

# PRAYER CALENDAR

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July 2025



**“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.”**

ACTS 4:29

# JULY

## SECRET BELIEVERS

### 1 July

Pray for perseverance for Iraqi believers from a Muslim background, such as Yasin\* (pictured on the cover). He has led his family to Jesus, but his community has beaten him and firebombed his home for his decision to leave Islam.

### 2 July

“When I read the Bible for the first time, I cried because of the beautiful words in it,” Yasin says. Pray that Scripture would be life-giving amid the isolation and persecution of secret believers.

### 3 July

Yasin asks you to pray that God gives him the strength to share the Gospel with “as many people as possible,” he says. “I have hope that they will all be saved.”

### 4 July

Bitá met Jesus in a secret house church in Iran. She hides her Bible and whispers

her prayers in secret. Pray for unwavering courage and perseverance for women like Bitá.

### 5 July

Pray for children forced to learn Muslim beliefs – even when Islam is not their faith. Not only must they deal with their daily homework, but they must also navigate their hostile culture.

### 6 July

Often, Middle Eastern Christians tell us that Jesus revealed Himself to them in a dream. Pray that God would bring more dreams and visions to Muslims.

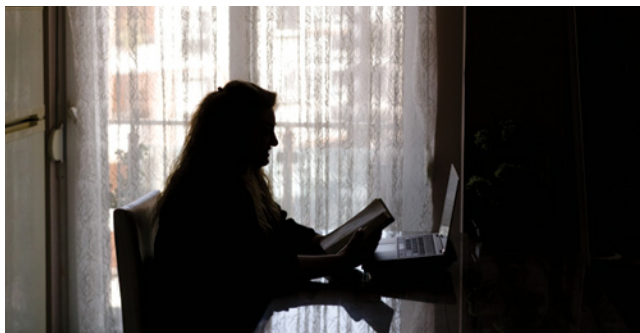
### 7 July

For pastors in the Middle East, working with believers from a Muslim background is a risk. Thank God for pastors who take this risk. Pray for pastors who dare to meet with new believers.

### 8 July

When Somayeh\* first heard about Jesus in her native country of Iran, she had one goal: to prove that Christianity wasn’t true and Islam was. But that was before she

*Somayeh, secret believer.*





stepped into a local church, at a friend's invitation. Ask God to embolden Christians to invite Muslims to worship.

### 9 July

Somayeh started a secret house church that grew to 50 people and became a place of healing and transformation. Pray that God would raise up more believers to multiply and advance His Church.

### 10 July

Somayeh now leads an online ministry, serving secret Christians in Iran. Outside her native country, she attends training sessions organised by Open Doors. "The trainings have deepened my understanding of God's Word," she says. Ask God to expand her ministry.

### 11 July

Pray with Adam and Dina, an Egyptian couple who followed Jesus out of Islam. When Adam's father discovered their conversion, he threatened their lives. Ask God to give them both grace and courage.

### 12 July

Through the support of an

Open Doors partner church, Adam received a motorised freight trike to earn a living, and the couple found a safe place to stay. Pray that this couple will grow in their faith.

### 13 July

Pray with 5-year-old Salim. When his parents revealed their Christian faith, he came home from school with bruises and torn clothes, bullied by his Muslim classmates. Pray for children whose faith puts them at risk.

### 14 July

Pray for peace for Salim's parents who enrolled their son in a school without mentioning their Christian faith – at the suggestion of Open Doors local partners. "For now, it's the only option to protect our child," Salim's father says.

## | YEMEN

### 15 July

Pray with the Church in Yemen that's suffering amid bombings, hunger and the severe lack of medical care and educational opportunities. Pray they will "run and not be weary, walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).



### **16 July**

A Yemeni Christian shared his prayer request: “Pray that God would provide so that we’ll be able to continue to stand with the Church in the coming year.”

### **17 July**

Christians in Yemen are bold. Pray for those who are courageous enough to bring people to their houses to worship. Pray for their protection and discernment.

## **| BANGLADESH**

### **18 July**

Ask God to provide for your brother Raju and his family. When Raju chose Jesus, his employer said it was his faith or his job. Ask God to help Raju find alternative ways to earn an income.

### **19 July**

Pray that through Raju’s situation, God will strengthen him and his family, and they will find their hope in Him.

## **| SYRIA**

### **20 July**

Since the fall of the Assad regime in late 2024, Christians don’t know what to expect from the new authorities. Pray that the Lord will help believers grow into His witnesses.

### **21 July**

Pray for churches that opened their doors for converts from a Muslim or Druze background in the last few years. Pray for church leaders and insight in this new political situation.

### **22 July**

Thank God that in the last few years, many Kurdish Muslims in northeast Syria have become followers of Jesus. Pray that the Lord will equip and empower them with what they need to grow strong and mighty in their faith.

## **| CENTRAL ASIA**

### **23 July**

Pray with your brother Karim, who has lost his wife, children and could be losing the home he built, because he decided to leave Islam and follow Jesus. Ask God to be ever-close.

### **24 July**

Pray for perseverance for Karim. Karim remains in his village to support several. Pray also for his health and the deterioration of his hearing.

### **25 July**

Praise God for summer youth camps offered by Open Doors local partners. These gatherings bring



together young people facing opposition for their faith. Camp participant Emma shares: “A lot has changed in me. I carry the love of Christ in my heart.”

### 26 July

Praise God for a ministry couple who used an Open Doors micro-credit to purchase and run a car parts shop as a means of ministry, helping young people learn a profession. Pray that their ministry will thrive as they minister to the youth they feel called to reach.

## LAOS

### 27 July

Pray for strength and hope for four Christian house church leaders arrested in northern Laos. After their

community reported them, authorities barged into a worship service.

### 28 July

Pray for local church leaders in the area and wisdom for Open Doors partners as they visit families and provide counsel and encouragement.

### 29 July

Pray for the 19 believers in the village where church leaders were arrested. They are living in constant fear, as villagers and authorities watch believers’ every move. Pray they will seek God despite the risk.

## COLOMBIA

### 30 July

Pray with your Colombian brothers and sisters in the indigenous department of Chocó, where an armed strike has created fear among leaders and put the Church in the crosshairs.

### 31 July

Pastors in Chocó ask: “Please pray that God would take control of this situation and help the Church to understand His vision in the midst of the conflict.”

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