

# PRAYER GUIDE

November 2021 – January 2022

## NOVEMBER

### 01 Morocco

Saffiya\* is searching for other believers in her city. Pray she will encounter safe opportunities to meet other local Christians and find fellowship.

### 02 North Korea

Praise God local partners in China have found ways to reach North Korean Christians. Pray more may receive access to safe houses, medicine, and food.

### 03 Sri Lanka

Many church leaders are struggling to financially support their families due to COVID-19. Pray for provision and sustainable financial opportunities.

### 04 Burundi

Church closures and targeted attacks against church leaders are common. Pray the hearts of authorities and extremists will be softened to the gospel.

### 05 China

Brother Ma\* moved to western China with his wife to serve new Christians in Buddhist communities. Pray his ministry will be received with open hearts.

### 06 Syria

Pray more youth will find hope in the church and seek out Jesus. Pray God will use young people to share the gospel with their friends and family.

### 07 International Day Of Prayer

Today, Christians all over the world are uniting to pray powerfully with the persecuted church. Pray this will be a blessing to believers worldwide.

### 08 India

Pastor Rahu\* was recently killed for running a Christian ministry. Pray the Lord would comfort his family and strengthen them as they continue his work.

### 09 Colombia

Local partners are hoping to create Christian resources for indigenous communities. Pray for wisdom as they begin and that the resources will be a blessing.

### 10 Southern Philippines

Since the pandemic, believers are more determined than ever to share the gospel. Pray they will share with boldness, and their work will be fruitful.

### 11 Central Asia

New believer, 20-year-old Adil\*, was beaten by fellow soldiers when they discovered his faith. Pray for emotional healing and perseverance in faith.

### 12 Egypt

Pray for God's wisdom over Egyptian leaders, particularly President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Pray that they will lead the nation with compassion.

### 13 Iraq

Pray trauma counselling for young adults through our local partners will help the next generation heal from the devastating trauma of war and conflict.

### 14 Malaysia

Local partners have cancelled several training sessions and camps due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that these activities might begin again soon.

### 15 Tunisia

Emina\* recently fled her home. Praise God that she has found safety and shelter with other believers. Pray for opportunities to support herself.

### 16 North Korea

Matthew\* is a local Open Doors partner helping North Korean Christians in China. It's a dangerous job, but your prayers make a difference.

"In difficult times in the field, with our desperate hearts, we try our best to be alert and pray. Sometimes, I suddenly feel very encouraged and strengthened. That's when I felt that somebody is praying for me.

"I know that many people pray for us, our brothers and sisters all around the world. Thanks to your prayers, we are able to continue our ministry and we are able to survive here.

"Even for those who are caught by authorities or who are lost, I believe your prayers keep them strong in the midst of the difficulties.

"Please pray that more field workers will join us. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

### 17 Arabian Peninsula

Christians are scattered all over the region. Pray local believers will find safe opportunities to meet and encourage one another in their faith.

### 18 Nepal

Pray over upcoming legal seminars, prayer meetings, leadership training and women's sessions. Pray they will bless, encourage and strengthen those who attend.

## 19 East Africa

Praise God for the faith of Nahum\* who uses his school to share the gospel with children. Pray that even more children will come to know Jesus.

## 20 Sri Lanka

10-year-old Rashmi was bullied and attacked by her classmates. Pray for her comfort and healing as she recovers from spine and stomach injuries.

## 21 Bhutan

Praise God for the faith of Sunday school teachers and volunteers who are committed to teaching young Bhutanese children about the gospel every week.

## 22 Ethiopia

Praise God local partners have been able to support widows affected by COVID-19. Pray even more vulnerable believers can receive emergency relief.

## 23 Myanmar

Disunity and violence between the people and the military has shaken local communities. Pray for peace and reconciliation as a testament to God's goodness.

## 24 Central Asia

Youth leader, Rasim\*, was beaten by his uncle after he discovered his Bible. Pray for Rasim's physical and emotional healing, and for reconciliation.

## 25 Bangladesh

Pray persecuted believers will forgive their persecutors. Pray that they will seek strength and comfort in Jesus, no matter the cost.

## 26 Indonesia

Young believers often face rejection for their faith. Pray persecution preparation training will equip them to stand strong and to boldly share their faith.

## 27 Brunei

Pray over the nation's leaders. Pray that they will serve with compassion and wisdom, and that they will come to know Jesus as their Lord.

## 28 Yemen

Persecuted believers are longing for fellowship. Pray God will make a way for them to safely meet, worship and learn in fellowship with one another.

## 29 China

Pastor Sam\* plans on holding a Christian Summer camp for children from Buddhist families. Pray all who attend may encounter Jesus in a powerful way.

## 30 India

Programs are being conducted to encourage non-Hindus to return to Hinduism. Pray Christians will stand strong in their faith, no matter the cost.

# DECEMBER

## 01 Laos

Praise God Athit\*, a pastor and father of three, has been released from prison. Pray his testimony may bless and encourage the local Christian community.

## 02 Burundi

Praise God Jamal\*, a former Islamic leader, has begun following Jesus. Thank the Lord that even in the face of intimidation, he has stood strong.

## 03 North Korea

Pray over those attending Bible studies for trafficked North Korean women. Pray this time together will grow them in spiritual maturity and faith.

## 04 Afghanistan

The Taliban has expanded its control of Afghanistan, forcing many to flee for their lives. Pray God would bring His miraculous peace over the nation.

## 05 Malaysia

Authorities are targeting those who oppose the government on social media. Pray the church will serve as a source of truth and hope in this unstable season.

