

OpenDoors PRAYER CALENDAR



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your everlasting love and for the vessels through which Your love is shared. We thank You for providing channels through which we can also share Your love and share the Good News of the Gospel. Give us the strength to lift our eyes to the mountains, where our help comes from You, the Maker of heaven and earth. Be our refuge and our strength, and a fortress for us. Strengthen us in times of trouble and shine Your light on us, reminding us of Your promises. Help us fight the good fight and help us keep the faith. Amen

AUGUST

1 Believers worldwide

Pray that God strengthens our faith and continues to mould us into vessels through which His love can be shared, mercy shown and grace witnessed as we stand with persecuted believers worldwide.

2 World leaders

Pray that world leaders' decisions will be in the interest of all citizens in their countries, no matter their religion, and that their hearts will turn to the Lord in accordance with His will.

3 Persecuted men worldwide

Pray for men in the persecuted Church to know and understand their role in Christ and their households. Pray that they may seek counsel from God and that their ways align with His will.

4 Persecuted women worldwide

Pray that God guards the hearts and faith of persecuted Christian women and that they'll be reminded of their identity in Him. May the Lord protect them and may they believe His promises.

5 Children worldwide

Pray for the protection of children and that those of them who don't know God will be guided to walk in His truth. Pray that Christian children will not forget their parents and guardians' teachings.

6 God's persecuted people

Pray that God brings about restoration to His persecuted people experiencing hurt, loss,

confusion and helplessness. Pray that they will be reminded of His promises.

7 Secret believers

Pray that God protects secret believers coming together to praise and worship Him. May He guide them as they gather to share His Word and may they remember that we're one in Christ.

8 Open Doors International

As we strive to make a difference in our persecuted family's lives, pray for our partners, volunteers and staff that make it possible for us to continue serving our persecuted family.

9 Women's day

Today, we celebrate women in our country, their achievements and their roles. Pray that Christian women will be guided by the Spirit and that God gives them the strength in all they do.

10 Unbelievers

Pray that those who don't know Christ will see the faith of those who believe and through this come to know the Lord. May they see the hope we have in God through them.

11 God's faithful provision

Pray for God's faithful provision for persecuted Christians and for the safe transportation and delivery of emergency aid. Pray that they'll be blessed by this and that God blesses those who support them.

12 North Korea

Pray for underground Christians willing to face persecution for their faith. Pray that God instills in them the strength and courage to remain steadfast in their faith.

13 Libya

Pray for persecuted Christians facing danger for their faith and sharing the Gospel. Pray that they'll feel God's presence. Pray also that efforts in Libya to translate the Bible for other tribes will be fruitful.

14 Morocco

Pray for Christians in Morocco at risk of arrest for their faith. Pray that those advocating for the rights of Christians in the country will be heard by the government without harassment and protected from Islamic extremists.

15 North Africa

Ostracised by her family, Sarah* was fostered by a Christian family and assisted by Open Doors. Pray for Sarah's new family, her endurance, that she excels in her workplace and to be a light to those around her.

16 North Africa

Latifah* was shunned for becoming a Christian over 15 years ago and continues to endure persecution from her family. Pray that she, her husband and daughter will remain steadfast in the Lord and that He will provide for them.

17 India

With the increase in anti-Christian vigilantes determined to prevent religious conversion, pray for persecuted Christians who've fallen victim to their targeting. Pray they'll remain steadfast in faith and that praise and worship remains their anchor.

18 Algeria

Pray for persecuted church leaders in Tizi Ouzou, forced to close their churches. Pray fellowships can be established, and believers can worship without threats to their lives. Pray for peace, wisdom and guidance for their flock.

19 Syria

Pray for believers like Anwar* who consider leaving their homes and loved ones due to persecution and the situation in Syria. Pray they find security and remember their place in Christ.

20 Vietnam

Pray for persecuted Christians who face harassment, discrimination and pressure for their faith. Pray that they find peace and comfort in the shadow of God's wings.



Pray that our persecuted family in Vietnam will find peace and comfort in the shadow of God's wings.

21 Maldives

Pray for the those who've been introduced to Christianity in the Maldives and can't share the joy or the Good News with others as it's dangerous. Pray they continue seeking God and remain steadfast in the faith.

22 Egypt

Pray that the government implements measures to protect persecuted Christians who are treated as second-class in the country. Pray for provision for those lacking basic necessities and ongoing support from those who support them.

23 Southeast Asia

Pray for female field workers and sisters in Bible study groups to continue to seek God and work towards sharing the Good News amid the dangers they face for their faith. Pray God blesses them and their families.

24 Afghanistan

Pray for international military staff, volunteers and diplomats proclaiming their Christian faith and for believers pushed underground. Pray that God protects them and their families and pours into their faith and their lives.

