



# PRAYER CALENDAR

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April 2026

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16



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# APRIL

## PHILIPPINES

### Wednesday, 1 April

Sheila\* is a 17-year-old believer in a stilt house community in the Southern Philippines. While enduring an illness, she faces persecution. Pray for healing and stamina.

### Thursday, 2 April

In the Southern Philippines, Sheila's neighbours mock and exclude her. Pray that the discipleship training she and others received from Open Doors equips them to stand firm.

### Good Friday, 3 April

On Good Friday, as we remember Christ's sacrifice, pray that our persecuted family would know how much their Saviour loves them.

### Holy Saturday, 4 April

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection, let's pray for protection from attacks as believers gather in their local churches.

### Easter Sunday, 5 April

*"He is not here, for He has*

*risen..."* Praise God! Today, on Easter Sunday, pray that persecuted Christians would grasp the hope and peace that Christ's resurrection brings.

## NORTH KOREA

### Monday, 6 April

We cannot give names or locations, but we know that this year, multiple Christians have been arrested by authorities in North Korea. Pray for endurance.

### Tuesday, 7 April

God is a *"refuge in times of trouble; He cares for those who trust in Him"* (Nahum 1:7). Pray these promises for believers in an overcrowded prison cell in North Korea.

### Wednesday, 8 April

Ask God to bring tangible reminders of His presence and power to faithful believers in North Korea facing mentally taxing and potentially violent interrogation sessions.

### Thursday, 9 April

Pray for families torn apart by arrests in North Korea, especially children who may



now grow up without parents. Pray for their provision and peace that passes all human understanding.

### **Friday, 10 April**

Pray that the guards, interrogators and North Korean officials will be touched by the witness of Christians and turn to Christ.

### **Saturday, 11 April**

Pray for the underground Church in North Korea, that it would continue to grow quietly and courageously, even under the shadow of fear.

### **Sunday, 12 April**

Today, remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering (Heb. 13:3).

## **| SUDAN**

### **Monday, 13 April**

As horrific images and videos come out of Sudan's war, pray together with our family, where the Church is an unwanted minority. Pray for God's wisdom and strength.

### **Tuesday, 14 April**

Pray by name for Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Gen Mohamed Dagalo (Hemedti) – leaders of the warring factions. Pray for God's Spirit to work in their hearts and minds.

### **Wednesday, 15 April**

Pray that many will turn in repentance to Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour. Pray they will find Christians who will walk with them.

### **Thursday, 16 April**

Pray Psalm 113 over Sudan – that God would *"lift the poor from the dust"*. Ask God to bring relief through various means to the millions of Sudanese caught in hunger.

## **| SYRIA**

### **Friday, 17 April**

It has been one year since the Syrian government fell, and church leaders tell us that Christians are living in a climate of fear. Pray for their protection and peace.

### **Saturday, 18 April**

Violent words with threats to kill Christians have been written on church walls and

*Refugee in an IDP camp in Sudan.*





in Christian areas in Syria. Pray that believers would continue to find strength to endure in this environment.

### **Sunday, 19 April**

Praise God! Pastor Razzok from Homs reports that some non-Christians are now more open to Christianity: "They see that Christianity brings peace." Pray for revival.

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peace."**

—PASTOR RAZZOK, SYRIA

### **Monday, 20 April**

Pray that the Church in Syria would seek out ways to be salt and light to Muslims. A church leader from Aleppo shares: "We have a great opportunity to show who the real Christians are."

## **COLOMBIA**

### **Tuesday, 21 April**

Pray for Colombian believers who face threats to their lives and livelihoods. Recent attacks on churches have compelled Christians to move to safer areas.

### **Wednesday, 22 April**

Pray that displaced Colombian pastors and leaders will find strength, provision and protection wherever they have taken refuge.

### **Thursday, 23 April**

Late last year, extremists broke into a church in Colombia and seized control of the building, occupying it for several days. There is no longer a church presence in the town. Pray for scared families.

### **Friday, 24 April**

Pray that families who have lost their homes and livelihoods in Colombia will receive timely help and rebuild their lives. And pray that churches would continue shining their light.

## **INDONESIA**

### **Saturday, 25 April**

Meet and pray with Ricky, a new believer from Papua, Indonesia. Ricky thought he was a Christian until our partners asked him some hard questions. Pray with him as he prepares for persecution. Where he lives, leaving Islam to follow Jesus can put him in danger.



### Sunday, 26 April

Ricky was excited to receive his first-ever Bible, made possible by your support and prayers. Pray that he would find solace, wisdom, strength and peace in God's Word.

### Monday, 27 April

Pray with pastors who participated in a two-day seminar in Jayapura city, Indonesia. For many like Pastor Sudin, the training renewed their zeal for evangelism. Pray as they teach their churches to follow the Great Commission.

### Tuesday, 28 April

Pastor Isak Deda from Indonesia urged pastors to

stay alert to the "ongoing process of Islamisation in our city" and to strengthen their congregations. Pray for church leaders as they navigate the changing landscape. Pray for wisdom, insight and compassion as they lead their churches.

### Wednesday, 29 April

Pray that our local partners would see the fruit of their labour in transformed lives in Indonesia and throughout the world. *God, we pray that our partners' efforts would help believers to grow confident in their calling.*

**"[This seminar] has reignited my passion for evangelism."**

— PASTOR SUDIN, INDONESIA

### Thursday, 30 April

Pray that entire communities in Indonesia will encounter Christ through the testimony of women, men and children who refuse to give up – even when it costs them everything. Pray for both boldness and discernment as they share their faith.

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