



PRAYER CALENDAR

June 2026



“If you hold to My teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

JOHN 8:31-32

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JUNE

VENEZUELA

Monday, 1 June

Pray for God's guidance and wisdom so that the Church in Venezuela can be a light amid social tension in a time marked by electoral processes and momentous decisions.

Tuesday, 2 June

Venezuelan Pastor Manuel* shared specific prayer requests after the removal of the country's former president. "Pray for our peace," he says, "and that the levels of anxiety and uncertainty among Venezuelans decrease."

Wednesday, 3 June

There is fear that the government could become much harsher, even prohibiting church gatherings. Pray with church leaders as they respond to these challenges.

CHINA

Thursday, 4 June

Pray for China's next generation. A Chinese youth ministry leader shared: "The fiercest spiritual battle is for the faith of the younger generation. Campus ministry workers often face risks, and we need more prayers."

Friday, 5 June

Pray for Christian students in China. Once-vibrant student fellowships on university campuses have largely

disappeared, with only a few continuing in secret. Ask God to guide them.

Saturday, 6 June

Pray today with Christian university teachers who are often placed on watchlists, frequently questioned by leaders and pressured to avoid unregistered house churches. Pray that their faith will be deeply rooted and unshakable.

Sunday, 7 June

Pray with students and teachers subjected to disciplinary measures for their faith. Ask God to find favour with Christian students denied access to graduate programmes and applications for government positions.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Monday, 8 June

Our sister Josephina is grieving the loss of her husband and four children, who remain missing after extremist attacks in Mozambique. She and hundreds are displaced. Pray for comfort and restoration.

Josephina in the aftermath of attacks.



Tuesday, 9 June

Pray with the Christian community of Bum in northern Nigeria, where nine people were killed in a Fulani militant attack. Ask God to surround them with His presence and strength.

Wednesday, 10 June

A recent video released from extremist group ISWAP tells Nigerian Christians: “Convert or die” and that all Christians are “legitimate targets”. Pray fervently for protection.

Thursday, 11 June

Pray with us for five Rwandan believers sentenced to prison for “refusing to stop witnessing their faith”. Ask God to be near to them and their families (Psalm 34:18).

Friday, 12 June

Pray with Binta*, whose Muslim family expelled her from their home when she trusted Jesus. “Pray that the Lord will permit a reconciliation between my family and me,” she asks.

Saturday, 13 June

Praise God! Several Christian prisoners were recently released from Eritrea’s notorious prison system. Continue to pray for the release of seven prominent church leaders.

LAOS

Sunday, 14 June

Pray with us for the Houang* family whose home was destroyed by villagers angered by the family’s decision to attend a nearby

church. Pray for Open Doors local partners as they work to find a long-term solution for the family.

Monday, 15 June

Pray for recent training sessions for local churches, especially for participants in a session designed to help Christians address cults and false teachers. Pray that believers will stay rooted in the Word.

Tuesday, 16 June

Pray for the Salt and Light Project, which helps local churches work closely with our local partners to build relationships with local authorities through community initiatives, such as school support.

CENTRAL ASIA

Wednesday, 17 June

Pray with 16-year-old Hysam* from Central Asia. After he was baptised, his Muslim parents beat him and kicked him out of their house. Because of your support, Hysam has a place to live.

Thursday, 18 June

Pray for steadfast faith for Ayaz, a 40-year-old widower with two teen daughters. He is a new believer, and the recent loss of his wife has been devastating. Pray for wisdom and perseverance.

Friday, 19 June

Praise God for recent discipleship training courses in Central Asia. At one conference focusing on the calling of the



Church, 283 believers from several Christian countries participated. Your prayers and support make this possible!

PHILIPPINES

Saturday, 20 June

Today, on World Refugee Day, pray with Christians forced to flee their homes for safety. Ask God to comfort them and open new doors of opportunity and encouragement.

Sunday, 21 June

Pray for Filipino fathers today and all fathers facing persecution for their faith. Ask God to give them courage and equip them to be the spiritual leaders in their families.

Monday, 22 June

Pray for the children's storytelling programmes that our local partner leads in the southern region of the Philippines. Ask God to instil these Bible stories into the minds and hearts of these children.

BANGLADESH

Tuesday, 23 June

In north Bangladesh, Christian persecution, especially against converts, is rising sharply. Pray for provision and protection over the families forced into hiding.

Wednesday, 24 June

Pray specifically with Mamum*, a local evangelist threatened by Islamic leaders. He faces warnings to shut down the house church he leads. Ask God to shield him from the arrows.

Thursday, 25 June

Saiful*, a local church pastor, asks: "Please pray for us, that we may remain faithful to Christ until the last drop of our blood." Pray for courage and blessing for Saiful and his family.

NORTH KOREA

Friday, 26 June

In North Korea, 20 to 40 households are grouped under a local monitor who

reports on daily movements, any visitors and loyalty. Pray with underground Christians under this oppression.

Saturday, 27 June

North Koreans must attend self-evaluation meetings to confess their shortcomings and denounce each other. Ask God to speak His truth to North Koreans in these sessions.

Sunday, 28 June

Today, let's pray for believers who worship alone, that they will experience fellowship with God when human fellowship is impossible.

Monday, 29 June

North Korean Christians recently shared that medicines of any kind are almost impossible to get. Pray that God will make a way for medicinal treatment and healing.

Tuesday, 30 June

One North Korean believer reminds us of the importance of praying for our North Korean family every day. "We still exist thanks to your prayers and support," he said. "Thank you for praying."

Bangladesh church leaders.



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