

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.

JUNE

1 Secret Believers in Central Asia

Pray for leaders of the underground, unregistered homesteads like Azamat* who was threatened and psychologically abused after a police raid on his church meeting a few years ago. Praise the Lord that he is finally doing better and can function normally again.

2 Kazakhstan

Earlier this year, suddenly Kazakhstan was all over the worldwide news after the government resigned. Pray that in this new season, the Church will be stronger and that it will be able to show God's love to those who need it.

3 Bangladesh

Pray for the protection of believers, especially Believers from a Muslim Background who live alone or are secret believers. Pray also that they'll be assured of their salvation and grow spiritually in Christ Jesus.

4 Maldives

This year, Human Rights Watch advised the Maldivian government to prioritise efforts to reform the judiciary and curb endemic corruption. Pray that the government will heed the advice from Human Rights Watch for a more peaceful life for all within the Maldives.



Azamat* (in his 40s) is an underground church leader in Central Asia, who we met four years ago. One day the police raided his church's service while he was away. Shortly after the raid, Azamat was summoned to the police station daily where he was interrogated and psychologically abused. It was a long process, but Azamat has slowly returned to "normal life" after his ordeal. He started to recover with the support and prayers from many people, including his ministry, family, and church.

"Please, tell people who pray that we can feel their prayer. Sometimes, when I'm in difficulty, I think: 'This is the end.' But suddenly, I feel someone taking care of me. And I know that someone is praying for me," says Azamat.

5 Sri Lanka

An elderly couple that converted to Christianity were stripped of all social welfare services and other subsidies that are provided to the elderly in their village. Pray for God to provide and raise people to take care of them.

6 Indonesia

In Indonesia, more and more young people aged 17-18 have converted to Christianity in the past year. Pray for God's wisdom, courage and grace over these young Believers from a Muslim Background as they follow Jesus.

7 Vietnam

Praise the Lord for the Cow Bank Project. Ultimately, it helps Christian families build their own houses, invest in a farm, send their children to school, put food on their tables, and give tithes. Pray that our partners will be able to expand this project.

8 Laos

Many believers face expulsion from their homes by those who despise Christians. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen the faith of these believers and believers who were kicked out because they believe in Jesus.

9 China

The Chinese government continues to limit the scope of public sharing of faith and force all religions to fall in line with Chinese socialism. Pray that the Church can find alternative ways to grow its relationship with the Lord despite the hardship.

10 Sri Lanka

Sharifa (21) has been attending church secretly. Her family constantly pressures her to return to Islam. Pray for an unwavering

faith for Sharifa and many other young converts who are persecuted by their families because of their faith.

11 Algeria

Pray for strength and wisdom for church leaders as they lead churches under pressure. It can be hard to make the right choices. Pray also for believers as the pressure in daily life from authorities or individual persecutors is taking a toll on them.

12 Persecution Sunday

As we remember the start of persecution in the early Church, pray for Open Doors Southern Africa as we host an online event and speak in churches about this day and the plight of our persecuted family around the world. May it be a blessed day as the Word of God goes out.

13 Iraq

The crimes of Islamic State are still echoing in the country seven years later. Pray that as many deal with the trauma of what they endured at the hands of IS that they will cling to the hope they have in Christ and will be able to testify of His goodness.

14 Syria

Many believers across the world have been praying for 11 years now that the war and the effects of the war will come to an end. Please continue to stand in prayer with our family in Syria and us for the war to end.

15 Lebanon

The people in Lebanon are in a dire situation. Economically it has been extremely hard. The wars in the region (Iraq and Syria mainly) have resulted in massive numbers of refugees in the country. Pray for good and trustworthy governance amid these struggles.



Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of youth around the world.

16 Youth worldwide

Today, our country commemorates the Soweto youth uprising of 1976. Pray with us for our youth in South Africa and across the world, who face many challenges in a changing society. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in their lives and help them navigate these challenges.

17 Nigeria

Thank the Lord for Pastor Andrew's love for his flock and his faithful ministry to them. Praise the Lord for the fact that He is sustaining His Church in Nigeria despite the brutal persecution they face. Pray that He will equip the Church with many more "Andrews".

18 Tunisia

Pray for the Lord to uplift Belhsen*, who at

some point moved to another part of the country to share the Gospel. He was heavily persecuted in the new area and had to return to his old city. He is very discouraged by the whole ordeal.

19 Libya

There aren't many believers in Libya, and those who have come to faith often run into serious problems like Maha*, who is struggling in her marriage because of her faith. Pray for a solution for her.