25 East Asia

Pray that support packages for persecuted Christians are sufficient to be shared with non-Christians who are in need and that it may be a witness to them. Pray that God blesses support initiatives that help care for persecuted Christians.

26 Afghanistan

Zabi* lost family members at the hands of the Taliban for their faith. Pray for continued protection and provision for her and many

like her who've fled Afghanistan and for them to remain strong in their faith.

27 Myanmar

Pray that individuals who attended persecution preparedness training hosted by Open Doors in the past year remember the teachings and share it with those around them. Pray for the continued support of our partners for such training.

28 Democratic Republic of Congo

Pray that the government finds ways to curb violence against Christians from extremist groups attacking churches and communities. Pray that leaders are protected from harassment for advocating against such violence.

29 North Korea

Pray for protection for persecuted Christians like Sa-Myung* and her family in North Korea and beyond, risking their lives to share the Good News with others. Pray that many will witness their faith and come to know Christ.

30 Mozambique

Pray for comfort for all those traumatised by the violence in Mozambique. Pray for unemployed and discouraged youth looking to join Islamic extremist groups to fill the lack. Pray for wisdom in ensuring safety and provision for its people.

31 Nepal

Pray that those who've been shunned for converting to Christianity will remember their belonging in the Church and identity in Christ. Pray that their faith remains strong even in adversity.

*Names changed for security purposes.

SEPTEMBER

1 Springtime

As we enter spring in the Southern Hemisphere, marking a time of revival and reinvigoration, pray for a revival of faith in our country and across the worldwide Body of Christ. Pray that spirits are renewed even in seasons of adversity.

2 Countries not on the WWL

Pray for our persecuted family experiencing persecution in countries not included on the World Watch List 2022. Pray they're granted peace and know they're remembered and prayed for by believers around the world.

3 China

Pray for persecuted Christians in China, who, although pushed underground, use technology to pray and worship together. Pray that they can access resources that assist them in continuing to share the Gospel.

4 Pakistan

With persecuted Christians often accused of blasphemy against Islam under the blasphemy law, some have had their prison sentences changed to death sentences. Pray for peace in the Lord for them and for comfort for their families.



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Earlier this year Open Doors Partner, Miranda*, visited an Afghan refugee family in an undisclosed location. She said of her visit: *“Hope. It’s the one thing that they need so desperately. ‘Please don’t forget us!’ They pleaded with us before we left.”*

Thanks to your support Open Doors helped this refugee family with practical aid and continues to be present with them in their time of need. *“You’re the only group who came to help us,”* they said.

“A listening ear and visits from a ministry partner can give our Afghan brothers and sisters hope, yes, but I know – we know – that there is still so much to do. The greatest hope we can give them is to pray for them to know the source of hope, Jesus Christ. So, we soldier on. I know His work among our Afghan brothers and sisters is not finished yet.”

5 Muslim World

Pray for protection for church leaders targeted by Islamic extremists, so they can continue to preach the Good News. Also, pray for strength for the families of those assassinated for sharing the Gospel.

6 Bangladesh

Many Bangladeshis are still discriminated against, abused and deprived of their legal rights when it comes to employment, including Christians. Pray for awareness for them to know their rights so they can speak out against these injustices.

7 Sri Lanka

Pray for Christians threatened and intimidated for following Jesus and leaving their traditional Buddhist beliefs. Pray they overcome feelings of fear through faith. Pray that as they're targeted for their faith, God will protect them.

8 Bhutan

Stand firm in prayer for persecuted Christian families in Bhutan who are denied government assistance or support for standing firm on God's Word. Pray that God strengthens them and for provision for them through our partners.

9 Central African Republic

In the Central African Republic, Christians were denied government aid and told to convert to Islam if they wanted aid during the pandemic. Pray for God's grace for them as they begin to rebuild their lives after such persecution.

10 Nigeria

With upcoming political campaigns ahead of the general elections in 2023, Christians displaced by Fulani militants face increased

persecution and uncertainty. Pray they remember that God's name is a strong tower during uncertainties (Prov. 18:10).

11 Somalia

Pray for Christians who can't freely own or read the Bible because it's dangerous. Pray that God's Word will be engraved in their hearts through memory and song. Pray that the Gospel reaches them through channels intended by God.

12 Cameroon

Pray that believers in Cameroon will continue to unite in faith, despite the targeting and attacks on churches. Pray that God strengthens those threatened by military conflict and face persecution for sharing the Gospel.

13 Eritrea

Pray for believers imprisoned for their faith as they're separated from their families, some for many years. Pray that they feel God's love and for comfort for their families as they miss them.

14 Holy Cross day

In 335 CE on this day, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated in Jerusalem on the site of Jesus' crucifixion. Pray that persecuted Christians will be reminded of redemption through Christ's suffering as they take up their own crosses for His name's sake.

