

PRAYER GUIDE

July – August 2018

July

01 Kazakhstan (Sunday Prayer)

The process to change religious laws has begun. One new law could mean children can not attend church without their parents. Pray that families will still be able to hear the gospel.

02 India

Christians in India are persecuted severely, even to the point of death. Pray for strength for the church.

03 India & Nepal

Pray that the changes of government will not take away the rights and freedoms of Christians.

04 Egypt

The church in Egypt runs many summer programs for children and families. Pray for safety as they gather.

05 Kazakhstan

Tammar and Nadine were overwhelmed by your prayer and encouragement. Pray their house church will receive official registration from the government.

06 Uzbekistan

Several pastors have been detained and will face court. Pray that God will intervene for them and their families.

07 Turkmenistan

Pray for the young generation of believers, that they will grow in their relationship with God and know their identity in Christ.

08 Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sunday Prayer)

When Mado* escaped from Islamic extremists after 15 months of captivity, her community rejected and shamed her. Pray the church will support her physically and emotionally during this time.

09 Turkmenistan

Pray for the Christian women in Central Asia who are persecuted by their families and communities.

10 Tajikistan

Pray for Gulnara and her family, who were encouraged by your letters.

“It is very important...to know that so many people care and pray for us,” she said.

11 Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pray for wisdom for pastors ministering to those suffering trauma. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for their physical needs.

12 Democratic Republic of the Congo

There are areas full of conflict because of Islamic extremists. Pray for peace to return.

13 Niger

Christians constantly face pressure to convert to Islam. Praise God our persecution preparedness training is helping Christians withstand the pressure and remain faithful.

14 Niger

Praise God for the church's faithfulness in sharing the gospel despite persecution. Pray for the Lord's continued provision for their needs.

15 Cameroon (Sunday Prayer)

When Abdul committed his life to Christ, his family spent the next decade trying to convert him back to Islam.

Pray for strength and comfort and that Abdul remains faithful to Jesus.

16 Ethiopia

Pray that the church will have the grace to continue sharing the gospel with those who persecute them.

17 Yemen

Pray for the church as they witness to those who do not yet know Jesus.

18 Yemen

Pray for Abdel Nur's* wife to come to faith and that fear won't hinder believers from sharing Jesus.

19 Lebanon

Pray for wisdom as the nation's leaders deal with the challenges caused by war in Syria. Pray for hostility towards refugees to cease and that they will find refuge in Lebanon.

20 Syria

Pray for the church to continue living out the message of redemption and reconciliation despite persecution.

21 Syria

Pray that returning families will be able to repair and rebuild their homes and their local churches.

22 Guinea (Sunday Prayer)

Your support meant we could build a well in Guinea through local partners. Praise God as it was the first time Simon's church could share resources with villagers who used to oppose Christianity.

23 Algeria

Some churches are being forced to close down. Pray for wisdom and strength for the church leaders.

24 Algeria

Pray that laws hindering the church from gathering and sharing the gospel will be changed.

25 Sudan

A court fined local church leaders for “objection to the authorities”. Praise God that the charges were dropped due to lack of evidence.

26 Bhutan

Mrs. R is mocked and beaten by her husband’s family for not denying Christ. Pray for her protection and for God to intervene.

27 Nigeria

Two priests and 17 worshippers were killed when armed men stormed a church in April. Pray for comfort for their families.

28 Tajikistan

Churches are being closely monitored and closed at a moment’s notice. Pray for believers to find ways to meet.

29 Ethiopia (Sunday Prayer)

Debebe* was attacked while gathering with believers at home last year. He was left seriously injured. Praise God for your support which allowed us, through our local partners, to pay for his medical costs and damages. We were also able to help Debebe with his farming costs.

30 Tajikistan

Pray God will strengthen Christians from a Muslim background who are persecuted by their families.

31 Turkmenistan

At a secret house church meeting, members were arrested and interrogated. Pray for protection for churches as believers are under strict surveillance.

August

01 Iraq

Praise God that your support allowed our partners to rebuild hundreds of homes. Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they decide which homes to fix and how to use the money efficiently.

02 Lebanon

Pray for families still living as refugees in Lebanon. Pray they can return home soon and know God’s love.

