

PRAYER CALENDAR

May 2025

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not
abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9

MAY

MYANMAR

1 May

Pray for Myanmar, which is in its fifth year of increasingly violent conflict between the ruling military and rebel groups. Millions of people are displaced, and solutions, even a ceasefire, are nowhere in sight.

2 May

Well-established churches have been attacked. Pray specifically for healing and restoration for traumatised believers in the Christian-majority states of Chin, Kachin and Kayah States.

3 May

An estimated 2,8 million citizens are displaced from their homes, living in overcrowded IDP camps or fleeing to the surrounding jungle. Ask God to watch over their health.

4 May

Pray with Pastor Yang* (pictured on the cover) and his wife. They were forced to flee their hometown, where

he worked as a teacher and a youth pastor. Pray for the couple's stability. They have had to move repeatedly.

5 May

Despite being displaced, Pastor Yang is passionate about serving and ministering to other displaced believers. He has partnered with Open Doors to bring critical support to persecuted Christians. Pray for their divine protection.

6 May

Pastor Mun* was also forced to flee his community. "We must leave our homes for our safety. We can no longer go to our churches," he says. Pray for guidance as he discerns the next steps for him and his family.

7 May

Moe Moe*, a believer from Kayah State, has been repeatedly displaced due to the violence. "It is challenging to be on the run every time," she says. Pray for peace and perseverance for your sister.

8 May

Moe Moe and her husband participated in persecution survival training led by Open

Displacement camp for Myanmar Christians.





Doors partners. Ask God to bless our partner, Pastor David*, who travelled far to teach them to respond Biblically when they encounter persecution.

9 May

Pray with Pastor Myint* and his wife May*. They have lost everything because of their passion for sharing the Gospel. Local villagers – empowered by the coup – destroyed their home and threatened their family.

10 May

May asks us to pray: “Because of the war and persecution, many believers are displaced, and we have lost connection with them. Please pray that they will remain faithful to Jesus.”

11 May

Pray for God’s providence and grace upon Pastor Myint and his wife. Their health is weak. Pray for their healing and also for their children as they experience persecution and pain along with their parents.

| IRAQ

12 May

Pray for our local partner who

studies project proposals for microloan projects for Iraqi Christians who are struggling financially. Ask God for wisdom and discernment for those partners who consider and designate these loans.

13 May

Converted Muslims are Iraq’s most vulnerable Christian community, susceptible to family rejection, job discrimination and even physical violence. Pray for opportunities for those followers to meet with other Christians.

14 May

Pray for Iraqi believers who are the first and only Christians in their families. Pray for inner strength as they face scrutiny and hostility, and for sensitivity to Spirit-led opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

| PALESTINE

15 May

Our field team tells us that Christians in Gaza have a long way to go toward restoring their lives and properties after the violence they’ve seen. Pray that they will heal from the trauma and wounds of war.

16 May

Pray for our local partner organisation in Gaza (name withheld for security reasons). Pray for their efforts to bring healing to traumatised believers, specifically for the counsellors. Pray for their words and discernment.

17 May

Pray for hope and peace for the Christians who remained in Gaza – that God will guide them and their future as only He can do. Pray that He will strengthen those who remain (Rev. 3:2).

CENTRAL ASIA

18 May

Pray with 16-year-old student Alim who was expelled from his college for his faith. He answered his roommates' and even teachers' secret questions about his faith, ultimately leading to his expulsion. Ask God to bring him Christian friends.

19 May

Due to the stress Alim experienced, he has painful headaches and is reportedly losing most of his hearing. Pray for his physical healing and effective treatment.

20 May

Alim is now in a new college. He's more careful about who he talks to but continues to be a witness. "I can't stop talking about Jesus," he says. "I see that people need Him." Pray for Alim's protection.

21 May

Alim's parents and siblings

lead a big Christian ministry in a Muslim-majority country. Pray that God will keep His hand on them and their service.

22 May

Praise God for Daniel* who recently celebrated 25 years as a Bible smuggler with Open Doors. "I'm using my experience and skills to bring the Bible to persecuted believers in creative ways," Daniel says.

23 May

Daniel has spent the last ten years bringing God's Word into a restricted country and asks specifically for prayers for God's continued protection. "God came through every time. Yes, every single time," he says.

24 May

Pray for Christians in Central Asia who pursue Jesus, growing in their understanding of their calling and mission amidst the Muslim-majority population.

SYRIA

25 May

Continue to pray for Syria and the Church there. Our field team tells us that crime is growing in this Arab country, streets are empty in the evenings. Pray for an end to the criminal activities and for restoration.

26 May

Pray that Christians will be chosen to play a significant and positive role in the preparations toward writing



Syria's new constitution. Christian leaders have asked to participate. Pray for favour.

27 May

Due to the change in power, Sunni Muslims can now publicly express their faith in Syria's streets. They're calling others, including believers, into Islam. Pray that Christians will stand strong. One Syrian believer shares: "It is essential for Christians to stay steadfast in their faith."

28 May

In Syria, Christians cannot legally share their faith with Muslims. Anything perceived as "shaking the faith of a Muslim" is forbidden and punishable. Pray that Muslims will hear the Gospel in powerful ways.

DRC

29 May

Pray for the Democratic

Republic of the Congo's eastern province, where thousands have died in extremist attacks. Pray for comfort and strength for their loved ones.

30 May

Pray for the Lord to bring calmness and to silence extremists. Pray for government security to be efficient and that God will end the constant bloodshed.

31 May

Pray for Christians in the North Kivu Province to remain strong in their faith, despite the insecurity. Ask God to give wisdom to church leaders as they lead their congregations to be beacons of hope.

Teenage girl in Eastern DRC.



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