



December 2021

1 Ethiopia

Khalid* remains determined despite the setbacks due to locust destroying his crops earlier this year, Covid and the political conflict in his area. He asks that we continue to pray that he remains strong and healthy to provide for his family and so God can use him.

2 Nigeria

Pray for the growing number of widows in Nigeria. Pray that they will lean on God and depend on Him for all their needs. Pray that God will restore their dignity and that many may come to know Him as their Saviour and Father.

3 China

Brother Ma* and his wife serve Buddhist Background Believers in western China. Pray for them for good health and that they can work in the mountains without suffering from altitude sickness.

4 Laos

Athit is under house arrest and prohibited from preaching or organising Christian activities or go outside his village to evangelise until March of 2022. Pray for Athit as he faces difficulties in his ministry.

5 Southern Philippines

Since the pandemic, Believers from a Muslim Background are more determined to share the Gospel with their families and neighbours. Pray that God will grant them opportunities to share the Gospel with those around them.

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is under-going the same kind of sufferings.”

1 Peter 5:8-9

6 Central Asia

A Believer from a Muslim Background was oppressed and persecuted for her faith by her two adult sons. Amazingly, her elder son apologised. Praise the Lord for answered prayer. Please keep praying for her second son, who is still very hostile.

7 Tanzania

Women are regularly subject to physical and sexual violence as a means of persecution. Sometimes the violence may even lead to death. Pray for their protection and that the Lord will strengthen women's faith and trust in Him.

8 Burundi

When Jamal*, a former imam, became a Christian, his village was furious, and his wife tried to poison him. He was forced to flee and is hiding in a nearby town. Pray that the Lord will help Jamal find a church where his faith and understanding of the Word can grow strong.

9 Myanmar

We thank the Lord for His protection over our local partners and the successful delivery of medicine to believers despite challenges. Pray for Him to continually be with our local partners as they reach out to believers in the country.

10 Arabian Peninsula

Pray for evangelism activities in these predominantly Islamic countries. Pray that all the seeds of truth that were sown during Ramadan and the rest of the year will take root in the hearts of seekers.

11 Israel

Tensions between the Arabic and Jewish communities have grown since violence erupted several months ago. Pray for restoration and the possibility of "Living the Kingdom together" for the Christian community of Arabs and Jews in Israel.

12 Sri Lanka

Rashmi (10) was beaten up by three boys for being a Christian. She suffered serious damage to her spinal cord and lower abdomen, unable to walk properly. Yet her faith in God remains strong. Praise God for children like Rashmi, who can still praise Him in times of difficulty.

13 Nepal

Sitaram* was falsely accused and arrested for drug smuggling. While in custody, he was tortured and became paralysed. Pray for his healing and his family, who is emotionally and mentally broken by what has happened to him.



14 Bhutan

In rural areas, village leaders are discouraging people from meeting and praying on the pretext of Covid even though there is no such regulation from government. Pray that believers will be able to meet and pray together while keeping all the Covid protocols.

15 Malaysia

Our local partners are conducting Standing Strong Through the Storm (SSTS) training sessions online. Pray that the training will be effective and that the Covid cases in Malaysia will decrease so that our local partners can fully conduct training and support programmes again.

16 North Korea

Pray for the Bible study meetings of trafficked North Korean women. They fear getting caught or being deported as they've recently heard of such arrests. Pray for God's protection among the groups and the members.

17 Maldives

These days life has been very challenging for Maldivians. Isaac, a Christian leader, shared: "This is the time for the Church to rise and be a blessing, to pray for the Maldives and its economic recovery so that this can be a testimony of the goodness of God." Join Isaac and us in praying for the Maldives.

18 Ivory Coast

Discipler Bouna*, whose church received a motorcycle from Open Doors, said: "Open Doors listened to God and at the right time you acted... may your ears be ever more sensitive to the voice of God for you to act!" Praise the Lord for answered prayer. Pray that we will always be sensitive to the voice of God in our ministry.

19 Colombia

Colombia has a living God that is working mightily through His Holy Spirit. Join us in praying that He will lift the Church as a banner to show His light to this dark country.

20 Ethiopia

Thanks to your support, Open Doors was able to help widowed Hiwot with sheep and a cow. It has helped her provide for her family and has restored her social standing within her community. Praise the Lord for His provision. Pray that Hiwot's village will be changed through her witness.

21 Kyrgyzstan

This year, couple Djalil* and Zaida* were subjected to pressure from villagers for their conversion and ministry during Ramadan. Villagers even tried to kick them out of the village. They ask for prayer for wisdom in such dangerous situations.

