

PRAYER GUIDE

September – November 2019

September

01 Iran (Sunday Prayer)

Many teenagers and young adults become addicted to drugs or alcohol because of a lack of opportunities in Iran. Pray that young believers will be mentored and equipped as youth leaders to help others stand strong in their faith.

02 Algeria

As political unrest continues, pray for stability and freedom for the church. Pray that Christians will have wisdom in responding to the current situation.

03 Nepal

There has been outbreaks of Dengue fever in parts of Nepal. Pray God will heal those affected and remove the disease from these regions.

04 Central African Republic

Caroline* had to flee when her father tried to force her to return to Islam. Pray she will experience the Lord's presence and provision whilst in hiding.

05 Nigeria

Praise God a trauma centre run by Open Doors' local partners has opened. Pray God will protect the staff and visitors.

06 Libya

As factions fight for power in the country, church workers can become victims. Pray for their safety amidst the tense situation.

07 Syria

Almost every Syrian has gone through hardship, trauma or loss. Pray the church will be a light to those who don't know Jesus.

08 Tanzania (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for Pastor Israel's* congregation, whose church service was interrupted by extremists who threatened to kill anyone involved in church activities. Pray that they will faithfully live out the gospel despite threats against them and have the courage to continue to meet together.

09 Arabian Peninsula

Pray that many will come to know Jesus personally, and that the church in this region will be rooted in His Word.

10 Uganda

Yiga* and his wife were disowned by their family for following Jesus. Pray they will experience God's peace.

11 Lebanon

Pray that Christians will faithfully demonstrate God's love, grace and open arms, especially to those seeking refuge.

12 Israel and Palestine

Pray that Christian workers will have time to relax and that God will renew their energy to continue doing the works He has prepared for them.

13 Myanmar

Praise the Lord for Sunday School Teachers' Training events. Pray that teachers will be creative, effective and energetic as they minister to children.

14 Bangladesh

Pray that women who have recently attended discipleship training will be bold in sharing their faith and encourage many others in the Lord.

15 India (Sunday Prayer)

Pray that those facing opposition to their faith will be able to practically and uncompromisingly show the love of Jesus to those around them. Pray whole communities will be transformed by their courageous witness and come to know God.

16 Mauritania

Pray that believers who face pressure and rejection from their own families will remain strong in their faith.

17 Bhutan

During biblical training sessions, pray for strength and safety for trainers and volunteers who serve the body of Christ.

18 Sri Lanka

Praise God our local partners could replace John's* motorbike after his was destroyed because of his faith. Pray he will use it for God's kingdom.

19 Southern Philippines

Christian workers can struggle with burn out and discouragement. Pray that the Lord will renew their strength.

20 Vietnam

Pray that Christians living in rural villages will mature in their faith despite pressure from their communities.

21 China

Earlier this year, Abdul's* house church was raided by police and then his landlord evicted him. Pray for reconciliation of relationships that have been strained by this situation.

22 Kazakhstan (Sunday Prayer)

A group of believers were arrested smuggling Christian books into the country. They paid a fine and their books were confiscated. Praise God they were released. Pray there won't be more consequences for those involved.

23 Indonesia

Pray that a retreat for new believers will be a time of fellowship and learning, and they will be strengthened in Christ.

24 Gulf Region

Praise God for an opportunity to provide fellowship and encouragement in a remote village where Christians are often isolated.

25 Azerbaijan

Three Christians were fined for meeting to discuss their faith. Pray that these believers can safely study God's Word.

26 India

Pray for Christian organisations serving the poor and spreading the gospel amidst intensifying investigations into their programs.

27 Brunei

Pray that mature believers will help younger believers to walk through life and have a clear vision and direction in the Lord.

28 North Korea

Pray that the Kingdom of God will be realised and that North Koreans will have the freedom to worship Jesus.

29 Nepal (Sunday Prayer)

In parts of Nepal, it is difficult to build church buildings due to opposition from extremists. Believers often have difficulties conducting worship services. Pray God will change the extremists' hearts, and that believers will continue to gather.

30 Israel and Palestine

Pray for good follow-up of children who attended a camp where they learned about the Bible. Pray that many will come to know Jesus personally.

October

01 Algeria

Pray that churches which have been forced to close will reopen. Pray congregations will still meet to glorify God.

02 Niger

Pray for Marie* as she shares the gospel with unbelievers and cares for Christians who have been disowned by their families.

03 North Korea

Pray that North Korean Christians who have fled to China will be equipped and strengthened in their faith and will find safe places to live.

04 Central African Republic

Delphine was tortured because of her faith. Pray for her full recovery and the courage to remain firm in faith.

05 Kenya

After Wario came to faith, a group from his village burned down his house. Thank God that nobody was injured and pray for a new house for Wario.

