

PRAYER GUIDE

March – April 2019

March

01 China

Praise God that the New Testament is being translated into a minority Buddhist language and will soon be available for illiterate believers.

02 China

Pray for peace for believers from Buddhist families who experience conflict when they don't take part in traditional Chinese New Year celebrations.

03 China (Sunday Prayer)

House churches face increasing restrictions on their gatherings, and many must break into smaller groups to avoid detection. Pray that new leaders will be found and that they will grow in maturity and boldness to lead their churches through this.

04 Bangladesh

Believers in the Chittagong Hill Tracts face increasing oppression by not returning to their traditional Buddhist faith. Pray for endurance.

05 India

Persecution is higher for Christians in rural and tribal areas. Pray that they will be bold in sharing the gospel despite great suffering.

06 India

Pray for protection over a pastor and his family who had their lives threatened over the phone because of their faith.

07 India

Pray that churches in the south will continue finding ways to meet despite some worship services being disrupted by extremists.

08 International Women's Day

Pray that a Women's Conference on small business will enable fruitful discussions and equip women to share the gospel in their communities.

09 Indonesia

Elections are happening in Indonesia next month. Pray for peaceful elections and for leaders to uphold the rights of all people.

10 Brunei (Sunday Prayer)

Joyce* is a school principal overseeing 30 teachers and 1500 students. Pray that her actions, and the actions of other staff members, will teach Christian values like respect and obedience. Pray that students will want to know more about Jesus.

11 Brunei

Religious freedom is declining. Pray that the church will be fruitful despite their activities being heavily monitored and controlled.

12 Maldives

Pray for believers who must hide their faith in Christ, that God will comfort them and help them to put their hope in Him.

13 Vietnam

Pastor Van* has been arrested many times because of his faith. Recently, he was attacked. Pray for healing from his injuries and trauma.

14 Vietnam

Christians of the H're tribe, considered to be the poorest tribe in Vietnam, are cut off from government support. Pray for God's provision.

15 Laos

The church in Laos desperately needs equipped leaders. Pray that students at Bible schools will become leaders in their local churches.

16 Laos

Pray that Laotian Christians will receive discipleship training that will enable them to remain faithful even through persecution.

17 Sri Lanka (Sunday Prayer)

Pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to and encourage believers who are taking part in persecution preparedness training. Pray for safety throughout the training as it takes place in areas where persecution is common and severe.

18 Sri Lanka

Praise the Lord for bringing some political stability to the country which previously faced uncertainty due to changing leadership.

19 Southern Philippines

Many pastors face lack of motivation and even burn out. Pray that they will experience God's rest and be refreshed to continue reaching out.

20 Bhutan

In Bhutan, pastor's wives are the pillar of the family. Pray that they will be a strong, prayerful, and faithful presence in their families.

21 Myanmar

Villagers attacked a group of missionaries, stoning their house and wounding two. Pray that the Lord will touch and transform their hearts.

22 Myanmar

Christian lawyers are a great help and comfort to believers facing legal issues. Pray that they will be wise and humble in their service.

23 Malaysia

Believers often face pressure from their families to give up their faith in Jesus. Pray that God will strengthen them to stay faithful.

24 Morocco (Sunday Prayer)

It is difficult for young girls in Morocco to have fellowship with other believers due to the influence of their families. Pray that they will find ways to experience Christian community and that they will be encouraged in their faith.

25 Morocco

The Moroccan church has difficulties with division and mistrust. Pray that the church will be unified under Christ.

26 Morocco

Mazen* was forced to leave his home when his family discovered his faith. Pray that God will provide for Mazen and comfort him in his loss.

27 Algeria

Many churches were closed by the government in the last 12 months. Pray that these churches will be reopened and will be welcoming places.

28 Algeria

Pray that new believers who join the church will have a solid foundation in Christ and grow in knowledge and strength.

29 Sudan

The church in Sudan experiences intense pressure from the Islamic government and society. Pray they will be strengthened by God's grace.

30 Niger

When Roger's* family found out that he was a Christian, they took away his wife and daughter. Pray that Christ will ease his distress.

31 Libya (Sunday Prayer)

Younes* is a secret believer whose wife and family do not know about his faith. Pray for protection and wisdom as he continues to grow deeper in his faith and considers how best to share Jesus with those in his life. Pray that his family will come to Christ.

