

PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2024



“Be alert and always keep on praying
for all the Lord’s people.”

EPHESIANS 3:18

APRIL

| Maldives

Monday 1 April

Known for its natural beauty, the nation of 1 000 islands declares itself to be 100% Muslim. Anyone who leaves Islam must keep their faith hidden. Pray for their protection and peace. The Maldives is #18 on the World Watch List.

Tuesday 2 April

Pray this would be the year that secret Maldivian believers can access the Bible in their language of Dhivehi and discover the heart of God and His promises.

Wednesday 3 April

Pray by name for the country's newly elected president Mohamed Muizzu. During the election, he looked for support from conservative Islamic groups. Pray against bias and that Muizzu will embrace freedom for religious minorities.

Thursday 4 April

Pray that Christians, especially new converts to the faith, in the Maldives will be encouraged, knowing they're part of a global family who's thinking about and praying for their protection and perseverance.

| Myanmar

Friday 5 April

Pray for safety and strength for Cho*, an Open Doors partner

who often travels ten to twelve hours on a motorbike to serve and minister to believers, sometimes on dangerous roads and in torrential rain. Pray for protection and perseverance.

Saturday 6 April

Every kilometre, Cho encounters military or rebel checkpoints requiring travellers to pay toll, as Myanmar is still under civil war. Most times, the checkpoints are manned by young men with guns, barely 16. Pray that he would have favour with them.

Sunday 7 April

"Your prayers are our protection, and we feel your presence," says Cho, who carries a box of training materials on his back. "Prayers back us up, push us during the journey and encourage us to go on." Pray that we would remember our brother Cho.

| Bangladesh

Monday 8 April

Pray for strength for your brother Rahman*, an ex-Iman, who lives in northern Bangladesh. He served at a local mosque for ten years. Since trusting Christ, he has lost his job at the mosque and is struggling to survive.

Tuesday 9 April

Rahman tries to work as a day labourer to provide for his family, but they are still struggling to survive because no one will hire him. They wake up wondering if they will eat that day. Pray fervently for

food on their table.

Rahman in Bangladesh



Wednesday 10 April

Pray for Rahman's wife, who cares for their four young children at home. Ask God to give her His wisdom and courage, especially when Rahman goes away for a Bible seminar or training, and she is alone with them.

Thursday 11 April

Ask God to protect their children and make a way for them where they can learn God's Word and grow spiritually. Pray for a community for them and that God will raise them to be the next generation who will lead the Church.

Friday 12 April

"My friends have become my enemies. I do not have a Christian community. This is a difficult life," Rahman says. Pray that God would bring other believers to this family and that they would know the

worldwide Church is lifting them up.

Saturday 13 April

Ask God to help those in Bangladesh who have left Islam to follow Him. Pray that He would raise them up to lead the next generation.

Nigeria

Sunday 14 April

Today marks ten years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok by Boko Haram. Since then, many have escaped or been rescued. Continue to pray for the grieving families of the estimated 112 women who remain missing.

Monday 15 April

Pray for our family in Mangu Local Government Area (LGA), who suffered a nearly daily wave of jihadist violence at this time last year. Life has not been peaceful for those believers as they follow God in the fire.

Tuesday 16 April

Pray for comfort and perseverance for the loved ones of the 300 Christians killed in the LGA attacks. Many remain in crowded camps for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Pray especially for the children and youth.

Wednesday 17 April

Pray boldly that God would raise up Christian leaders to pray with believers and start Bible studies and churches in Nigeria's IDP camps. Pray that His name would be made famous in these camps.

Thursday 18 April

Pray for Magdalene, whose young daughter was killed in the Christmas Eve attacks in Plateau State. Pray that God would show her His peace in unimaginable ways and that He would bring her His strength and hope.

Friday 19 April

In Nigeria, an average of eleven Christians die for their faith every day. Pray that God would “protect the paths of justice and guard the way of those who are loyal to Him” (Prov. 2:8).

Saturday 20 April

Pray for the resilience of our family throughout sub-Saharan Africa – that “those who hope in the LORD will

Mary Abdullahi shares a photo of her daughter Bilki, one of the Chibok believers still missing.



renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

| China

Sunday 21 April

Pray with church leaders in South China. Jiang*, Fei* and Zhen* were arrested last year, accused of committing an illegal business operation. Our partners are unsure of their whereabouts. Pray for protection and their safe return.

Monday 22 April

Recently, Jiang’s wife posted an open letter online sharing how his arrest has devastated their family. “Both of us lost our jobs,” she wrote. “How are we going to live?” Pray for this family’s perseverance.

Tuesday 23 April

“I feel alone. Every morning, I wake up with tears.” Pray for the emotional state of Jiang’s wife – that she would know the Church is praying for her.

Wednesday 24 April

Pray for their son, who is away at school and is struggling in his studies. He and his father used to talk by video twice a week. Ask God to place people on his path to encourage him.

Thursday 25 April

Pray that families and friends would remain strong support for prisoners in their time of confusion and helplessness. Pray for families who are struggling both financially and emotionally.

Friday 26 April

Pray for all of your sisters and brothers behind bars, imprisoned for the Gospel. Ask God to be near them, assuring them of His presence and truth. "Remember the prisoners as though you were in prison with them ..." (Heb. 13:3).

| Sri Lanka

Saturday 27 April

Five years ago today, Islamic extremists bombed three churches. Pray with those who lost loved ones in the coordinated Easter Sunday attacks. This is an especially difficult day.

Sunday 28 April

Pray by name for Zion Church Pastor Kumaran and his wife, Sarantha, who lost their 12-year-old son,

Malkiya, in the attack on their church. Pray also for their son, Jerome, and daughter, Shemida.

Monday 29 April

Pray for Kuweni, whose youngest son, Kevin, was killed in the Zion Church bombing. Pray for her grieving mother's heart today and that she would know God's love for her. Pray for His peace and comfort for her and her family.

Tuesday 30 April

Pray for Praba, a Sunday schoolteacher at Zion Church who lost her eight-year-old son, Peter, in the bombing. "People who had never seen us were praying for us when we could not," she says. "Because of their prayers, we have been able to stay strong in our faith."

Kuweni in Sri Lanka



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