

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 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

Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background



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

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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.



LOOKING BACK AT 2022

This year, homes and churches were demolished.

Unemployment burrowed in the lives of the displaced.

War and death tore families apart, and millions became destitute.

A year that brought along with it despair was also a year that God's grace was expressed through the prayers, works and the support of believers like you, whose love and generosity have continued to be a beacon of hope for many persecuted believers.

Livelihoods were restored, homes were rebuilt, aid was received, and many came to know Christ.

As the year comes to an end – persecution persists, but faith has not diminished, and hope remains because of you.

May you continue to trust in the Lord and in Him, find new strength. May you soar high on wings like eagles. May you run and not grow weary. May you walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

DECEMBER

1 Sudan

Praise God for the release of four Christians who were charged with apostasy and detained in Darfur, where they were mistreated. Pray that the experience will strengthen their resolve to serve the Lord and that their testimonies will be an encouragement to other believers.

2 Afghanistan

Continue to pray for persecuted believers in Afghanistan who face many struggles. Pray that they continue to seek God and that His angels will encamp around them as they live in danger because of their faith.

3 Central Asia

Pray that God uplifts believers in Central Asia and that as they desire to learn more about Christ, God will grant them the means to grow in their knowledge of Him.

4 Mauritania

Pray for Christian believers seeking ways of sharing the Bible with new believers in Mauritania. Pray for wisdom for these believers and protection as they share the Living Word.

5 Youth Worldwide

Pray for wisdom and guidance for youth and young believers worldwide as they go through life and face challenges along the way. Pray they come to know Christ, and those who know Him will grow in their faith that they may not depart from it as they grow older.

6 Women Worldwide

Pray that women worldwide will come to

know and remember their worth in Christ and the strength to fulfil their roles as women in God's Kingdom. Pray that they will be honoured for all that their hands have done and that their works will bring them praise (Proverbs 31:31).

7 Men Worldwide

Pray that men will seek God's guidance and be determined to carry out their roles as intended by God. Pray that they're given the ability to protect and provide for their families.

8 Open Doors Workshops

Praise God for the continuous workshops held for upgrading the skills of Open Doors International staff and volunteers. Give thanks for new methods to help best serve the persecuted Church and to bring glory to God.

9 International Anti-Corruption Day

Pray that governments worldwide will remember their oaths, stand against corruption and do what is pleasing in God's eyes. May they carry out their responsibilities to the citizens of their countries with diligence and honesty.

10 Uzbekistan

Pray for the government to reconsider the criminal code, which penalises the distribution of religious literature, meeting for worship without government permission and conversations about faith.

11 Union of Christian Marriages

Pray for the union of Christian marriages, especially of persecuted believers. Pray that the Lord blesses their marriages and that God's love shines through their marriage as a witness of His grace.

12 Tunisia

Pray for protection for Tunisian believers and for the Church in Tunisia to grow as more believers come to know and accept Christ as their Saviour.

13 Guinea

Pray that the faith of those in the Fulani herdsman community who received Christ as their Saviour will continue to grow and that God will use them among their families to be His witnesses.



Representative image used.

14 Kenya

Pray for those in our persecuted family who are excluded from employment and education opportunities. Pray they stand on God's Word and trust Him fully to provide for their needs.

15 Field Partners

Pray for Open Doors field partners who dedicate their lives and time to preach the Gospel and pray for persecuted believers. Pray that they draw strength from the Lord and will be encouraged as they see the joy of the Lord in those believers.

16 Day of Reconciliation

Pray that persecuted believers yearning to reconcile with their loved ones who've cut them off because of their Christian faith will feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit on days when they feel alone. Pray that the truth of the Gospel will reconcile them as loved ones and as believers in Christ.

17 Laos

Pray that God will grant peace to those arrested for converting to Christianity. Pray that their faith is made stronger, and the Lord transforms their persecutors hearts.

18 North Korea

Pray for North Korean believers who continue to face extreme persecution and are imprisoned in labour camps and prisons with inhumane conditions. Pray for protection for their families and for believers forced to hide their faith.

19 Somalia

Pray for Somalians who've converted from Islam to Christianity and shunned by their families for it. Pray that these believers stand strong on the Word of the Lord and that it will deepen their faith.

