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# NOVEMBER

# 1 Saudi Arabia

The idea of servant leadership is foreign in Saudi culture and often viewed as a weakness. Pray for church leaders to model biblical leadership and for their attitudes to change when they see the power of servant leadership.

# 2 Nigeria

Violent persecution is especially devastating for young people and puts their future in jeopardy. Pray that the youth affected by persecution in Nigeria would hold firm to their faith and find communities who can encourage their walk with Christ.

## 3 Colombia

Praise God that children at risk of violent persecution are being cared for and nourished in faith at Open Doors' Children's Centre in Colombia. Pray they will continue to grow in faith and be a light in their generation.

#### **4 Burkina Faso**

Around 5.2 million Christians live in Burkina Faso, 23% of the population. They have contributed to stabilising the country and leading it to independence. Thank the Lord for the presence of the Church in Burkina Faso and for the great contribution they've made.

#### 5 Mali

Naomi\* is a Christian in Mali who hasn't been hardened by the violence. "I have to show love even to the worst of my enemies," she says. Praise the Lord for her godly love for her neighbours.

#### 6 Cameroon

Boko Haram persistently attacks civilians in the far North region. Pray for more action from authorities to deal with the resulting security challenges.

#### 7 Sudan

In Sudan, Christian women who convert from Islam are often forced into marriages and suffer domestic violence. Lift up Christians from a Muslim background and pray that they will know their worth as a child of God.

#### 8 Brunei

Young people need safe spaces to meet and share with their mentors. Pray that God would open doors for them to have a place where they can come together to develop their faith and discover God's Word freely.

#### 9 Eritrea

Believers are closely monitored, imprisoned, and stigmatised. Pray that attitudes towards them will change and that courageous Christians can speak about why they continue to stand, even when it's tough.

#### **10 Central Asia**

Praise God that help is being extended to Christian converts from Islam and Muslim refugees who are now able to hear the Gospel. Many have given their lives to Jesus and want to be baptised. Thank God for hope in extremely difficult times.

#### **11 Vietnam**

Continue to pray for those believers who have been imprisoned on false charges and tortured. Pray that God would give them the strength to endure their imprisonment and that He will be with their families back home.

## 12 China

Lift up the Open Doors partners who continue to work in mainland China. Thank God for their service and pray that their work will help to build the Kingdom of God in that region.

## 13 Malaysia

Continue to pray for young people in Malaysia who are vulnerable to sexual abuse. Pray that the government will take steps to protect young people from this danger.

#### 14 Laos

Pray that amid the continued difficulty of obtaining permission for major church events, God will grant Christians in Laos opportunities to come together to worship Him and fellowship.

## 15 Egypt

Egypt is predominantly Muslim, but there are many Christian converts even though

life can be hard for new believers. Pray that these new followers of Jesus Christ will be salt and light in their communities.

#### 16 Iraq

Many members of the Iraqi Church have left the country in search of a better life elsewhere. Pray for those who remain in Iraq to maintain fellowship with one another in order to sustain the Church and, in time, for the Church to grow.

# 17 Syria

Pray for families in Syria who lost their homes in the earthquake in February. Through your support, many families still benefit from rent support. Pray that this will continue for as long as they need it.

# **18 Israel and Palestine**

Last month, Hamas attacked southern Israel. Pray that God will mightily intervene in the ongoing situation between Israel and



(Israel and Palestine continues)

Palestine to establish lasting peace. Pray also for the Church to be the light amid dark times – showing others the love of Christ.

# **19 Central Asia**

Thank God for Open Doors children's workers supporting persecuted children in Central Asia. They often hear difficult stories from the children. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom, strength and love to continue their work.

# 20 Yemen

There is a thriving Bible distribution programme in Yemen. Pray that it continues to bear fruit and that more people will have access to the life-changing power of God's Word.

# 21 Brunei

A worrying trend shows divorce cases have risen dramatically in the last year in Brunei. Pray for marriages in this nation and that people will be led to Christ through witnessing Jesus' love modelled in Christian marriages.

# 22 Maldives

There are no churches in the Maldives, so Christians, many of whom are expats, gather in their homes to worship God. Pray for unity among the expat house churches.

# 23 Indonesia

Praise God for the passion of Christians from Muslim backgrounds in Indonesia! They courageously share the Gospel with their loved ones and neighbours. More and more people are getting saved.

# 24 Bangladesh

Thank God for the various programmes delivered by Open Doors' partners in Bangladesh every year. Pray for God to transform and strengthen young believers through these programmes.

## 25 Vietnam

In remote villages, which are particularly hostile to Christianity, if Christians don't renounce their faith, their access to water is cut off. Pray for perseverance for these believers.

## 26 Laos

In Laos, believers who disobey the local authorities' ban on Christian gatherings and evangelising face eviction from their villages. Pray for God to soften authorities' hearts and more tolerance towards Christians.

# 27 China

Christians can be subject to strict monitoring and surveillance. Pray that God will lift any paranoia and that brothers and sisters will remain deeply connected to Jesus amid these challenges.

# 28 Nepal

Pray for the persecuted believers in Nepal, who tend to be extremely poor. Pray for financial provision and that God will provide for their needs.

#### 29 Myanmar

Myanmar is still a country in conflict. Pray that God will protect Christian children in conflict zones and help them heal from trauma.

# **30 North Korea**

Few people want to adopt the role of leadership in secret churches, causing leaders of these churches to worry about the future of the churches. Pray that God will raise up courageous leaders.

\*Names changed for security purposes.