

OpenDoors PRAYER CALENDAR



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We asked you to pray for Shiden* (in his 30s), who spent more than a decade in prison in Eritrea for his faith and has suffered with depression after he was released.

His brother, John*, told us: *“God’s grace is limitless. Although it has not been easy for him, Shiden has come so far. And these days he often encourages me by reminding me of the story about the fathers of faith in Hebrews 11. He says: ‘I will serve the Lord until I die; I want to serve the Lord for the rest of my days; I want to be a hero of the faith too and one day in the future claim the crown of righteousness that is laid up for me, which the Lord will award to me on that day.’”*

“The prayers of righteous people have availed much,” he concluded. *“Please continue to pray for him: I believe God will continue to help Shiden.”*



1 Open Doors partners and workers in Africa

Pray for our partners and workers in Africa and beyond who daily heed the call to serve our persecuted family. Pray for strength, provision and protection for them, especially in countries where it's dangerous to be involved in our work.

Ramadan Ends

2 African countries with violent persecution

Violent persecution often develops in countries that battle things like limited resources due to climate change, political instability, or discontentment over perceived ethnic marginalisation. Pray for wisdom for governments in dealing with these issues.

3 Governments

In their battle against increasing jihadist violence, governments like Burkina Faso, Nigeria, and Mozambique are often guilty of human rights abuses. Pray that governments will find ways to protect citizens while maintaining respect for human rights.

4 Leaders in Africa

Jihad often follows shortly on the heels of a breakdown of democracy. Pray that the Lord will raise leaders in Africa that are truly invested in democracy and doing right by the people they lead.

5 Professionals in Africa

Pray that the Lord will raise up Christian journalists, lawyers and politicians who can make a difference in the political and legal

realms of African countries. May they be salt and light in arenas that many Christians have traditionally seen as unsuitable for Christians.

6 Body of Christ

Pray that the Lord will continue to build His Church in Africa despite concerted efforts to destroy it. Pray that the Lord will bring hope amid the tough circumstances that victims of violence experience and that He will provide for their spiritual and physical needs.

7 Christian leaders

Pray for pastors to have wisdom and a sense of urgency as they prepare their congregations to stand firm in the faith, understand their faith better, learn to walk more closely with Christ and share their testimonies with their unbelieving neighbours.

8 Christian men

Pray that displaced Christian men in Africa will look to the Lord alone for help as they hustle to provide for their families. Pray that even amid challenges they'll offer guidance to their families in physical and spiritual matters.

9 Christian women

Young Christian women are often targeted for abduction by terrorists, as remembered by the abduction of the Chibok girls, Leah Sharibu, Alice Ngadah and many others. Pray for the Lord's protection over women in Africa.

10 Youth

Pray for the Church to be able to provide an alternative to youths who are poor, disillusioned and frustrated by their circumstances. Pray that the Church will be able to help these youths towards a deeper understanding of their faith.

11 Widows and orphans

Pray that those who've been widowed or orphaned because of extremist violence will find peace and restoration in Christ. Pray that they will see the Lord's provision in all their needs, be it physical or spiritual.

12 Impact of Covid on African countries

Many countries in Africa were already dealing with poverty and a struggling economy before Covid hit. Pray that as these countries continue to feel the impact of Covid on their economies, the Lord will revive their economies.

13 Niger

In the southwestern village of Bomoanga, the population lives in constant fear as the area has seen an increase in jihadist violence and kidnappings in recent years. Pray for protection for the people and that the government will find a way to end the violence.

14 Nigeria

Today, Leah Sharibu turns 19 years old. She was kidnapped four years ago by Boko Haram, a few months before her 15th birthday. As she turns a year older, pray for a breakthrough in her being reunited with her family and that the Lord will continue to be with her.

15 Burkina Faso

Thank the Lord for protecting Martine and keeping her faith intact after Islamic militants killed her husband and other family members. "Please keep on praying for us so that the teaching that we got may diminish our hearts' burdens and heal our wounds."

16 Algeria

Last year, the Church experienced a lot of

pressure from authorities who tried to curb its growth along with raging wildfires and Covid. While we're well into 2022, pray that by the end of this year, the Church can look back on the wonders of God.

17 Libya

Believers in Libya are very afraid to meet. Pray for them to find ways to be together and grow in their faith. Pray that those whose faith is relatively new will become deeply rooted in their faith.

18 Morocco

Imen* was kicked out of her house because of her faith in Jesus, while Ahmad* needed to move to another city because of pressure from the people around him because he's a Christian. Pray for strength for both these believers in Morocco.

19 Tunisia

Hada* loves her family, but she loves Jesus too and longs for her family to love Him too. Sadly, she often experiences persecution from them because of her faith. Pray that Hada's faith will grow despite her troubles and that her family will come to know Jesus.

20 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray that the Lord will continue to instill a desire in the hearts of violently persecuted believers to continue sharing the Good News of Christ with their persecutors. Pray for wisdom for governments across the region as they deal with extremist groups.

21 Democratic Republic of Congo

Earlier this year, Christians gathering for an evening service were shot point-blank, killing at least 10 believers. Please continue to pray for the families who lost their loved ones as they continue to piece their lives back together.

22 East Africa

Praise God for His faithfulness and that there are so many in East Africa diligently evangelising in Muslim communities. Pray that their efforts will bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God.

23 Kenya

Jaali is one of the most qualified teachers in his region but struggles to find a placement because of his faith. Pray for a placement for Jaali and safety for his wife, Zawadi, and their children as they live apart while he looks for work.

24 West Africa

Pray for pastors in West Africa who minister in extremely uncertain and dangerous environments. Pray for their protection and that the Lord will grant them the necessary wisdom and discernment when ministering.

25 Mozambique

Lorena* is one of the thousands displaced in northern Mozambique. Her husband and many other men were violently killed when insurgents attacked their village. Pray that God will heal all their emotional wounds and fill them with His joy.

26 Eritrea

This month marks 20 years since the government closed all churches (except the Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran Churches) and incarcerated hundreds of church leaders for more than a decade. Pray for them to experience God's grace and presence.

27 Mali

Thank the Lord for the presence of the Church in Mali. As the influence of Islamic radical ideology grows and breaks down

the social cohesion Mali was admired for, pray that the Church will continue to courageously use every opportunity to engage society.

28 Somalia

Somali believers face great isolation. Pray that they'll experience God's comfort and that they'll be able to find ways to grow in their faith. Pray that the Lord will raise godly role models among Somali believers.

29 Ethiopia

War, locust plagues, drought, and political instability has caused much uncertainty and makes the Church a soft target. Pray for wisdom for Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his government as they seek sustainable solutions to address these matters.

30 Sudan

In society, Christians, especially those from a Muslim background, are treated as second-class citizens and side-lined by family and society. In some areas, they're exposed to targeted violence. Pray that amid these challenges, they'll continue growing in their faith.

31 Guinea

In Guinea, a small Fulani community heard the Gospel and received Christ as their Saviour. Praise the Lord for their salvation. Pray that as they face challenges in meeting that the Lord will provide them with a place where they can worship Him together.

*Names changed for security purposes.