20 Colombia

Pray for indigenous Colombians facing persecution for becoming Christians. Pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens their faith and for wisdom to continue sharing the Good News so others may come to faith.

21 Tajikistan

Pray for parents whose children legally can't participate in Church or religious activities. Pray that they may be wise in guiding their children in the ways of the Lord.

22 Russia-Ukraine War

Pray for the believers and citizens of Russia and Ukraine as the war continues and devastates these countries and their people. Pray that soon we will see an end to this war.

23 Myanmar

Earlier this year, twelve Christian churches and several believers' homes were burnt down by junta forces in Myanmar, displacing believers. Pray for provision for those believers.

24 Mexico

Pray for Christian leaders whose lives are often in danger because of their evangelical activities. Pray that God gives them wisdom and guides them as they serve their churches and communities.

25 Christmas Day

Give thanks to God for our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Pray for persecuted families unable to celebrate this day and likely to experience heightened persecution today.

26 Day of Goodwill

Pray as believers we will share what we have, even with those who may not share our

faith. Through that, may the light of Christ shine brightly as a witness to those who don't know Him.

27 Prayer for Endurance

Pray for the many persecuted believers who endure persecution and discrimination for their faith in Christ. Pray their faith remains steadfast and that God will equip them to continue to endure for His name's sake.

28 India

Pray for persecuted Christian leaders like Pastor Shekhar* forced to flee their homes because of persecution. Pray that God will meet them where they are and provide for them.

29 Bangladesh

Pray for the Christians in the remote areas of the dominantly Buddhist southeastern part of the country who are persecuted and victimised by followers of Buddhism. Pray that they'll be allowed to practise their faith without any issues.

30 Prayer for Protection

Pray for the protection of persecuted families who've been separated in the hopes of seeking asylum for their families in other countries. Pray that God gathers them like He gathers His sheep, and they're reminded of Psalm 23.

31 New Year's Eve

As we close off this year, let's look back at 2022 with gratitude and look forward to 2023 with hope. Give thanks for God's provision and protection over the last year. Pray for strength and wisdom as we soldier into a new year, knowing His grace is sufficient and His mercy endures forever.

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PRAYER FOR 2023

Your Word says that You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You know my heart's desires and my needs. May my desires be granted according to Your will and for Your glory.

May those who don't know You come to know You, Your love and Your salvation. May it be through our prayers and actions that people see we are of God. May the new year be the beginning of all things new in Christ.

God, please grant strength, courage and peace to our persecuted family and believers worldwide. May we continue to be servants of the persecuted Church through fellowship, prayer and support to make a difference in their lives as they endure for Your name's sake.

Let this year be filled with Your blessings, mercy, grace and gratitude.

In Your Son, Jesus's Name, Amen.



JANUARY

1 New Year's Day

Today marks the beginning of a new year, a new chapter and a fresh start. Pray that we'll continue to cling to Jesus and that our hope remains in Him. May we continue to be witnesses of God's faithfulness.

2 Persecuted Believers

As believers face heightened persecution, pray that the Lord remains their strong tower. Pray that they're reminded of God's power and working in their lives so their faith will not falter amid persecution.

3 Open Doors International

Pray for renewed strength and revived spirits for our staff, partners and volunteers so that together we can continue carrying the baton for our persecuted family.

4 World Braille Day

Pray for blind believers who, in many countries, face the added suffering of being rejected because they're blind. Pray that God undertakes in all their needs and blesses them with audio Bibles to be strengthened in their faith.

5 Open Doors Southern Africa

Pray that our staff, volunteers and all those involved in serving our persecuted family will do so to the best of their abilities and for the glory of God. Pray that we'll all remain faithful in impacting the Body of Christ.

6 Gratitude Prayer

Give thanks for the life God has blessed us with and that He has chosen us to share His Word. Thank God for the faithful witness of our persecuted family, who, despite persecution, serve Him in their countries and among their families and communities.

7 Open Doors Partners

Pray that God will abundantly bless all Open Doors partners like you who continue to give of yourselves to this ministry and that you'll know the impact you have on the lives of our persecuted family is treasured. Praise God for your hearts to support our persecuted family.

8 Underground Believers

Pray for underground believers forced to hide their faith and, in some instances, can't come together to continue to grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word. Pray they stand firm and remember God's promises.

