

PRAYER CALENDAR

January 2024

**"Remember
also those being
mistreated, as
if you felt their
pain in your
own bodies."**

HEBREWS 13:3

JANUARY

1 New Years Day

Praise the Lord for a new year. Let's give thanks for God's mercy, grace and working in our lives. Pray that the Lord will go before each of us this year and guide us through it.

2 The worldwide Body of Christ

Pray that across the world, the Lord will use us to shine His light in our communities, workplaces and among our family and friends this year.

3 Persecuted Christians

Persecution and discrimination against our brothers and sisters in Christ continue to increase. Pray that God would instil in them resilience against attacks from the evil one.

4 Open Doors workers and in-country partners

Pray that God will equip Open Doors workers and in-country partners as they serve our persecuted family. Pray God would strengthen them as they stand with our persecuted family.

5 Open Doors partners

Pray for our global partners, like you, who pray for and support our persecuted family. Pray that the Lord

will be with all of you in all you do this year.

6 Open Doors leadership

Pray for continued wisdom and guidance for Open Doors leadership across the world. Pray for wisdom and discernment for them as they face new challenges and decisions.

7 Open Doors projects and programmes

Pray for all Open Doors projects and programmes that will take place this year to equip, build and assist our persecuted family. Pray it runs smoothly and uplifts our persecuted family.

8 Yemen

Last year September, a Yemeni brother who had been in prison for one year and 10 months was released. Pray that the Lord will be with him as he continues to rebuild relationships with his Christian brothers and sisters.

9 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray for the millions of people in Sub-Saharan Africa who have fled their homes because of violence. Ask God to keep them safe from harm, free from illness, and provide for them.

10 Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Open Doors partners deliver persecution survival training in the DRC. Lift up the trainers and ask for continued strength for their work. Pray that Christians will be encouraged through this training.

11 Burkina Faso

Christians are increasingly targeted by jihadists in Burkina Faso. Pray for protection for Christians and their leaders. Pray that they remain firm in the faith as they face increased persecution.

12 Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

Fofu (18) was kidnapped by the Allied Democratic Forces for five days last June before escaping. She's grateful God saved her. Pray for an end to attacks on eastern DRC villages.

13 Central Asia

Christian families are often targeted by the authorities as a means of intimidation. Some families leave the country to flee the danger. Pray that these families will find safety and security in new, unfamiliar lands.



Pray for persecuted believers in the DRC that face violence because of their faith in Christ.

14 Iran

A team of Open Doors partners support traumatised Iranian people with counselling and prayers. Praise God for this vital work and for the beneficial impact it's having on individuals.

15 Colombia

Volunteers who visit the Children's Centre in Colombia create beautiful bonds with the children. Pray that more people will be able to visit the centre to be an encouragement to the children.

16 Yemen

Thank God that so many people in Yemen are seeking Christ on online platforms that provide discipleship classes. Pray that through this, they will come to know Christ.

17 World Watch List release

Pray for all global Open Doors World Watch List 2024 presentations and events. May more eyes be opened to the plight of our persecuted family and may many be moved to stand with them.

18 North Korea

Each year, Open Doors field staff support and train 150–200 North Korean women trafficked into

China. Pray for protection for those attending these secret meetings.

19 Nepal

"One after another, violent persecution is happening in Nepal. This rise of hatred towards Christianity is thrusting believers into a more vulnerable situation," shared Open Doors local partner Anita Magar*. Pray for protection for believers in Nepal.

20 Middle East

Pray that the love of Jesus will be reflected to Muslims in Egypt, Syria, Iraq and the rest of the region through the lives of the Christians living in these countries.

21 Syria and Iraq

Pray that leadership training hosted by Open Doors partners will encourage participants to remain in their countries and use what they've learned to contribute to rebuilding their communities.

22 Egypt

Egyptian young men are under pressure to provide for their families and have no choice but to take up dangerous quarry work. Pray for better health and safety standards to reduce life-threatening accidents.



Ask God to protect our local partners in China and give them wisdom in all situations.

23 China

Pray for Open Doors' local partners in China to find creative ways to minister to believers in the most restrictive areas. Ask God to protect them and give them wisdom in all situations.

24 Myanmar

When authorities suspect evangelism, they use subtle but devastating persecution. Believers might be jailed and imprisoned

on false charges or have their bank accounts frozen. Ask God to give courage and strength to Christians in Myanmar.

25 Cameroon

Cameroon is blessed with many natural and human resources. However, poverty remains widespread. Pray that the Lord would provide enough rain for everyone to grow resources to support their families.

26 Sudan

Pray for God's hand in building a resilient Church in Sudan that stands strong in the face of persecution.

27 North Korea

Christians in prison camps work long hours under threat of interrogation and violence. They can barely move in overcrowded prison cells. Pray that they will be freed from these camps.

28 Sri Lanka

Hindu extremists in Sri Lanka carry out hate campaigns against Christians. Pray for tolerance between religious groups and pray for kindness to flood the hearts of individuals.

29 Somalia

In Somalia, society expects everybody to be Muslim. Secret Christians can be physically abused

and ostracised. Pray for greater tolerance towards Christians in the country.

30 Central Asia

Thousands of Afghan refugees are in limbo in Central Asia. They left Afghanistan hastily, so they don't have their legal papers or enough money to move on. Pray for help and opportunities to support their families.

31 Israel

Before the war, persecution was slowly escalating in Israel with the government doing little to protect Christians. The future of the Israeli Church is uncertain. Pray for our family there and in the Palestinian territories.

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