22 Bangladesh

"It's very difficult to live together with non-believers, especially when they make up the majority... most often, Christians face discrimination and persecution," said a persecuted believer. Pray for strength for the Church to "turn the other cheek" and forgive their persecutors.





23 China

The Church is prohibited from ministering to anyone under the age of 18. As a result, the Church has had to get creative in reaching young people. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the Church to reach the next generation for the Kingdom.

24 Afghanistan

Praying with our brothers and sisters is a spiritual embrace, one that connects two hearts, so they can beat as one for the One. Join us in praying for believers in Afghanistan that God will undertake for them during this time of uncertainty.

25 Yemen

If you come together with more than 3-5 people in the Houthi governed area, you may be persecuted. But believers need and long for fellowship. Pray for a meeting place in this area where Christians can fellowship in tiny groups.

26 India

Church construction has been forcefully stopped in many areas, and church buildings are being demolished by Hindu

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extremists. Pray for God's intervention and strength for believers and pastors to stand strong through all these challenges.

27 Syria

Drugs, atheism and pornography are spreading wildly in Syria. Pray that the Church will have a powerful impact on teenagers and youth to attract them to Jesus and help them walk the right path.

28 Vietnam

In 2020, three believers were imprisoned for supposedly illegally destroying a reserved forest. According to their pastor, it's because of their faith. Pray that God will use their testimony and situation to turn others to Him.

29 Brunei

Even before implementing Sharia Law (Islamic Law) in the country, it was already hard to obtain a Bible, especially in local native languages. Native believers long to own a Bible in their mother tongue. Pray for God to open doors for His children to obtain one.

30 Indonesia

Many young Christians want a life free of worries and problems. The reality is that believers will face challenges and persecution. Pray that young believers will be open to the reality of being a Christian and will be ready to stand strong when their faith is challenged.

31 Uzbekistan

Leaders of small home church groups need encouragement, but the number of Covid infected people is still high, making visits difficult. Pray for opportunities to visit these home groups. Pray also for the safety of the home groups as they're in Muslim communities.



January 2022

1 Worldwide Body of Christ

In this new year, pray that the Lord will be with us as the Body of Christ, worldwide. Pray that He will use the Church to be a courageous and bold witness for Him as we continue to face a pandemic and many societal issues.

2 Open Doors Worldwide

As we continue to serve our persecuted family while persecution and discrimination against them increase, pray that God will give us wisdom in how best to serve them in a changing environment and that He will continue to enable us to serve them.

3 Our World

Across the world, people are facing many difficulties, from war to crime to poverty. Many live with uncertainty and have no hope for the future. Pray that as many cry out for help that God will hear and answer their prayers according to His will and that many will find certainty and hope in Him.

4 South Africa

Our country has faced many difficulties over the last two years, especially due to Covid. Pray that our leaders will lead and

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move our nation forward with wisdom. Pray that God will appoint the right leaders at the right time to lead our nation into everything that He has called it to be.

5 Kenya

Malia's* Muslim family forcefully married her off to an older Muslim man. She fell pregnant and ran away as it was an abusive environment. Pray that Malia will grow strong in her faith and that she will raise her daughter to know and love Jesus.

6 Guinea

Praise God for Patrick and his family, who remain in their village to be a witness despite persecution. Pray that the Lord will protect Patrick and his family against those who conspire against them and that it may be a powerful testimony for Jesus Christ.

7 Iran

Last year, the election of the new president, Ebrahim Raisi, marked a consolidation of power by the conservative and hardliner camp. It's difficult to predict what the effect will be on the country and the Church, but we expect it won't become easier for Christians. Pray for the Lord's continued strength for the Church in the country.

8 Southern Philippines

Government officers selected Hameed to help run a community development project for his people. Little did he know that people would need to convert to Islam to benefit from it. Pray that Christians will not compromise their faith for temporary benefits.

9 Central African Republic

Charlotte's (12) father threatened to beat or kill her because she became a Christian. Then he wanted to marry her off to a 45-year-old Muslim businessman. Her church decided it would be safest to help her flee to an aunt. Pray that God will continue to provide for her host family.

10 Central Asia

Adil* (20) was persecuted, beaten and rejected, because of his faith. Despite all that has happened to him, he desires to serve in the church. Pray for the possibility to become skilled in a profession and wisdom about what God's plans are for his life.

