

# OpenDoors PRAYER CALENDAR



When Islamist extremists set out to eradicate the Church in the Middle East, your prayers and support kept hope alive.

From praying to signing our Hope for the Middle East petition to providing support to rebuild lives, you made a difference.

Noeh was only 12 years old when he was chosen to represent the Middle East and help present the petition to the United Nations. Now having returned to Karamles, 18-year-old Noeh, who is now a shepherd, says: *“Life is difficult, and it’s hard to find work, but there is hope here now,”* said Noeh. *“Our homes are here, so we’re back to rebuild and remain. Jesus brought us back here safely.”*

**Thank you for keeping hope alive in the Middle East!**

Visit [www.makehopelast.org](http://www.makehopelast.org) to light up the world in prayer for our family in Syria and Iraq through our **One Million Prayers of Hope** global initiative and continue to **Make Hope Last.**



# NOVEMBER

## 1 Persecution Sunday

Praise God for the awareness raised on Persecution Sunday in June about the persecuted Church. Pray that believers who've been introduced or reminded about the reality of the persecuted Church will be encouraged in their faith and will stand with our persecuted family.

## 2 Southern Philippines

Believers from a Muslim Background like Tabari\* and Raf\* are unemployed because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for provision and jobs for them so they can provide for their families.

## 3 Central Asia

Pray for secret believers like Zaira\* who can't always go to church because it's dangerous. Pray that women like her remain strong in faith and God will use them to be His light bearers.

## 4 Democratic Republic of Congo

Pray for the families whose loved ones were murdered by Islamic militants in the village of Otomaber. Pray for provision for the many families who lost their homes to fires caused by the rebels.

## 5 Imprisoned Believers

Pray for believers imprisoned for their faith who often face violence while imprisoned. Pray that they find strength and peace in Jesus and their hope in the Lord never fades as they wait to be released.

## 6 Travel Ministry

Praise God for the successful trips that took place in 2022 to countries where Christians

face persecution and for the many prayers made on behalf of persecuted believers during these trips.

## 7 Uzbekistan

Pray for the many believers who have suffered severely due to the curfew and roadblocks that were enforced in Karakalpakstan in July. Pray for the provision of food, the release of funds and pensions so that people can rebuild their lives.

## 8 Morocco

Pray for believers in Morocco who are constantly under police surveillance. Pray that their faith remains unshaken. Pray they will not be treated as criminals, and their rights will not be violated.

## 9 World Freedom Day

Praise God for the freedom we can enjoy in South Africa and other countries around the world. Pray for freedom for the many persecuted believers captured and imprisoned for their faith.

## 10 Nigeria


Pray for the two Chibok women and their children who were rescued in June as they continue to reintegrate into society. Pray for kidnapped women who are yet to be found to be reunited with their families.

## 11 East Africa

Pray for new believers like Munah\* and her family, who've been cast out by their tribespeople for deciding to follow Jesus. Pray that they remember they belong to Christ, and that their faith grows as they learn more about Him.

## 12 Believers from a Muslim Background

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Pray that like secret believer Lisa\*, many more people will come to faith in Southeast Asia.

(BMBs continues)  
who are abused, threatened, and shunned for giving their lives to the Lord. Pray for strength as persecution persists and that God protects them.

### **13 World Kindness Day**

Pray that believers extend kindness to non-believers and that those non-believers may come to know Christ through their love and kindness. Pray that kindness continues to be a language understood by all, despite differences in culture and beliefs.

### **14 Open Doors Workers**

Pray for Open Doors workers to be encouraged and strengthened as they spread the Gospel through the work they do and the courses they run to uplift and change the lives of persecuted believers.

### **15 Syria**

Pray that God blesses all volunteers at the Centres of Hope who assist the often neglected poor and elderly. Pray that they continue to have a heart for serving fellow citizens and for continued provision for these centres.

### **16 Southeast Asia**

Praise God for the amazing testimonies

of women like Lisa\*. Pray that many more hearts will be opened to receive the Gospel and, through that, accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

### **17 World Peace Day**

Pray that many around the world come to know the peace provided by the Lord. Pray the peace of Jesus, which passes all understanding, to reign in believers lives worldwide and that they may act with grace and peace toward one another and non-believers.

### **18 Nigeria**

Pray for Nathan and Rebecca as they continue to wait on the Lord for the return of their daughter, Leah, who was kidnapped in February 2018 by Islamic State. Pray they're encouraged by their daughter's strong faith as they remain hopeful in prayer.

### **19 Middle East**

Praise God for the lives changed, those that came to know Christ and the seeds of hope planted in the hearts of many through our seven-year Hope for the Middle East campaign. Pray that as it comes to an end this year, God will continue to work mightily in the Middle East.

## 20 Cuba

Pray that as churches are constantly monitored in Cuba, persecuted believers will know that buildings don't make a church, and where two or more are gathered, God's Spirit is present. Pray for wisdom for the different community church leaders.

## 21 Publication of Bibles

Praise God for the ongoing translation and publication of Bibles. Thank God that His Word can be delivered and distributed to those without a Bible who yearn to learn about the Lord. Pray that it will reach many.

## 22 Syria

In July, believers were injured and killed in a drone attack during the consecration of a church in Sugaylabiyah. Pray for healing for the injured and that God comforts the families who have lost loved ones.

## 23 Tajikistan

New churches will not be registered in Tajikistan, resulting in exercising freedom of religion being punishable for churches without state registration. Pray for the believers who must now meet in secret to worship together and for wisdom for church leaders.

## 24 Rwanda

Over 8 000 churches have been closed since 2018, leaving many believers without a place of worship. Pray for wisdom for church leaders and believers to continue to praise the Lord where they're situated.

## 25 Nigeria

Pray for churchgoers who were abducted after an attack by two gunmen in Nigeria earlier this year. Pray for their safe return and that the congregants' faith is strengthened

during this time. Pray also for the restoration of the health of those injured in the attack.

## 26 Sudan

Pray for believers in Sudan as Islamic extremism continues to spread, indicating the continuous rise of persecution. Pray that believers will unite and remain steadfast in prayer and faith.

## 27 Cuba

Pray for Pastor Lorenzo, who was imprisoned for participating in peaceful protests against cartel crimes in the Santiago de Cuba province. Pray that the Holy Spirit uplifts his spirit and that his faith remains unshaken.

## 28 Indonesia

Praise God for the life of Pastor Fernando Tambunan\*, who faithfully serves God's people in Indonesia. Earlier this year, he was shot, likely because of his evangelism. Pray that God grants him a full recovery and that justice prevails.

## 29 Sri Lanka

Pray for Pastor Charles\*, who was beaten up by a gang for denying a villager's request to play different music other than hymns at a family wedding. Pray for healing and comfort for his family and that the attackers are brought to justice.

## 30 Oman

Oman is a heavily Islamic country where new believers are often kicked out by their family members and cast out by their communities for converting to Christianity. Pray that their faith remains strong and for provision for these believers when they're kicked out.

\*Names changed for security purposes.