



Protect the Church in Africa

Our family of faith in Africa is facing immense trials. Our vision at Open Doors is to help keep them from being crushed, despairing, forsaken and destroyed. We want them to remain communities of hope amid persecution and suffering so that the light of Christ can outshine the darkness on our continent, so that many more can come to salvation.

When persecution strikes, persecuted believers usually don't have anyone to turn to and have to rely on the Church. We saw this during the pandemic in places like Uganda, where believers were rejected for leaving Islam and had no family to rely on for support. Believers like John*, who could receive relief aid from us, thanks to your support.

"When we see this relief, there is hope that at least out there are people who care for those who are going through hard times," said John.

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1 Workers Day

Today, numerous nations celebrate workers' rights. We at Open Doors remember our workers and partners who risk their lives to serve the persecuted Church. Pray that God will bless them as they serve persecuted believers.

2 Bhutan

Surveillance is higher than before in Bhutan, with churches being forced to close fellowships because they are suspected of converting people to Christianity. Pray for protection for Christians gathering for church services.

3 Iran

Iranians have suffered many months of turmoil. Protests continue despite the risk of arrest, torture and even execution. Pray that God will comfort those who lost loved ones during this upheaval.

4 Egypt

Rania* risks everything to follow Jesus in her strict Muslim community. Pray that God will bless her and other believers like her to be salt and light for their communities and change lives through God's power.

5 African World Heritage Day

Today we celebrate the cultural and natural heritage of Africa. Pray for our continent and our family of faith in Africa, who is persecuted for their faith. Pray that the Good News will flood our continent to dispel Satan's lies.

6 Libya

It's a risk for people in Libya to reach out and help persecuted believers. Pray for the protection of kind souls who try to help them.

7 Morocco

As a predominantly Muslim country, many Moroccans have never heard the Gospel. However, Sami* boldly shares the Gospel with people. Pray for the fruits of his work and his safety.

8 North Africa

Naasima* says that North African fathers coerce their daughters to leave their education early and marry instead. Pray for a major change in how women are viewed in Muslim countries.

9 India

Religious extremists and leaders are demanding that tribal Christians should be delisted from the tribal schemes and privileges. Pray for strength for tribal Christian communities as they face persecution.

10 Tajikistan

After deciding not to honour church registrations anymore, the Tajik government made up false charges against the foreman of a home church after they applied and closed the building. Pray that this congregation and others like it can securely gather again.

11 Turkey

Christians in Turkey represent only 0,1% of the population. They often face smear campaigns and opposition. Pray for Christians to remain faithful and hopeful.



12 Mexico

Mexico ranks 124th out of 180 countries for corruption. Pray for believers who spread Christ's light amid the darkness, corruption and crime. Pray for God's protection as they stand against evil.

13 Southern Philippines

Islam has grown rapidly in the Philippines, the only Asian country where Christianity is the dominant religion. Pray as missionaries spread the Gospel nationwide that many will accept Christ.

14 Arabian Peninsula

People on the Arabian Peninsula are curious about faith and mysticism. Their curiosity often leads them to the occult. Pray for protection from demonic spirits and practices and that they will find Jesus.

15 Nepal

Due to Suman Bhandari* and his family's faith, they were forced to leave their home. Their only revenue is a tuckshop. Pray that God will bless and expand their shop to meet their basic needs.

16 Colombia

There will probably be many changes to the country under the new government. Pray for God's protection, mercy and wisdom for the new government.

17 Lebanon

Many Lebanese wonder how corrupt politicians can stay in power. Many have lost their bank savings and struggle to feed their families due to corruption. Pray for provision for believers and a light at the end of the tunnel for Lebanon.

18 Vietnam

Last year, the authorities released two religion draft decrees. Experts and churches worry that the decrees will further restrict Vietnamese religious freedom. Pray that in this season believers will be encouraged to seek and draw closer to God.

19 North Korea

Lady Da Hyeon is a secret believer who trained at our shelter. The pandemic prevented her from going home. Pray for her safety and guidance when she returns

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to North Korea to share the Gospel with her family and close friends.

20 Bangladesh

Christian students of converted families suffer at school. Pray that those young Christians can share Jesus' love and wisdom with others despite persecution. May their deeds glorify Christ.

21 Tunisia

Tunisia suffers from political unrest. Pray for stability in the country and for the Church to grow and be a light amid the unrest.

22 Iraq

With so much change and uncertainty over the past decade, people no longer know where they belong. Pray that faithful followers of Christ will find hope and direction in Jesus.

23 Uzbekistan

Many Uzbek Christians hide their faith due to discrimination against them. Pray that those Christians will feel connected despite their isolation and that God's love will fill their quiet times.

24 Central Asia

In Central Asia, Christians are closely monitored, so they worship covertly in small groups of two or three. Pray for their safety and joyful worship despite their circumstances.

25 Kazakhstan

A legally registered church has been denied access to banking services since 2017, so they can't pay taxes and their staff. Pray for a breakthrough in their situation.

26 Myanmar

Many displaced believers live in poor conditions in displacement camps and forests. Pray for God's providence of shelter and food so they can stay safe and nourished.

27 Syria

The only thing that goes up in Syria is financial inflation. Please continue to pray for believers in Syria, as they take strain from all the issues ailing the country.

28 India

After many states passed anti-conversion laws, believers face increased hostility. Pray for endurance for believers, pastors and church leaders.

29 North Korea

Thank you for praying and supporting our radio ministry, which broadcasted even during the strict lockdown. Pray for protection for North Korean believers who secretly listen to the radio programme and that it spreads God's Word.

30 Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's economic crisis even affects church attendance. "Many believers are finding it extremely difficult to attend church due to a lack of fuel and public transportation," said Sunil*. Pray for a revival of this country's economy and believers affected by it.

31 Malaysia

According to reports, Malaysians arrested for insulting Islam have increased. Authorities appear to be focused on locating and charging individuals who, directly or indirectly, insult Islam in public. Pray for God's intervention in this situation.

*Names changed for security purposes.