



PRAYER CALENDAR

September 2026



“How long, O Lord?”
PSALM 13:1 (ESV)

**A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE
CHURCH IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

SEPTEMBER

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Tuesday, 1 September

Meet Pastor Josiah (pictured on cover). He lost his wife and three sons in extremist attacks in Nigeria. He asks us to pray this prayer with him: “Lord, be our encourager ... be ever close to us.”

Wednesday, 2 September

Pray that all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones martyred for their faith will know God’s promise – that He is “near to the broken-hearted.”

Thursday, 3 September

Pray with Pastor Michée from Burkina Faso. His father, brothers and members of his church community were

killed in a brutal attack targeting Christians. He reminds us: “*Your prayers are highly important to us.*”

Friday, 4 September

Pastor Michée asks us to pray: “Pray for us to keep faith in God. For me to always be devoted in my ministry until the end.”

Saturday, 5 September

Pray with Pastor Bandiba’s church in eastern Burkina Faso. After a deadly attack, the church that numbered more than 700 people is starting over in a new location. Pray that God would redeem and restore His church.

Sunday, 6 September

Pray for comfort, strength and peace with the families of two young ministry leaders, Jeremiah and Amadou, in eastern Burkina

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—PASTOR MICHEE, BURKINA FASO

Pastor Michée, eastern Burkina Faso.



Faso. The two men were killed when extremists entered the church.

Monday, 7 September

Pray urgently with Nigerian believers still reeling from the abductions of 40-plus children. Pray that God would protect and care for these vulnerable ones in captivity.

Tuesday, 8 September

Pray with believers in sub-Saharan Africa who continue to ask us to pray that their faith and testimony amidst persecution would be a light for Christ.

Wednesday, 9 September

Mali is still reeling from coordinated attacks by jihadist militants linked to Al-Qaeda. Pray with one church leader: “Pray so we can be resilient, faithful and lights in this dark situation.”

Thursday, 10 September

Pray for strength with the family of Nigerian Pastor Gbenga Sanny. He was kidnapped from his home in Ondo State’s Ilu-Abo community. His family escaped, but his children witnessed their father’s abduction.

Friday, September 11

Pray for communities attacked for their faith, especially women who are now widows and their children. Pray that God keeps their faith alive.

Saturday, 12 September

Pray with Nathalie* whose husband was killed in an

extremist attack on her village in Burkina Faso: “Pray for me to be able to provide for my kids,” she asks.

Sunday, 13 September

Deborah**s husband was killed in the same attack (25 women were widowed that day). “Pray for God to give me strength,” she asks. “Pray that I will follow Jesus ‘till my last days.”

Monday, 14 September

Asabe* has a message for you. Through your prayers and support, she received vital trauma care after her husband and three sons were martyred. “I thank you for all you are doing for the Gospel,” she says.

Tuesday, 15 September

Ask God to strengthen the widows in Asabe’s widows’ group. “God selected us [to be widows], and He knows how He will take care of us,” she says.

Wednesday, 16 September

Pray with all widows who need divine strength to walk forward and for provision for their families to have unexpected manna.

Thursday, 17 September

Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they bring what they have learned in trauma care to their churches and others traumatised by violence.

Friday, 18 September

Pray for trauma care workers as they travel to villages. Ask God to protect them and give



them glimpses of how He will use them to bring healing.

Saturday, 19 September

Pray for perseverance for all trauma care workers in Open Doors-supported trauma centre. Pray for their well-being as believers share their traumatic experiences.

Sunday, 20 September

Pray for your family in northern Mozambique. During a recent attack a church was burned down, including the kindergarten inside it. Pray for an end to the violence.

Monday, 21 September

Pray for the families of martyred believers. Ask God to continue to bring comfort, care and peace as they mourn their loved ones and adjust to their “new normal”.

Tuesday, 22 September

Pray for Christians in sub-Saharan Africa who risk so much to follow Jesus. Pray that many more people can get trauma care.

Wednesday, 23 September

Today on the International Day Against Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking, pray with women and girls across sub-Saharan Africa where extremists use rape and abduction to cripple the Church.

Thursday, 24 September

Our brothers and sisters continue to ask us to pray with them that their attackers will encounter Jesus. *Lord, we pray for the transformation of hearts and lives.*

Friday, 25 September

Meet Samira*, a 23-year-old Christian mother in Chad. She is ostracised for following Jesus. She asks us to pray for her children to know Christ.

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—NIGERIAN WIDOW DEBORAH



Saturday, 26 September

Pray for Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu today. Ask God to give him wisdom and courage to protect the country's citizens.

Sunday, 27 September

Today marks four years since the heavenly homecoming of Open Doors founder Brother Andrew. Pray for our ministry and our leaders as we continue to pursue Andrew's vision and legacy.

Monday, 28 September

Pray for Burkina Faso's President Captain Ibrahim Traoré (installed after the 2023 military coup). He is expected to remain in

power until 2029. Pray for humility and focus to address the attacks and insecurity in the country.

Tuesday, 29 September

Pray that the world will wake up, care about and act against the ongoing violence and injustice that permeates the lives of our persecuted family.

Wednesday, 30 September

Pray that as the Body of Christ, we will answer our family's call to pray for our brothers and sisters in sub-Saharan Africa who follow Jesus despite the risk, no matter what.

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