

PRAYER CALENDAR

December 2025



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13

DECEMBER

SUDAN

1 December

Pray with us today for the Sudanese congregation of the Pentecostal Church in northeast Khartoum. They were forced to stand and watch as their church building was demolished.

2 December

"People are extremely traumatised, and this impacts our witness," a church leader shares about the church destroyed in northeast Khartoum. Pray for Christians to receive emotional and spiritual healing from the now 3-year-old war.

3 December

Authorities have stated that any building not complying with regulations would be destroyed throughout Khartoum State. Pray that God would thwart the plans for the destruction of more church buildings.

Destroyed church in Khartoum.



CHINA

4 December

Pray with a house church in Central China, which is under official scrutiny following a report to local authorities. Pray they will respond to this challenging situation with both wisdom and strength.

5 December

There are concerns that the leaders and co-workers of a house church in Central China could face future conviction. They face ongoing police surveillance. Ask God to protect these leaders and all those in China navigating continued crackdowns.

GAZA AND ISRAEL

6 December

Please pray with your family in Gaza, Israel, the West Bank, Lebanon and other regions impacted by the war. Pray for lasting peace and justice in the Holy Land.

7 December

Pray for an end to the war and bloodshed. Pray for the swift reconstruction of cities and for the needed provision. "Pray for the continued presence of Christians in Gaza," says our local partner.

MALAYSIA

8 December

Praise God with us that He is changing lives and eternities in remote areas of Malaysia as Open Doors partners bring audio Bibles to illiterate

people groups in their native language.

9 December

Pray with our local partners as they walk alongside new believers in remote areas of Malaysia, discipling these tribal groups to deepen their understanding of God's Word and grow in their faith.

10 December

One believer in the Iban people group shares: "We've been waiting for the Iban Bible for about three months; now we can read and hear God's Word in our own language." Pray that they would become disciples who make disciples and start churches.

11 December

Pray that funding for the audio Bible ministry would increase exponentially, making it easy for our local partners to say "yes" when asked for more Bibles.

AFGHANISTAN

12 December

Four years after the Taliban took power, it's nearly impossible to practice Christianity openly. Pray for protection and perseverance for Christians who convert from Islam. They reportedly experience "threats of violence, forced conversion and imprisonment".

13 December

The small remnant of Afghan Christians holds fast to the promises of Jesus and has hope that more Afghans will

come to faith in the years to come and advance the Church. They ask the Open Doors community: "Pray for the Gospel to ignite in this country and spread like a wildfire."

14 December

Samira*, an Afghan Christian woman, shares: "Even if we can't go to church, we pray in our hearts and rooms." She asks the Open Doors community: "Pray that we feel the Holy Spirit in our loneliness."

15 December

As Christmas approaches, pray that Afghan Christians would sense in their minds and hearts, "Emmanuel, God with us." Samira shares: "Please pray that God makes our hearts strong in times of fear and silence."

16 December

Samira thanks you for praying with her and shares one more request: "Pray for physical safety, that we are not discovered and for our faith to stay strong. Pray for access to the Bible, and for more people to be baptised and become disciples."

Afghan Christian refugee.



**Name changed for security reasons.*

PAKISTAN

17 December

Praise God that after 23 years on death row, your brother, 72-year-old Anwar Kenneth, was acquitted of blasphemy. Pray that he and his legal team will be protected from any retaliation by extremists.

18 December

Pray that the case of Anwar will be a watershed moment and a landmark decision, leading to more acquittals and a stop to the misuse and abuse of the blasphemy law.

19 December

Pray for Anwar as he recovers from his ordeal, and ask God to sustain all those in Pakistan facing false and unjust blasphemy accusations.

NIGERIA

20 December

For one horrifying week, armed Fulani militants ravaged villages in Nigeria's Benue State. When they left, at least 200 people were dead, and thousands were displaced from their homes.

Pray for God's provision for shelter and food.

21 December

Most of the villages in Benue State were Christian. Pray for comfort and strength for people mourning the loss of family and friends. May they be encouraged knowing their loved ones are with Jesus.

22 December

Pray that God will bring His supernatural peace to Nigerian Christians who live with the anxiety of knowing they could be attacked at any given time.

23 December

Pray for protection for the Church in Nigeria. Christmas is often a time of increased attacks for churches that risk so much to gather and celebrate their Saviour's birth.

24 December

Pray with our Nigerian family who have lost loved ones in attacks last year on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Pray for their peace and that they would be reminded they are not alone.

Displaced Christians in Benue State.



25 December

And He shall be called Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father. Pray that our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide would experience Jesus' birth anew.

| IRAN

26 December

Pray with your Iranian family today as mass arrests increase throughout the country. Some of the recent cases involve charges related to the possession of Bibles. Pray that the Gospel will continue to advance despite these setbacks.

27 December

Pray by name for 43-year-old Christian convert Aida Najafloo, who faces multiple charges, simply for praying, performing baptisms and sharing Christian content online. Pray that God would keep her under His wing.

28 December

Pray for the families of prisoners who are missing their loved ones. Ask God to uphold their families by His grace. Pray that Jesus' love will shine even in places of deep darkness.

| MEXICO

29 December

Pray for the families of the nine victims of an attack on a Christian-based rehabilitation centre in Sinaloa. Pray they will cling to the promise, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"* (Matt. 5:4).

30 December

Drug cartels likely targeted the rehabilitation centre's director. Faith-driven social initiatives are often viewed as threats, and he worked to keep young people out of crime. Pray for area Christians who "live in fear", says an Open Doors volunteer. "Some are too scared to leave their homes."

31 December

Remember Christians throughout the world who are hoping and praying for peace and freedom in 2026. *Father, we pray that You would bring change in the lives of our sisters and brothers who risk so much to follow You.*

Pray for peace in 2026.



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