April

01 Libya

Praise God that Abdellah* has been able to have daily fellowship with another believer. Pray that they will both grow spiritually.

02 Nigeria

Many women suffer sexual violence for their faith. Pray that God will work healing in their lives and strengthen their faith.

03 Nigeria

Gyang* (27) was the sole survivor of his family after an attack. Pray that he will feel God's comfort and healing presence in his life.

04 Gambia

Christopher* was evicted for running Bible studies in his house. Pray for a new home for his family and praise God for his ministry.

05 Gambia

Mariama's husband divorced her after she came to faith. Pray that she will be able to support herself, and that her family will know Jesus.

06 Ethiopia

Tribal clashes are not uncommon in Ethiopia. Pray for peace and stability, and that leaders of the church will be wise as clashes occur.

07 Ivory Coast (Sunday Prayer)

When Jérémie* became a Christian and stopped taking part in traditional animist practices, his neighbours ridiculed and attacked him. Pray that he will continue to live for Jesus, and that he and his family will feel a part of the global Christian community.

08 Guinea

Ahmad*, a Muslim teacher, had to flee when his community discovered his conversion to Christianity. Pray he will continue to grow in faith.

09 Democratic Republic of Congo

Praise God that Kiakima* escaped captivity two years after her abduction. Pray she will heal from the violence she witnessed and suffered.

10 Democratic Republic of Congo

Dada's* family forced him to leave home when they found out that he wanted to become a pastor. Pray that he will continue to share the gospel.

11 Democratic Republic of Congo

Pray that believers who have been rejected from their homes and face violent backlashes from their Muslim families will remain faithful.

12 Tunisia

Mustapha* faces violent pressure because of his faith. Pray for him as he recovers from the physical and mental effects of this persecution.

13 Iran

Families are living in desperate situations and trying to rebuild their lives after earthquakes in 2018. Pray that God will sustain them.

14 Iran (Sunday Prayer)

Over 100 Christians were arrested in a month to stop them sharing the gospel. Pray that believers won't be intimidated but will be bold in sharing their faith. Pray that those arrested will be released and that they and their families would feel God's comfort.

15 Lebanon

Over one-third of the population are refugees. Pray that the church will find the means and strength to serve refugees in Jesus' name.

16 Lebanon

Many people have never heard about Jesus. Pray that Christians will take opportunities to share Jesus' message with these people.

17 One With Them

Today, people stand One With Them and pledge one day's wage for the survival of the persecuted church, pray that God will renew their hearts.

18 Jordan

Pray that the firm faith of believers will be a testimony of Jesus' life to Muslim communities. Pray that many Muslims will come to faith.

19 Good Friday

Persecution increases as Christians gather to celebrate Easter. Pray that they will not be deterred from meeting, and for their safety.

20 Uzbekistan

A group of believers were arrested while worshipping. Praise God that they have been released and pray that they will be able to meet again.

21 Easter Sunday (Sunday Prayer)

Praise God for his saving work in Jesus, who died for our sins and rose again so that we might have eternal life with God. Pray for those who continue to be persecuted in His name, that their perseverance will be a testament to His precious love and grace.

22 Syria

Many rural Christians are illiterate, making it hard to get a job. Pray that Christians can receive an education and earn an income for their family.

23 Syria

Pray that the leadership program for youth and children's leaders will help the church to grow spiritually and in number.

24 Syria

Pray that the medical centre in Aleppo will run smoothly and benefit the community. Pray that God will work through staff to bring people to Him.

25 Iraq

Pray that Muslims will recognise Jesus as their Lord and that the church will be bold in sharing the truth of Jesus with their families.

26 Iraq

It is often difficult for Christians to make an income. Pray they will be able to sustain their families and seek new opportunities.

27 Iraq

Conflict and insecurity are a normal part of life in Iraq. Please pray for change and renewed hope, especially in younger generations.

28 Israel and Palestine (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for two Christian schools which provide quality education to children in poverty, and for the children boarding there. Pray that the schools will continue to run, that the staff will be faithful, and that the children will feel loved and come to know Jesus.

29 Israel and Palestine

Pray that Christians will have opportunities to have fellowship together, whether they are openly following Christ or doing it secretly.

30 Israel and Palestine

The church struggles with conflict and divisions. Pray that they will experience restored hope in Jesus and be unified as His Body.