20 Palestinian Territories

Pray for priests and pastors who need wisdom and strength in serving their people, especially now where the burden on leaders is heavy as many struggle with the loss of work and income. Pray that they'll experience Jesus's offer to carry their burdens.

21 Myanmar

Pray for spiritual restoration and healing of emotional scars of believers who experienced the loss of their family members, homes, livelihoods and churches when they were displaced by the civil war.

22 Southern Philippines

"I couldn't thank you enough for the assistance you provided in our tribe," said Ameer*, who attended a Natural Farming Seminar led by Open Doors Partners. Pray that these seminars will help families meet their daily needs as they gain knowledge from them.

23 North Korea

Underground Christians are more than happy with the supplies they receive. Pray that the support and prayer from brothers and sisters worldwide will be guided by God's hands to be of great help to secret Christians in North Korea.

24 Malaysia

Audio Bibles have made a significant impact on those who are illiterate or don't have a Bible in their language. "It really helps because I can't read," said Sawai*. Praise the Lord for this. Pray that many believers will grow in their faith by listening to these Bibles.

25 India

Pray for the Covid situation in the country; many are still suffering from the virus, and many have been affected economically. Pray especially for those who were already struggling economically before Covid that God will provide for all their needs.

26 Laos

In May 2021, Bongyang* and Faxai* were falsely accused of not adhering to Covid protocols during a church service. At the time of writing, Bongyang is still in prison for this, and no one seems to know where Faxai is. Pray for this couple to be reunited with one another and their 7-year-old son.

27 Pakistan

Earlier this year, two priests were killed in a targeted attack. They were leaving their church after praying and were shot dead. Pray for safety for all believers, especially those who are on the hit list of those who targeted the priests.

28 Burkina Faso

Thank the Lord for the opportunity for our team to meet with teenager Salamata, whose church was attacked by jihadists and that she has continued to see the Lord's care. Pray that she will continue to see the Lord's hand in her life amid many challenges.

29 Nigeria

Thank the Lord for sustaining Charity's faith through the trauma of Boko Haram attacking her village. Thank Him for His provision in her and her family's lives and pray that they'll continue to see His care daily in their physical needs.

30 Colombia

Having our national head office close to the Children's Centre is helping us integrate the two teams in the development of our work. Pray for wisdom and good strategy. May God continue to help us develop the centre to train believers in the persecuted Church.

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We're already halfway through 2022. This is our prayer for you, our partners and for our persecuted family:

Father, as we begin the second half of this year, we bring before you our partners and our persecuted family today. Lord, where they may be struggling or hurting because of life's circumstances, may you restore to them the joy of their salvation. For the rest of the year, we pray that where the enemy seeks to destroy that You will build. Where he seeks to cause ill health, You will give strength. Where he seeks to cause pain, You will give joy. Guide and direct their footsteps Father and where there seems to be no way, may You make a way for them and carry them through whatever season they may face. In Jesus's name. Amen.

JULY

1 Open Doors Southern Africa leadership

This month our leadership starts to plan and budget for the following year. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our leadership as they lead us throughout the rest of this year and for their plans for the coming year in serving the persecuted Church.

2 Open Doors Southern Africa

Please continue to lift our ministry up in prayer as we serve our family of faith. Pray for continued strength for our staff and for the Lord to meet us in all our needs as we seek to meet the needs of our persecuted family.

3 Our partners in Southern Africa

Praise the Lord for all of you who stand with our persecuted family in prayer and support. Pray with us that the Lord will continue to protect and undertake for you, our partners, in this year and that in whatever you face, He will guide you through it.

4 Syria

The Church of Believers from a Muslim Background is expanding rapidly. A little more than a 100 Christians were baptised in secret in 2021. Pray for their protection and for the Church to be blessed, fruitful and safe.

5 Iraq

Many Iraqis live in neighbouring countries. Often, they just want to forget all that happened there and to them. Pray for restoration and healing from trauma and the saddest of experiences. Pray for them to find true peace in Jesus Christ.

6 Lebanon

Praise God for the grace in Lebanon as seen through acts like where Lebanese set up schools for Syrian refugees, despite the two countries' history. Pray that the two communities will preach love – inspired by Jesus – instead of hate.

7 Palestinian Territories

Pray for brothers and sisters who tirelessly dedicate themselves to help, support and advocate for others. They need daily inspiration from the Holy Spirit, God's grace and protection to continue the work in an environment of injustice, poverty and instability.

8 Morocco

Fatima*, a believer, has been taken out of university by her father who wants to control her movements so she can't connect with

other believers. Pray for wisdom for Fatima at this time and for the Holy Spirit to be her source of strength and encouragement.