9 Christian Leaders Worldwide

Pray to God for wisdom for Christian leaders and that they'll lead God's people with love and humility. Pray they'll be strengthened and equipped in their calling to serve the Church.

10 Prayer for Provision

Praise God for employed believers, especially those who continue to follow Christ despite facing persecution and discrimination in

their workplaces because of their faith. Pray that those without jobs are blessed with employment to provide for their families.

11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Pray for those in our persecuted family who've been kidnapped and trafficked to foreign countries. Pray for God's comfort and His peace and they'll be able to escape to safety.

12 Southern African Schools Reopen

Pray for the safety of children as they return for the new school year. Pray their education is blessed and the Good News can be shared among friends at school. Pray that teachers and ministers of education teach and lead with purpose.

13 Government Leaders Worldwide

Pray to our Heavenly Father that government leaders will look to God for guidance and wisdom. Pray that where they restrict religious freedom, God will work in their hearts to govern with fairness to allow freedom of religion.

14 Broadcasting Christian Programmes

Pray that God will bless radio stations and television channels committed to sharing the Gospel and songs of praise and worship. Pray for persecuted believers who hear or watch these broadcasts to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

15 World Religion Day

Pray that our persecuted family who can't praise and worship freely will find ways to come together safely. Pray also for those who believe in other deities and are seeking the truth to find Jesus, who is the Truth, the Way and the Life.

16 Iran

Pray for the Iranian Christians sentenced to prison for 22 years for organising and establishing house churches in Iran in June last year. Pray for them to remain steadfast in their faith and that God provides for their families.

17 Vietnam

Pray for the Christian families who were banished from their villages as the government contemplates tightening the country's religious laws. Pray that these families remain faithful to the Lord.

18 World Watch List 2023

Pray that the new World Watch List brings about increased awareness and that, because of it, many more believers worldwide will be moved to make a difference in the lives of persecuted believers.

19 Travel Partners

Pray for safe travelling mercies for those travelling to countries where believers face persecution and that their presence will serve as beacons of hope to persecuted believers. Pray they're encouraged in their faith too.

20 Sudan

Pray that as general elections take place this year that the new government will lead with grace and that leaders will advocate against the persecution of Christians in their country.

21 Skills Development Training Centres

Pray for the believers who oversee the training centres, which aim to empower persecuted believers. Pray that courses offered to our persecuted family will be a means of a new chapter and life for them.



Training for adult literacy teachers, Bangladesh.

22 Forgiveness of Persecutors

Pray that believers facing persecution may forgive their persecutors and find healing in Christ. Pray they release any bitterness and resentment towards those who persecute them for their faith and remember the mercy that God extends to sinners.

23 Spiritual Warfare

Pray over the lives of believers and the battle of the mind they find themselves in, especially during times of trouble. Pray for discernment, wisdom and patience in times of trial.

24 International Day of Education

Pray that the Word of God can return to schools so students can learn about God. Pray for persecuted Christian children who are denied an education or are bullied at school because of their faith. Pray also for displaced children who can't attend school.

25 South Asia

Pray for Girilal*, whose refusal to renounce his faith has destroyed his family and convenience shop, which was a source of income for his family. Pray for provision and protection for Girilal and his family.

26 Restoration of Health

Pray for the restoration of health for persecuted believers suffering from illness and that they'll be given fair treatment in medical facilities.

27 Secret Believers

Pray that channels can continue being created for the Gospel to be shared with secret believers. Pray for the strengthening of their faith and hunger to know Christ.

28 The Next Generation

Pray for the next generation of the Church as they face many challenges. Pray they're strengthened by their elders and surrounded by people who will encourage them in their journey of faith.

29 Persecuted Women

Pray for our persecuted sisters in countries where the persecution of women is brutally violent, complex, and almost always ignored. Pray they find strength in Jesus and that their faith remains unfaltering.

30 Philippines


Today is the Philippines National Bible Day. Pray for God's Word to stay engraved in believers' hearts as many still face persecution for reading and sharing the Good News. Pray for ways for others to receive the Gospel and that people open their hearts to receive it.

31 Turkey

Pray for Christians who face persecution and experience discrimination for their faith. Pray that the government has a change of heart toward them.



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Persecuted  **But never alone.**

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