06 Central Asia (Sunday Prayer)

Pastor Bahrom has been in prison for over two years. Pray for his emotional and physical health, and for continued spiritual growth despite his imprisonment. Pray that his church will continue to meet and grow, even without their pastor or church building.

07 Libya

Fellowship in Libya is difficult to find. Pray that Christians will reach out to one another and develop deep relationships.

08 Ethiopia

A Christian man's leg was broken during a confrontation with local Muslims. Pray God will heal him and provide for him.

09 Syria

Pray that an upcoming training event for children will build and shape them in a way that will see them follow Jesus for life.

10 Tanzania

Jamila was attacked and chased from her home after her faith was discovered. Pray that her church family will care for her as she looks for a safe home.

11 Cameroon

Abdias* was beaten and had to leave his home when he shared the gospel. Pray that the Lord will strengthen him.

12 Israel and Palestine

As resources in Gaza are limited, pray that God will grant believers the grace to be a blessing to those around them.

13 Bangladesh (Sunday Prayer)

Praise God for our local partners' adult literacy classes which use the Bible to teach attendees to read. Pray these classes will give them more opportunities in society and confidence to share the gospel.

14 India

Authorities demolished Pastor Wilbur's* church building. Pray that his church will find a new place to meet and not be deterred.

15 Bhutan

Pray for strength and courage for Dolma*, whose faith is a secret from her husband and children. Pray they may come to know Jesus through her.

16 Sri Lanka

Pray that believers who attend persecution preparation training will apply the lessons in their daily lives to stand firm in faith.

17 Morocco

Praise God the Kingdom is expanding in Morocco. Pray for unity between believers, leaders and churches.

18 Vietnam

As new laws seek to more closely control the church, pray that believers will seek the Lord and remember His ultimate authority in all things.

19 Laos

Praise God for the couples' seminar conducted by our local partners. Pray that what the couples have learned will make an impact in their lives and glorify God.

20 China (Sunday Prayer)

Praise God that Ammar* returned home after being arrested and detained for months. Pray for his family as they recover from this period of separation, and as they are under close surveillance.

21 Maldives

Social issues such as addiction and gang culture are rife in the Maldives. Pray that God will reveal Himself and bring change and hope.

22 Brunei

Pray that Christian parents will make God the centre of their lives and families so that children will grow up strong in their faith.

23 Tunisia

A Tunisian believer was beaten when Christian materials were discovered in his luggage. Pray that God will help him to process this traumatic event.

24 Kyrgyzstan

Amira's* family are trying to force her to marry a Muslim. Pray God will protect her from this and that her family will come to Christ.

25 Lebanon

Pray that young believers will witness Christ so strongly that the whole country will be changed and come to know God.

26 Bangladesh

"We have lost everything except the clothes we were wearing." A pastor's church and home were burned down. Pray God's peace over the family.

27 Iran (Sunday Prayer)

Many believers live in isolation and only have access to Christian resources online or via satellite television. Pray that these resources will not be blocked and will be a great source of encouragement to believers who access them.

28 North Korea

Pray that the children of secret believers who do not know of their parents' faith will hear the gospel and make their own decision to follow Jesus.

29 Nepal

Amulya's* family sent her away when she refused to deny Christ. Pray that God will comfort her and that she will feel part of a family in the body of Christ.

30 Syria

Thank the Lord for women in the church and the important role they have. Pray for the preparation of a women's training seminar that will equip women for leadership.

31 India

Some Christian students face discrimination when applying for educational loans. Pray that God will provide for them so that they can pay for their studies.

November

01 Myanmar

Monsoon rains brought floods to many areas. Pray that those affected will have access to food and clean drinking water.

02 Colombia

Pray that Christians will have opportunities to share the gospel with all they come across, especially those who spread conflict.

03 Nigeria (Sunday Prayer)

Boko Haram is an extremist group which has been active in Nigeria for over 10 years. Pray for the protection of Christian communities who are often targeted, and that they would not lose hope.

04 Gulf Region

Pray for wisdom, mercy and humility for those ministering to believers forced to flee because of their faith.

05 Indonesia

Following a church bombing, Trinity* has undergone years of painful and expensive operations. Pray for patience as she heals.

06 Iraq

Pray that families who are unable to return to their houses following Islamic State destruction will find peace and stability.

07 Persian Speaking World

Darya* leads a house church and is a single mother of two.

Pray that she will raise her children to delight in the Lord.

08 Egypt

Christian children face discrimination in schools. Pray that they will receive equal educational opportunities.

09 China

Those under 18 are banned from taking part in church activities. Pray that churches will creatively reach young people.

10 Syria (Sunday Prayer)

Thank God for Centres of Hope which provide services and activities to the vulnerable to show them the love of Jesus. Pray for strength and wisdom for the volunteers who serve these ministries.