9 Egypt

The pandemic, with its added pressures on parents, caused spikes in breakups and divorces. However, we believe in God's grace and wisdom. He will work it out. Pray for healing and reconciliation among families that broke up during the past year.

10 Nepal

Air pollution in Kathmandu valley has increased. Please pray that God protects the people from air-borne diseases, especially children.

11 Arabian Peninsula

Arab Muslims long to see the power of Allah in their lives through miracles, healings,



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Pray for Arab Muslims to see the power of God in the lives of Christians who live among them and for the scales to fall from their eyes.

(Arabian Peninsula continues)

dreams and visions, and blessings. Pray for Arab Muslims to see the power of God in the lives of Christians who live among them and for the scales to fall from their eyes.

12 Sri Lanka

The country's economy is in a precarious state. Many are struggling to survive, especially those from low-income households. Most believers in persecution hotspots come from rural areas. Pray that the country's economy will improve.

13 Bangladesh

Pray for all the denominations and Christian communities in Bangladesh that they'll build one another up and have a peaceful and safe community so that even the non-believers will be influenced and come to know the love of Christ.

14 Kyrgyzstan

Jildou's* husband has become a drug addict and is demanding Jildou to give up her faith. Pray for strength and protection for Jildou and that her husband will become a follower of Christ.

15 Vietnam

Lonh*, his wife and four children decided to follow Jesus in 2021, resulting in persecution from their village. They're now outcasts of their village but can practice their faith freely. Pray for God's continued protection and provision for Lonh and his family.

16 Indonesia

Indonesia is made up of many islands, making it difficult to distribute Christian materials, especially to remote areas. Pray that God will provide the best cargo service to safely deliver the material to believers and for protection for our local partners.

17 China

China is restricting the entry of overseas businesspeople, students and teachers, especially those suspected of being affiliated with missionary organisations. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading and equipping to face any form of oppression.

18 Myanmar

Pray for the restoration of peace and good governance and for the fighting to cease in Myanmar. Pray also for the protection of believers amid the current situation.

19 Tunisia

Amir* is very afraid to go to a church meeting as he is afraid that he'll be recognised as a believer by the people around him. Pray for wisdom and protection for Amir.

20 Libya

African believers in Libya are suffering double because of their ethnicity and faith. They're vulnerable to brutal violence as authorities don't seem to have control over militias and extremists. Pray for their protection.

21 Southern Philippines

Sheila used the basic maths she learned in literacy classes held by Open Doors to start her own business. Pray that more students will be able to apply what they've learned in these literacy classes to better their lives.

22 Central Asia

Zjura* is an evangelist who is very open in sharing his faith with others and is well-known for his striking questions about life and God. Thank God for Zjura's ministry as an evangelist. Pray for his protection as he travels to share the Gospel.

23 North Korea

Chul-min* is one of the secret Christians in North Korea who carefully holds onto his faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that God will provide for the needs of Chul-min and his fellow Christians as they're struggling.

24 India

Pray for Christians who've been displaced because of their faith, especially those who live in remote areas. Ask God to provide for their needs and change the hearts of the communities who have rejected them.

25 Kenya

Ellah* was raised in a Muslim family and married a Muslim. When she came to faith in Jesus, her husband turned violent. Pray for protection for Ellah as she continues to risk going to church despite her husband's orders to not attend church.

26 Bhutan

Pray for the safety of Christians living in remote villages as wild animals such as wild dogs, elephants and bears have recently attacked several people in the villages.

27 Burkina Faso

"Pray for our healing from pain and fear. Sometimes when we hear a cry, it reminds us of the cries of someone who sees his relative being killed, and it's very distressing for us," said Pastor Pengdwende.

28 Central African Republic

Pray for the Lord's provision for His children in the deepening humanitarian crisis. Pray that Christians will find ways to make a living despite the crisis and that they would have the means to care for their own and extend help to their neighbours.

29 Comoros

The Constitution establishes Islam as the state religion and influences every aspect of life. So, Christians face discrimination and marginalisation from their community and family. Pray for the small Christian community to keep growing despite this.

30 Iran


Christian converts continue to be taken to court for their faith. Pray for a change to take place in Iran so that Christians can freely practice their faith and that those who've been imprisoned on faith-based charges will be released from prison.

31 Lebanon

A Lebanese Christian said: "When we cry out to Jesus for the Lebanese today, we must remember that each one is facing the daunting task of surviving at a time of scarcity when we're called to carry one another's burdens!" Please stand with these believers in prayer.



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Persecuted  **But never alone.**

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