida*, a female believer from Tunisia, was expelled from her house because of her faith. Pray for her to get settled into her new home and that God will provide for her in all her needs.

23 | NIGERIA A few months ago, Charity, an ex-Boko Haram captive, lost her

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husband to suspected kidney failure. She's now the sole provider for their six children. Pray for comfort for Charity and her children as well as for protection and provision as they live in an internally displaced camp.

24 | YEMEN Child marriages are another tragic consequence of the war in Yemen. Pray that the local Church in Yemen will be a voice of advocacy with regards to child marriage. Pray also that God will present them with opportunities to speak to the heads of households who are considering marrying off their underage daughters.

25 | NORTH KOREA We don't know what God's plans are for North Korea and its believers, but we can support and pray for the underground Church. Pray that God will use His children in the country to see His kingdom come again in North Korea.

26 | CAMEROON Amid COVID-19, the unrest in northern Cameroon continues unabated. Christians and Christian villages remain terrorists' preferred targets. Thankfully, the Lord promises to be a present help in trouble. Pray that He will be with all who've been widowed and orphaned in these attacks.

27 | KYRGYZSTAN Galia (17) became a Christian two years ago. She has faced many trials for her faith, including being beaten by her brother. She left to find work in the city. Even there, she faces difficulties at the hands of her employer. Pray for endurance for Galia and that she'll continue to grow in her faith.

28 | VIETNAM Earlier this year, Kuo* was beaten with sticks and stones by his cousins for refusing to deny Jesus. He was forced to leave his village with his family. Pray that the Lord will provide for their every need especially food for his children who are still very small.

29 | SYRIA Carmen (15) says: "Many girls from my school are using drugs, and one of them tried to convince me to use it also. I said no, and now she bullies me." Pray for teenagers in Syria to find God and stay away from the influence of drugs and other temptations that are spreading at schools.

30 | WORLDWIDE Pray that in this season, God will mightily use the worldwide Body of Christ to be a living testimony for Him. Pray that we'll also be a pillar of strength for one another as we deal with the effects of this pandemic in our own lives. May we hear and obey what God wants us to do in this difficult season.



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