15 Algeria

Continue standing in prayer for our persecuted family of faith in Algeria. Many have lost their places of worship because of government ordinances to close their churches. Pray they remain faithful and prayerful amid persecution.



Pray for protection for believers in Mexico, facing persecution for refusing to engage in the activities of traditional beliefs as it goes against God's Word.

16 Kenya

Pray for women who fall victim to abuse, are divorced and shunned for believing in Christ. Pray they feel God's peace, love and the embrace of the Holy Spirit when feeling abandoned and alone.

17 Cuba

Pray for persecuted Christians subject to interrogation and possible imprisonment. Pray for believers who come together to worship in buildings that aren't registered, deeming them illegal and often resulting in the closure or demolition of their churches.

18 Mexico

Pray for protection for believers facing expulsion from their communities for refusing to engage in the activities of traditional beliefs as it goes against God's Word and for church leaders who speak out against organised corruption and crime.

19 Colombia

Stand in prayer for Christians in Colombia who are persecuted and whose human rights are violated because of their Christian faith. They risk being displaced and rejected by their communities for practising their faith.

20 Turkey

Pray for Turkish Christians facing abuse and humiliation for believing in Christ. Pray also for the Christian refugees treated with contempt. May they recall God's promises and the faithfulness of those who remained steadfast on His Word.

21 International day of peace

The United Nations established this day to strengthen the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Pray for peace and cease-fires to take place in countries where Christians are caught in war and conflict.

22 Mongolia

Pray for Mongolian Christians facing persecution for spreading the Gospel. Pray that their faith will remain unshaken and the seeds of faith that have been planted in people's lives will take root.

23 India

Pray for protection for lawyers who earlier this year were threatened for trying to assist six Christians who were attacked for their faith. Pray that God will raise more people to be a voice for persecuted Christians in India.

24 Heritage day

Pray that as we celebrate the diversity of beliefs and culture of South Africans this Heritage Day, we, as Christians, will remember our unity, identity and heritage in Christ.

25 Tajikistan

Pray that God will be with Muslims who converted to Christianity and live as secret believers. They face pressure, being locked up by their families and occasional physical violence for their faith.

26 Brunei

Pray for persecuted Christians in Brunei facing persecution for abandoning Islam and often accused of turning their backs on their loved ones. Pray they find comfort in God's Word and feel His embrace through our prayers.

27 Indonesia

Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background who face persecution and discrimination for converting to Christianity. Pray that God changes the hearts of the government passing laws that threaten Christians' lives.

28 Nepal

Pray for believers like Pawan*, who remain in faith despite facing ostracism, homelessness, and continued persecution for becoming a Christian. Pray for God's favour on them and that they'll be blessed for their endurance.

29 Kuwait

Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background facing discrimination and intimidation for believing in God. Pray that God shines His face on them as they face pressure for their faith.

30 Jordan

Pray for provision for Christian refugees who've fled to Jordan because of persecution in their countries as they can't find employment in the country. Also, pray for those being watched because of their faith.

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Persecuted believers stand firm on the Rock that is God. Knowing the price they may pay for their faith in the Lord, they take up the cross and entrust the Lord with their livelihood, their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Many are forced to flee their homelands, some abandoning the familiarity of home, families and friends and end up in lands that they're not always welcome in. Many face torment, poverty, imprisonment, exclusion and attacks for believing in God. Many are pushed underground and become secret believers. Many are forced to recant their faith in the Lord to spare their lives.

Yet their faith remains unshaken.

"They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake." Luke 21:12

OCTOBER

1 World Watch List 2023 compilation

Pray for the successful research and compilation of the 2023 World Watch List. Pray that reports may bring about awareness that will encourage the public to support the persecuted and speak out against persecution.

2 North Korea

Pray for North Korean believers forced to hide their faith. Pray they find joy in knowing their faith is shared with believers worldwide and that those seeking to persecute them will come to witness God's grace through their lives.

3 Somalia

Knowing that proclaiming God's Word is ultimately sacrificing one's life, Somalian Christians put their faith in God and take up the cross of believing in Jesus. Pray for their protection and perseverance in their journey of faith.

4 Libya

It has been seven months since Athit was released after being under house arrest for evangelism. Praise God that Athit has been able to continue sharing the Scriptures with his countrymen!

5 Eritrea

Pray for prisoners of faith in Eritrea to remember their freedom in Christ and remain faithful to the Lord. Pray for church leaders imprisoned for standing up against the government. Pray they're fortified in the face of persecution.

6 Turkmenistan

Pray for the safe return of persecuted

(Turkmenistan continues)

believers reported as missing by their loved ones. Pray that as their families search for them, they'll find them and have a warm reconciliation.