03 Lebanon

Continue praying for Christian radio and TV programs. Pray that the Lord helps these programs share the gospel across the Middle East.

04 Bangladesh

Muslim background believers are often threatened by Islamic extremists. Pray they remain safe and don’t live in fear.

05 Yemen (Sunday Prayer)

Emir* has been praying for healing for the sick and spreading the gospel. Many have given their lives to God. Pray that the Lord gives Emir the wisdom to disciple new believers as well as for safety as he risks his life to share the love of Christ.

06 Bangladesh

Pray for those leading Muslim background believers, that they can teach new believers about God’s Word and help them respond biblically to persecution.

07 North Korea

Pray for Kim Jong-un to come to know Jesus and that God would change the nation from the inside out.

08 North Korea

Pray for the relationship between North and South Korea’s leaders. Pray that there will be true peace and reconciliation.

09 Afghanistan

Afghanistan is the second hardest place in the world to follow Jesus. Pray believers here will be bold in their faith.

10 Afghanistan

“For now, we, His followers, need to live with thankful, prayerful hearts.” – Afghan Christian. Pray believers follow God even in hardship.

11 Eritrea

Pray the church in Eritrea continues to forgive those who persecute them. May their love reflect God’s unconditional grace.

12 Indonesia (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for the families of Trinity, Anita and Alvaro who were injured in a church bombing at Samarinda in 2016. They still suffer from the trauma and need ongoing medical treatment. Their families recently had to testify in court against the attackers. Pray for God to change the hearts of the extremists and bring them to repentance.

13 Indonesia

A mission worker was recently threatened with death for evangelising. Pray for his protection.

14 Central African Republic

A church leader and fifteen church members died in a church attack on 1 May. Pray for comfort for the families and congregation.

15 India

A 19-year-old Christian girl was murdered days after her fiancé found out she was a Christian. Pray her family will be comforted in the midst of their grief.

16 India

Pray that those delivering, smuggling and transporting God's Word would be safe and know God's protection.

17 Gulf

Pray for Christians in the Gulf as there has been an increase in violence, persecution and political unrest.

18 Myanmar

Leaving Buddhism for Christianity can come at a massive cost in Myanmar. Families reject new believers and often become violent. Pray for new believers.

19 Myanmar

Pray for a young Christian man wanting to share the gospel with his family. Pray for his protection and that his family members would come to know Jesus.

20 Indonesia (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for the families who lost loved ones in the three church bombings in Surabaya, in May 2018. The perpetrators were a family of six. Pray for their relatives to not follow in their footsteps but find hope in Jesus.

21 Syria

Pray for the church as they continue to help non-Christians. Pray their actions will bring many to the Lord.

22 Kyrgyzstan

A church building was attacked by Islamic extremists but the congregation still gathers. Pray that God would intervene and that they can forgive their persecutors.

23 Kyrgyzstan

"Thank you for opening your hearts to offer money and support us in our trouble. It made the renovation of our church possible and very fast!" – a church leader. Praise God that your support helped to rebuild their church.

24 Syria

"My bishop was kidnapped... my church was destroyed, and my house was bombed," said a church leader. Pray for those who chose to stay and share the gospel during the war.

25 Somalia

Pray that believers in Somalia will be encouraged and not feel forgotten in the midst of their suffering.

26 Nigeria (Sunday Prayer)

Leah was abducted from her school by Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group. Her family received word from her that she is still alive and holding onto Jesus despite her circumstances. Pray for her release along with many others still captive because of their faith.

27 Central Asia

Summer camps will be held in many Central Asian countries. Pray many children receive the gospel and their families come to know Jesus.

28 Bangladesh

Pray for a believer who was forced into hiding after a mob threatened to punish him for distributing Christian literature.

29 China

"We must be willing to answer His call to missions," said a church leader in China. Praise God for the way the church continues to share the gospel.

30 Uzbekistan

Pray for an eight year old boy who was taken from school and interrogated about his family's faith. He and his parents were threatened with fines if they returned to church.

31 Egypt

"The only one I fear is God," said a young man from Egypt. Pray for the church to be bold in their faith.