



PRAYER CALENDAR

July 2026



“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith.”
I CORINTHIANS 16:13

JULY

UNDERGROUND CHRISTIANS

Wednesday, 1 July

Pray for wisdom and resilience for underground churches in places like China, Laos, Yemen and Iran as they navigate intensified surveillance and pressure. Ask the Lord to provide creative ways to grow in their faith and to continue sharing the Gospel.

Thursday, 2 July

During a police raid, Jinyi's* husband, Zhang*, was imprisoned for his involvement in their house church, leaving her alone with two children. She asks: "Please pray for us. Our youth gatherings must remain underground. And people

are still overshadowed by persecution and remain fearful of gatherings."

Friday, 3 July

Pray for God's Word to reach every household in China, especially in regions where the Gospel is unfamiliar or unheard. Ask the Lord to raise up and send faithful workers like Jinyi.

Saturday, 4 July

Kanya* and Phonesay* have lost nearly everything for their faith, including their home in Laos. Still, they continue to worship in secret. Kanya asks: "Pray that whatever happens, we will stand firm and never deny Christ."

Sunday, 5 July

Many children and youth of displaced house church leaders are banned from school because their parents refuse to renounce their faith.

"I stand strong in my faith, and I know that my life is safe in Jesus."

– PASTOR KHOUN, LAOS

Kanya and Phonesay*'s underground church (re-enactment).*



Pray these children will grow in knowledge and faith.

Monday, 6 July

Pray that God will protect and strengthen the underground student and youth groups throughout China with His mighty hand.

Tuesday, 7 July

Today, pray for Open Doors' presence ministry, that the Holy Spirit lead our partners, grounded in truth, and filled with God's love. *Lord, let this ministry bring glory to You.*

Wednesday, 8 July

Pray for persecuted leaders and workers, such as Fuxi*, who serves ethnic minorities and faces the risk of surveillance and harsh measures. Ask God to grant her wisdom.

Thursday, 9 July

Pray for perseverance for Ling*, an underground believer we met during a recent Open Doors discipleship training. Her family returned to their mountain village in Southwest China to share their faith.

Friday, 10 July

Pray for Pastor Khoun* (59), a believer and leader of a house church in Laos, whose home has been destroyed. He continues to press on, sharing: "The Bible teaches that nothing can harm me – not ghosts, black magic, poison or others who want to hurt me," he says. "I stand strong in my faith, and I know that my life is safe in Jesus."

Saturday, 11 July

Today, pray that authorities will allow displaced church leaders to return to their homes. Pray for softened hearts and that authorities might see God's love through these leaders' witness.

Sunday, 12 July

Pray for endurance and protection for imprisoned underground pastors and church members. Ask God to comfort, strengthen and provide for their families.

Monday, 13 July

Pray that those who persecute underground believers would encounter God's loving kindness and saving grace.

Tuesday, 14 July

Pray for strong discipleship and leadership ministries within underground churches, that they will produce faithful and obedient followers of Jesus.

Wednesday, 15 July

Pray for the next generation in China – the country's most vulnerable group of believers – that they may grow in their knowledge of God, and that He would raise up more workers to minister among them.

Thursday, 16 July

Pray for new underground converts, especially for the boldness to practice their faith. Pray that their lives become living testimonies.

Friday, 17 July

Satan has blinded the eyes of many in Laos and sown seeds of deception about Christianity. Ask God to break down these spiritual strongholds and replace lies with truth.

Saturday, 18 July

Praise God for trainings for leaders and believers in Laos. May our local partners be used mightily as they train participants to examine Biblical principles.

Sunday, 19 July

Pray also for leadership workshops focusing on women and children. Pray for wisdom and discernment for leaders as they work together to enhance teaching materials.

COLOMBIA

Monday, 20 July

Today is Colombia's Independence Day. In many regions, Christians don't feel free. Pray today for Christian communities facing threats, limiting their ability to worship and serve openly.

Tuesday, 21 July

Pray with 13 families forced to leave their community in Nariño, Colombia, for trusting Jesus. Pray that these families will remain united and strengthen each other.

Wednesday, 22 July

Pray for the displaced Church where violence and criminal control have driven entire congregations from their homes. Pray for stability as



these believers rebuild their homes and lives.

ARISE AFRICA

Thursday, 23 July

We recently spoke to Ruth* whose daughter and stepdaughter remain missing – captives in the 2014 attack on a Chibok girls' school. She asks us to pray with her: "Brothers and sisters in Christ, help us with prayers ... pray we will see our girls with our own eyes."

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– RUTH, NIGERIAN MOTHER

Friday, 24 July

Alheri was 12 when Boko Haram fighters took her captive. She escaped and came to Open Doors' trauma centre. Praise God! Alheri asks: "Pray that God will strengthen my faith and take away my dreams about Boko Haram."

Saturday, 25 July

Pray for 27-year-old Blessing, a former captive of an extremist group, who received trauma care from Open Doors. "I've learned to forgive," she says. Ask God to heal her from this trauma completely.

Sunday, 26 July

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the violence against majority-Christian communities has reached alarming proportions. Pray for the strengthening of the Church in the face of these attacks.

Monday, 27 July

Pray with DRC leader Rev. Kitika: "We ask for the prayers of brothers and sisters across the world for the return of peace so that we may continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ."

Tuesday, 28 July

Praise God for justice today. In Nigeria, almost 400 terrorists linked to known extremist groups were convicted in a mass trial and

received prison sentences ranging from five years to life in jail.

| **SRI LANKA**

Wednesday, 29 July

Pray with your sister, Sunisha*, for strength to forgive. She watched her brother burn her Bible and endured beatings. "God will not give me a trial I cannot bear," she says.

Thursday, 30 July

Surrendering to Jesus has cost Jerusha her family. Pray that our sister can reconcile with her father, who uses bribery and harassment to compel her to return to her Buddhist roots.

Friday, 31 July

Pray with Open Doors local partners for wisdom as they continue to visit Sunisha and Jerusha. They're exploring ways to support the women and their families.

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