11 Lebanon

Wherever you turn, you will only hear about what there isn't like petrol, electricity, medicine and money. But there are still educated people, children and youth willing to learn. Pray for people's ingenuity to be restored and used to turn around the terrible situation in Lebanon.

12 Brunei

Lily*, a believer and leader of a local church in Brunei, witnessed the impact of disunity. "Disunity meant that everyone suffered due to delayed decisions, discouragement, defensiveness, and hopelessness," said Lily. Pray for unity, forgiveness, and cooperativeness in her church.

13 Iraq

Pray that the Church, which has been in Iraq since Jesus' disciples time, will continue its eternal message. Also, pray for young people following in the footsteps of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to give their very best to this country.

14 Tunisia

Emina* is no longer able to live at home. She is being taken care of by other believers now. Pray for her situation to change for the better.

15 Libya

Several Muslim young men have approached Ahlem's* family to marry her. She isn't interested in marrying a non-believer. Pray for God to grant her this desire of her heart with the right man.

16 Nigeria

Since November last year, a fresh wave of Fulani militant attacks has displaced believers and emptied villages of Christians in the Middle Belt. Covid has made life even more difficult for the displaced, with many without a place to sleep. Pray that the Lord will provide for the needs of all who are displaced.

17 Vietnam

In a province near the Chinese border, the government excluded six Christian families from receiving water tanks in June last year because of their faith. Pray that God will provide these families with water tanks so that they don't need to travel far to collect water to use.

18 Arabian Peninsula

A believer in the Arabian Peninsula experienced many serious challenges because he accepted Christ. In his efforts to start afresh, he changed his name, which

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resulted in him losing jobs and being ostracised. Pray that God will minister to him.

19 World Watch List Release

Today, marks the worldwide release of the 2022 Open Doors World Watch List. Pray that through the World Watch List many more eyes will be opened to the plight of our persecuted family of faith. Pray also for the Lord to be with those in countries on the list.

20 Laos

Somkhit*, Anida* and their children have been blamed for their community's lack of crops because of their Christian faith even though the reason for it, is a lack of rain in their area. Pray for God to bless the couple and feed them and their community who are hungry.

21 North Korea

Pray for the hearts of secret Christians to be strengthened and that they'll always remember how their international family in Christ supports, prays and cares for them.

25 India

Pray for "Ghar wapsi" (homecoming/reconversion to Hinduism) programmes

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being conducted forcefully by Hindu extremists in some remote areas in India. Pray for God's control over this situation.

22 Nepal

Pramila Tharu*, who has been persecuted by her husband, is struggling to sustain herself as her husband doesn't support her financially. Pray that God will make her strong and provide for her.

23 China

Volunteer teachers, John Zheng and his wife work at a school for ethnic minority children in the mountains of western China. Some teachers and students have become Christians, and others have expressed an interest in the Gospel. Altitude sickness has taken a toll on his health. Pray for his health and strength.

24 Myanmar

Pray for reconciliation between the people and military rulers in Myanmar. Pray for the civil wars to cease and that a righteous government will be restored to the country.

26 Malaysia

In June, the government initiated a recovery plan, which doesn't seem to benefit the poor and lower-class people. A lot of



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the native believers come from this class of people. Pray that the government will come up with a plan that includes all communities in the country.

27 Sri Lanka

Many pastors, leaders, and church planters are struggling to provide adequate support and spiritual nourishment to believers due to restrictions on gatherings. Pray that God would open doors for pastors and ministry workers to minister to their flocks.

28 Bhutan

Pray that children regularly attending online Sunday schools will grow in their faith. Pray also that God will bless and undertake for all the Sunday school teachers and volunteers helping the children learn God's Word every week.

29 Myanmar

Pray that the situation in the country will

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improve so that we can implement training such as persecution preparedness training and extend help to believers despite travel restrictions and difficulty in banking.

30 Burundi

When Grace's* Muslim husband learned about her conversion, he refused to see their newborn son or assist her with hospital bills. She feels alone and abandoned. Pray that God will envelop her with His peace and that He will provide for all her and her child's needs.

31 Morocco

Saffiya* is looking for other believers in her city. Pray that she will find a group to share her faith with. Also, pray for Abdel*, who lost his job because of his faith. Pray that he will find a new place of employment.

*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes. All information correct at time of publishing.

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Help us better your Prayer Calendar

1. How often do you use the Prayer Calendar?

- A.** Daily **B.** Weekly **C.** A few times
D. Rarely/I don't use it

2. Where do you store it?

- A.** My Bible **B.** I put it up where I can see it
C. Drawer/Throw away **D.** Other

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