

PRAYER GUIDE

September – October 2018

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01 India

Some Christian families are forcefully placed under house arrest by Hindu extremists. Pray for God to intervene.

02 Bangladesh (Sunday Prayer)

Rijina* is a widow who has left Islam to follow Jesus. She is often harassed for her faith but refuses to deny Jesus. Rijina lives with her son in extreme poverty. Praise God that He provides for her needs. Through Open Doors she is able to teach literacy classes and earn an income.

03 India

Three Christian families threatened with death, decided to recant their faith. Pray they choose to return to Christ.

04 Vietnam

Pray that women in poorer villages can attend classes to strengthen their faith and learn about their worth.

05 Myanmar

Praise God that Sunday school teachers from several villages received training and resources for their church.

06 Bhutan

Open Doors runs seminars to strengthen Christian marriages. Pray it helps families withstand persecution.

07 Laos

Praise God for four new believers baptised by our local partners. Pray they continue to grow in their faith.

08 Laos

Pray for an upcoming youth camp, that the 300 young people attending will have a real encounter with God.

09 Tajikistan (Sunday Prayer)

Kamila* was one of the first Christians in Tajikistan. At her funeral, a Mullah (Muslim leader) demanded her husband to convert back to Islam or bury Kamila in a Muslim cemetery. Pray for believers in this country to withstand pressure and hold on to Christ.

10 Sri Lanka

Open Doors provides Bible colleges and pastors with resources. Pray they understand and share God's Word.

11 Southern Philippines

Young missionaries spend their lives serving God, despite danger. Pray they are a testimony of God's love.

12 Bangladesh

Islamic extremists send death threats to new Christians from Muslim backgrounds. Pray for their protection.

13 Brunei

As the government clamps down on illegal foreign workers, pray the church can remain strong despite numbers.

14 Latin America

Pray for Mexican church leaders as they receive training to share the gospel with wisdom and love.

15 Horn of Africa

Sister A is in a custody battle for her son. Pray for her and for her to be treated with fairness despite her faith.

16 Maldives (Sunday Prayer)

A few Christians have testified that there is an 'improved spiritual atmosphere' in the country. Continue to pray for some of the issues facing locals like drug addiction, high divorce rates, gangsters, and witchcraft. Pray that Christians may be bold in sharing the gospel.

17 Guinea

Christians were attacked for holding a church service during a festival. Pray for justice and healing.

18 Syria

Praise God your support allowed us to help 50 families return to Homs. Pray that believers can rebuild in peace.

19 Yemen

Pray that children are able to live without fear, violence and war. Pray that they learn to trust in the Lord.

20 Yemen

Raha* lost her husband in the war. Pray for comfort and for God to provide for her family's needs.

21 Lebanon

Pray for Christians who share the gospel with others in Lebanon. Pray they will see many come to know Jesus.

22 Iraq

Christians are returning home after their towns were liberated from the Islamic State. Pray they find work and can help rebuild their communities.

23 Indonesia (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for ongoing healing for the victims of the Surabaya church bombings that took place in May this year. Pray for those who lost loved ones, were injured, and were traumatised. Pray the government takes effective measures to tackle terrorism in Indonesia.

24 Algeria

External pressure affects those within the church. Pray for wisdom and unity for church leaders in Algeria.

25 Mauritania

Converting to Christianity is illegal in Mauritania. Pray for the church, particularly new believers.

26 Tunisia

Jamila's* husband won't let her meet with other Christians. Pray she remains faithful and her husband meets Jesus.

27 Central Asia

Boris* receives beatings for his faith. Pray for protection and that love will be stronger than hate.

28 Kazakhstan

There are strict laws around young people sharing the gospel. Pray for safety and boldness despite the cost.

29 Tajikistan

Pray for Mihrab* is continually pressured to deny Christ. Pray for his Muslim relatives to know Jesus.

30 China (Sunday Prayer)

Many Buddhist ethnic minority groups cannot speak Chinese. Translators are working to produce a Bible in their language, but are afraid of being discovered. Pray their work is hidden from the authorities. Pray for wisdom, perseverance and good health.

