Open Doors

PRAYER CALENDAR



November 2026

"I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
LUKE 2:10

NOVEMBER

CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS

1 November

Today on IDOP Sunday, meet 12-year-old Aicha (pictured on cover, holding a paper angel) in Burkina Faso. She has already suffered for following Jesus. Pray with her as she looks forward to Christmas: "The main message of Christmas is that Jesus is the Son of God," she says.

2 November

Aicha shared the Gospel with her parents. Pray with her mother, Asseta, who asks: "God has called me to preach the Gospel of Jesus. Please pray that God will help me do what He has called me to do."

3 November

Praise God for the healing that Elias, Hanan and their five children have experienced since the bombing of St. Elias Church in Damascus, Syria. Pray for them as they face this Christmas without the seven family members they lost during the attack.

4 November

Nine-year-old Elie was in the worship hall when the bomb exploded at St. Elias Church. He shares: "I wish that the coming Christmas will be filled with goodness and that nothing else [bad] befalls us."

5 November

Pray that this Christmas, the message of Jesus coming to this world will awaken the hearts of many non-Christians in Syria.

6 November

Pray that Syrians can celebrate Jesus' birth in peace. Pray for meaningful moments and that the Christmas season would strengthen Christians in their faith.

7 November

Pray with Open Doors local partners in Central Asia, who collectively distribute Christmas gifts to more than 12 000 children. Pray their ministry would bear abundant fruit.

9-year-old Elie from Syria with his father Ayham.



Christians in Cameroon sign the Arise Africa petition.



8 November

Pray with young Zhenyah* in Central Asia. She shared her gratitude for her Christmas gifts and a specific request: "I want to say to the people, thank you. Pray for me, that I will get good grades."

9 November

Step into the lives of Echrak and her 8-year-old son Jamil today. When Echrak trusted Jesus, her husband, a devout Muslim, divorced her. Where they live in North Africa, they must celebrate Christmas privately. Ask God to bring them tangible reminders of His power.

10 November

Pray with Bangladeshi children Arko*, Antu*, Samay* and Sagor*, who are rejected by their classmates. They are part of Christian families living in a Hindu-majority area of northern Bangladesh. Pray that God would protect their hearts as they face rejection.

11 November

Ask God to protect Christian families who are from Muslim backgrounds in the Southern Philippines this Christmas. Many cannot celebrate openly because of family pressure.

12 November

You might remember Daniela from Colombia. Seven years ago, her father was killed for his faith. Praise God! She continues to serve in ministry and "wants to know the Lord more," she says.

13 November

Pray that families in sub-Saharan Africa who are grieving the loss of loved ones martyred for their faith will know God's promise this Christmas that He is "near to the broken-hearted" (Psalm 34:18) today and always.

14 November

Today marks the first hand-in of the Arise Africa petition to governments and organisations worldwide. Pray that God would use this petition to move leaders to action and prayer.

15 November

Pray with Iranian Christians Mary and her 12-year-old daughter Esther. Mary fled the country with her family for safety when police raided their home. Pray for their online ministry to Christians in Iran to grow.

16 November

"When everything around

you feels uncertain, Christmas reminds us that God has not forgotten us." At only 8 years old, Rayan lives a double life in Iran with his Christian mother and Muslim father. Pray with him by name today.

17 November

Pray with Christian children in Afghanistan, that both girls and boys would continue to dream of bright futures when they can one day worship freely.

18 November

Pray for God's anointing on Christmas dramas and church celebrations in Vietnam this Christmas. Pray for His guidance as families invite neighbours to join their celebrations and look for opportunities to share the Gospel.

19 November

In rural Vietnam, Christians are often seen as traitors for their decision to leave the tribe's beliefs and follow Jesus. Pray for families who are facing threats to their lives and livelihood.

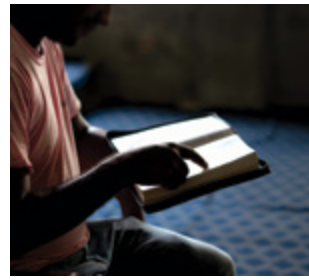
20 November

As Christmas approaches, Iraqis strongly desire greater stability across the country. Pray with Iraqi Christians hoping for peace this Christmas amid ongoing regional tensions.

21 November

Many Iraqi church leaders carry the emotional weight of ministering to communities affected by migration, loss

Pastor Padam in Nepal.



and uncertainty. Pray for wisdom and refreshment for leaders as they serve.

22 November

Pray that Christmas services in Iraq would bring renewed faith, comfort and unity to congregations, especially as churches organise celebrations and support vulnerable families.

23 November

An Iraqi child shared her Christmas prayer: "I hope that all Christian children in Iraq can feel safe and can go to church without fear or worry," she says. Pray with her today.

24 November

Pray with Iraqi families to know how to face the struggles they live with and will encounter. *God, we pray for our brothers and sisters, asking for Your strength to reflect the light of Christ this Christmas.*

"Christmas reminds us that God has not forgotten us."

—8-YEAR-OLD RAYAN IN IRAN

Bethlehem skyline.



25 November

Pray for Christian families in Bethlehem that God would fill their hearts with hope as they confront economic, social and political challenges every day.

26 November

Pray for peace in Bethlehem and throughout the Holy Lands, that the Lord will heal divisions, end the violence and bring reconciliation to all people.

27 November

In Israel, hundreds of Messianic congregations will celebrate Christmas. Pray that more people will meet Jesus in powerful ways and recognise Him as the Messiah.

28 November

Extremists disrupted Pastor Padam's Christmas service in Nepal last year, assaulting him and his wife. Pray for these families as they look toward another service. Ask God to ease their minds and bring peace.

29 November

Pastor Padam's ministry vision remains unchanged: "There are many places where the Gospel has never been preached," he says. "My dream is to bring the message of Christ so that people can know the true God."

30 November

For Christians in Laos, Christmas is a deeply meaningful time to celebrate Jesus' birth. As Advent begins today, pray with families in underground churches who must worship in secret. Pray that Christmas time brings deep encouragement.

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