



PRAYER CALENDAR

January 2025



“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

JOHN 1:5 (NLT)

JANUARY

NORTH KOREA

Wednesday, 1 January

It can be difficult to see where God is at work in North Korea. In this new year, pray that God will give Christians (inside and outside the country) eyes to see His light amid of the darkness. *Lord, we ask You to continue to answer prayers and speak to North Korean believers in seen and unseen ways.*

Thursday, 2 January

Pray for the 400 000 secret believers in North Korea. Ask God to give your brothers and sisters a chance to gather, read the Bible and worship with other Christians and to do so safely.

Friday, 3 January

Thank God for our safe house ministry in China where North Koreans like Joo Min* can meet Jesus and be discipled, supported and strengthened to take the Gospel back to their home country.

SOMALIA

Saturday, 4 January

Somalia can be an incredibly dangerous place to follow Jesus. Ask God to walk with Somali Christians (both inside and outside the country) and give them hope, even when things seem hopeless.

Sunday, 5 January

Pray that God would watch over Somali Christians who face violent attacks from the Islamic extremist group Al Shabab. Ask Him to be their “place of safety” (2 Sam. 22:3).

Monday, 6 January

Pray for Somali secret believers who are parents and need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and to follow Him. Pray for the future of the secret Church in Somalia.

Tuesday, 7 January

Somali secret Christians often feel targeted, alone and fearful. Ask God to show them that millions of Christians around the world are praying for them.

Pray with Somali believers targeted for their faith.



| LIBYA

Wednesday, 8 January

Libya remains a country divided, with two groups grappling for control. Pray this tension won't boil into a war that would further endanger believers.

Thursday, 9 January

Christian migrant workers in Libya live at risk from extremist groups. Ask God to protect and walk with these believers, particularly in those areas where there is no real rule of law.

Friday, 10 January

There are few churches in Libya and converts from Islam are forced to follow Jesus in secret. Ask God to open doors for believers to find a life-giving community and grow in their walk with Christ.

| ERITREA

Saturday, 11 January

This year saw yet another mass arrest of Eritrean Christians. Pray that these believers – and others like them – will be kept from all harm and ultimately freed.

Sunday, 12 January

Pray for Eritrean believers who are forced into military service against their will. Ask God to protect and help them to live out their faith. Pray they would realise that God is their refuge.

Monday, 13 January

Pray for the families of Christians whose loved ones have been arrested and

imprisoned. Children grow up without knowing their mother or father. Pray that God will provide for them in all their daily needs.

Tuesday, 14 January

Eritrea has one of the most notorious prison networks in the world. Pray for imprisoned believers – that they would be released and not lose hope in these trials.

| YEMEN

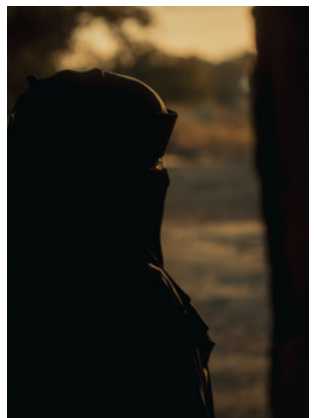
Wednesday, 15 January

It seems there's never an end to violence in Yemen. Pray that God would bring peace and justice to Yemen and that the cries of His people would not be forgotten.

Thursday, 16 January

Pray for Yemeni women's ministry leader Zahra* who often talks to women who don't yet know Christ. "This is the riskiest part of my ministry," she says. "It's why Yemeni women coming to Christ is really a miracle."

Pray with Yemeni women's ministry leader Zahra.



Friday, 17 January

Zahra is enrolled in a two-year leadership coaching journey with an Open Doors' coaching school. Ask God to protect all involved in this ministry, especially those living in places where they could be attacked by Islamic extremists.

| NIGERIA

Saturday, 18 January

Once again, Nigeria is one of the most violent places in the world for Christians. Pray for those whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.

Sunday, 19 January

Pray that God would work in the hearts of Nigerian government leaders – that they would be convicted and challenged to work to protect Christian citizens and communities.

Monday, 20 January

Pray for the millions of Nigerians who have been displaced by violence like Pastor Barnabas (*pictured below*). Pray that God would guide him as he leads Christians in the camp where he and his family have lived for four years.

Displaced in Nigeria – pray for Pastor Barnabas.



Tuesday, 21 January

Pray for unity among Christians in Nigeria – that there wouldn't be a divide between north and south, and that all believers would learn to serve God together.

| PAKISTAN

Wednesday, 22 January

Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws continue to be used to falsely accuse and target Christians. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of decision-makers in Pakistan to overturn these unjust laws.

Thursday, 23 January

Pakistani Christians know they are second-class citizens – many work in dangerous jobs considered unfit for Muslims. Pray they will find joy in their daily lives.

Friday, 24 January

Ask God to protect and preserve Christian women in Pakistan who are often kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslims.

| SUDAN

Saturday, 25 January

Christians have been caught in the crossfire of Sudan's civil war. Pray for peace and that believers would find relief from the violence of civil war.

Sunday, 26 January

Thank God for Sudanese Christians who continue to serve the vulnerable. Pray that He would preserve their brave witness.

Monday, 27 January

Ask God to be close to believers displaced from their homes by the violence. Pray that He would hear the cries of the suffering and deliver them from this conflict.

CHINA

Tuesday, 28 January

Every year, pressure seems to increase for Chinese Christians. Pray that believers would experience growth in their faith, even as persecution rises.

Wednesday, 29 January

Church leaders are often monitored and regarded with suspicion by Chinese authorities. Today on the Chinese New Year, pray

these leaders would feel the presence of Christ.

MALDIVES

Thursday, 30 January

In Maldives, it's illegal to print or import Bibles in the country's native language of Divehi. Pray that God would make a way for our Christian family to gain access to God's Word. Currently, only 25 books of the Bible have been translated into Divehi.

Friday, 31 January

Public worship is outlawed in the Maldives. Ask God to allow Christians – natives and the many foreign workers living in the country – to find fellowship.

Pray with the underground Church in China.



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