7 Pakistan

Pray for persecuted believers discriminated against for their relationship with Christ. Pray God strengthens their faith, spirit and minds as they journey through the struggles of believing in Him in Pakistan.

8 Iran

Pray that persecuted Iranian Christians remain united in the Body of Christ as campaigns are organised to shrink Christianity in the country.

9 Nigeria

Pray for our family of faith to remain steadfast in their faith as persecution continues to rise at the hands of Boko Haram and militant Fulani herdsmen. Pray they find peace and comfort in the Lord.

10 India

Pray that God brings about His peace to Christians targeted in India. Pray also that God reveals Himself to the anti-Christian groups so their hearts will turn to Him.

11 Azerbaijan

Pray for the return of safe praise and worship for believers in Azerbaijan. Give praise for the spaces where they can still gather to give thanks to God.

12 Yemen

Pray for those seeking salvation in the Lord. Pray that they're led to believers who will show them the love of God and welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

13 North Africa

Lift up persecuted Christians displaced as threats of attacks persist in North Africa. Pray for our persecuted family who've lost their homes and loved ones. Pray that they find comfort in the Lord, and they abide in Christ.



Pray for steadfastness and peace for our Christian family in Nigeria as persecution continues to rise.

14 West Africa

Pray for healing and the restoration for those who've been imprisoned for their faith and those released from prison. Pray also for endurance for those held hostage because they're believers.

15 Central Asia

Pray that the hearts of the leaders of the countries in Central Asia will soften towards Christians and they'll consider the safety and livelihood of Christian believers in their lands.

16 Middle East

Stand in prayer for our persecuted family facing persecution for sharing the Gospel in their communities. Pray for the release of those imprisoned and charged with proselytisation.

17 South Asia

Pray for persecuted Christians in South Asia to remember their place in the Body of Christ. Pray that God grants them protection in the shadow of His wings and the peace of Jesus amid chaos.

18 Middle East

Pray for our family of faith in the Middle East whose lives are made unbearable through the separation of families, torture, abduction and even death. Pray that God strengthens them in the face of persecution.

19 War-stricken countries

Pray for the revival of the spirits of persecuted Christians in war-stricken countries and the renewal of their hope and faith in the Lord. Pray they'll experience true peace that can only come from Jesus.

20 South Africa

Pray for South Africans who've endured loss in the past months to floods, Covid-19 and trials and who despite this remain faithful to God. Pray that they're comforted by the Holy Spirit and God heals their hurt and provides restoration.

21 Prayer for restoration

Pray for countries plagued by unrest, war, poverty and injustices. Pray for restoration to take place in these countries and that their leaders will work towards taking care of their citizens no matter their religion.

22 Thanksgiving

Give thanks for the praise reports received from our brothers and sisters. Give thanks that they experience new dawns following dark evenings. Give thanks to God for following through on His promises in the restoration of His people.

23 Christian education of children

Pray for the education of children in the persecuted Church. Pray that their minds will be opened to learning about God and His Word and that they experience the love and joy of the Lord through their teachers.

24 Open Doors leadership

Pray that God continues to instil wisdom in our leadership. Pray for positive outcomes in meetings and decisions which impact our work and persecuted family. Pray that all of it will continue to bring God glory.

25 Open Doors partners

Praise God for the brothers and sisters who continue to strive in carrying out the core values of Open Doors. Pray that God abundantly blesses those who work in serving our persecuted family.

26 Open Doors field partners

Give thanks to God for our field partners who dedicate their lives to minister to, pray for and share the love and Gospel of the Good News with both believers and unbelievers. Pray that God protects them and provides for them.

27 Open Doors prayer meetings

Pray for the prayer meetings taking place within Open Doors teams worldwide. Pray they're blessed and led with love, that the Holy Spirit is present and requests made through prayer will be answered by God according to His will.

28 Open Doors travel ministry

Pray that through our travel ministry many will be encouraged and challenged in their faith as they meet our persecuted family or visit countries where they're persecuted. Pray that these trips will also strengthen our persecuted family.

29 Egypt

Pray for young Christians that struggle to find work because of their faith. Many are skilled and qualified but are often refused work simply because of their faith. Pray that they'll not be discouraged and that the Lord will open doors for them.

30 Afghanistan

Pray for exiled Afghan believers whose lives are threatened for believing in the Lord

as they find themselves in foreign lands. Pray that they may feel encompassed by God's love and pray that their faith isn't diminished.

31 Letter writers

Give thanks for believers sending letters of encouragement to our persecuted brothers and sisters. Pray that they're encouraged as they continue to encourage others. Pray for the safe distribution and arrival of these letters to their readers.



Pray for the safe distribution and arrival of letters to our persecuted family so that they can know they are not alone.



OpenDoors

Persecuted  But never alone.

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