October

01 Kyrgyzstan

Pray for Pastor Miran*, who was falsely accused of paedophilia by Muslim authorities because he chose to follow Jesus.

02 Pakistan

Pray that persecution preparation training will help believers remain strong in their faith.

03 China

Many Chinese house churches have been ordered to close. Pray that believers continue to meet together.

04 China

Pray for Samuel who has cancer. His wife is also pregnant. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen Samuel and that the church community will support them.

05 Bangladesh

Eusuf* is a new believer being persecuted for his faith. Pray for protection and peace.

06 Cameroon

Pray for continued provision for Christians displaced by Boko Haram. Praise God for support and relief aid.

07 Niger (Sunday prayer)

Habou* left Islam to follow Jesus. When he refused to become a Muslim again, his younger brother attacked him. Habou was taken to hospital for surgery.

"I survived by God's grace alone," he told Open Doors. Pray for Habou that he remains strong in the faith and makes a full recovery. Pray fellow Christians have the wisdom to support him.

08 Ethiopia

Debora* and her friends were imprisoned for sharing their faith. Praise God for their release and for continued boldness.

09 Guinea

Mother Luupou used to practice witchcraft before following Jesus. Pray for comfort as she has lost her community for following Christ.

10 Algeria

Praise God the Algerian government re-opened two closed churches. Pray for the re-opening of the other churches too.

11 Morocco

Pray for unity amongst believers as the church is spread out across the country.

12 Morocco

A Christian woman was divorced by her husband because of her faith. Pray for healing and protection.

13 Tunisia

Habiba is afraid to share her new faith. Pray for wisdom so she can proclaim the gospel to her family.

14 Guinea (Sunday Prayer)

Mary was attacked and her crops destroyed because she gave part of her land to the church. Two of her children now have to drop out of school because they can't afford it. Pray God will strengthen Mary during these difficult times and provide for her family's needs.

15 Tunisia

Pray for people who came to faith during Ramadan. Pray they will find fellowship and grow their faith.

16 Libya

The political situation is still in turmoil. Pray for peace, and for believers to be protected by the law.

17 Tajikistan

Pray for the families of three cyclists killed in an attack, claimed by the Islamic State.

18 Syria

Many children remain traumatised from war. Pray the Lord will heal their minds and bring peace.

19 Lebanon

Many churches are organising youth camps. Pray young people meet Jesus and share the gospel in their schools.

20 Iraq

Pray for unity across Iraq and that different people groups can live together in peace.

21 Mali (Sunday Prayer)

When Doussa shared her new faith with her husband, he used witchcraft to coerce her back to Islam. When it didn't work, he gave up and now occasionally attends church with her. Pray the Lord will bring her husband to faith.

22 Malaysia

Pray that the new government addresses issues facing Malay Christians and that they can have access to the Bible.

23 Maldives

Pray that Maldivians are able to hear the gospel abroad and can strengthen their faith before returning home.

24 Indonesia

Students are being exposed to radical Islamic teaching. Pray they learn tolerance and experience God's love.

25 Mali

Juliana married a Muslim and was forced to convert. Pray for strength as she refuses to deny Jesus.

26 Kyrgyzstan

Mila* was beaten by her brother for sharing the gospel. Pray for healing and that she continues to trust God.

27 Persian Speaking World

Pastor Yousef was imprisoned for 10 years for running a house church. Pray for his family and for protection.

28 Nigeria (Sunday Prayer)

Boko Haram kidnapped more than 270 girls from a secondary school in Nigeria. Leah, a Christian has not been released. Her father was told that it was because she refused to convert to Islam. Praise God for her faith and for God to sustain her.

29 Central Asia

Pray for young Christians to look for Godly role models. Pray that they can be discipled and grow in their faith.

30 Malaysia

Pray that the new government will uphold human rights and religious freedom and continue investigating the whereabouts of missing Pastor Raymond Koh.

31 Tajikistan

Hakim* has been attacked by his family for refusing to deny Jesus.

"Please pray for me and I will try to stand up to all these difficulties for the sake of Jesus," he said.