## 06 Libya

Aisha's\* parents are pressuring her to denounce her faith and return to Islam. Pray that she will stand firm in her faith even in the face of pressure.

## 07 Uzbekistan

Nine new Bible study groups have recently begun. Pray all who attend might experience spiritual growth in fruitful fellowship with one another.

## 08 Syria

Pray over upcoming training programs. Pray that more vulnerable believers might be empowered to thrive and support themselves with new career skills.

## 09 Algeria

Authorities are sealing churches shut. Pray church leaders will be equipped with the courage and patience to continue leading their congregations.

## 10 Central Asia

Police interrogated Loima\* for her faith. Pray she will have the strength and boldness to stand firm in faith and share the gospel, no matter the cost.

## 11 Morocco

Abdel's\* employer fired him because of his Christian faith. Pray for provision over all of his practical needs and for a new job.

## 12 China

Pray over local partners as they train new youth leaders. Pray they will raise up and strengthen the next generation of faithful Chinese believers.

### 13 Central African Republic

Praise God 12-year-old Charlotte safely escaped after her family threatened her with violence and forced marriage. Please pray over her future.

### 14 Niger

Islamic extremism is on the rise. Pray that God will transform the hearts of extremists and persecutors as a testament of His great love and power.

### 15 Mexico

Pray over Christian leaders and pastors as they serve their local communities in places where they are the targets of organised crime and violence.

### 16 Eritrea

Authorities have arrested 15 Christian women. Please pray for the Lord's grace and comfort over them and their families in the uncertainty.

### 17 Vietnam

Authorities confiscated all Bibles and Christian material from Pastor Lien's\* church and detained him overnight. Pray he won't be discouraged in his faith.

### 18 Kyrgyzstan

Mara's\* father has been pressuring her to renounce her Christian faith. Pray for perseverance and opportunities to share the gospel with him.

### 19 Palestinian Territories

The ongoing conflict has created an atmosphere of hopelessness. Pray God will heal emotional wounds and bring restoration and peace to the region.

### 20 Philippines

Pray over Christian training for new believers. Pray that they will be blessed and equipped to follow Jesus.

### 21 Myanmar

As the nation faces the constant threat of violence and conflict, pray the church will serve as a place of hope, comfort, and indiscriminate support.

### 22 Nepal

Praise God our local partners have been able to reach many believers with emergency relief. Pray God will bless their ongoing work.

### 23 India

Pastor Manu\* and his wife were attacked while visiting a believer's home. Please pray for a speedy recovery, and that they will continue their ministry.

### 24 Ethiopia

Mola\* was a Muslim teacher until he heard the gospel and secretly gave his life to Jesus. Praise God for his new faith and pray that he will persevere, no matter the cost.

### 25 Christmas Day

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (John 1:14) – Praise God for Jesus' birth, our Mighty God and Prince of Peace.

### 26 Central Asia

Aysha\* has been receiving threats for ministering to Muslim women and refugees. Pray for her safety and the courage to continue, no matter the cost.

### 27 Arabian Peninsula

Abd Rahman\* is a Christian community leader. Pray God will sustain him as he provides prayer, discipleship and support to vulnerable believers.

### 28 North Korea

When a Christian escapes North Korea, their family can be severely punished. Pray for the Lord's protection over those remaining in the country.

### 29 Kenya

Malia's\* family forced her into marriage with a Muslim after they discovered her faith. She has since fled and given birth to a daughter. Pray for peace and provision.

### 30 China

Young people are banned from attending church meetings. Pray training and youth discipleship programs may safely continue to equip young believers.

### 31 Malaysia

Praise God our local partners can respond to rising levels of poverty by providing emergency relief like food and medicine. Pray more may receive this support.

## JANUARY

### 01 New Year

Pray our staff will faithfully serve the global body of Christ in 2022 and that the Church may faithfully proclaim Jesus' name, no matter the cost.

### 02 Iraq

Pray for those who speak out against persecution. Pray God will guide them in wisdom and fill them with courage and boldness in the face of opposition.

### 03 India

Pray over skills and business training programs run by Open Doors' partners. Pray it will equip believers to persevere and care for others.

### 04 Tunisia

Young believer, Abel\*, has been threatened by his friends for being too open about his faith. Pray he will share the gospel, no matter the cost.

### 05 Indonesia

Pray for Open Doors' partners as they travel to a remote island to conduct persecution preparation training. Pray for safety and a fruitful time with believers.

## 06 Egypt

Pray God will use missionaries to share the gospel in isolated regions. Pray they may continue discipling new believers into strong, faithful followers of Jesus.

## 07 Brunei

Selling Bibles is illegal in Brunei. Pray that God would make a way for local Christians to get their hands on a Bible in their native language. face of persecution and pressure.

## 08 Nigeria

Extremists killed Rose's husband. Rose was left behind to raise their two daughters, Esther and Joy, alone. But she isn't discouraged. More than ever, Rose takes comfort in God and your prayers.

She said, "God is indeed the Father to the fatherless. When people see my children in my community, they are forced to believe that God is real, because we don't look like what we have been through.

"No matter what storms life may bring, I will smile, because God is in the boat with me, and He is the one who is in control of the storm.

"I want you to pray for my children. That God would continue to provide for me so that I would raise them to live meaningful lives someday."

## 09 China

Chinese authorities have been shutting down Christian social media accounts to stifle the growth of the church. Pray the gospel will continue to spread.

## 10 Bangladesh

Pray over recent women's seminars and leadership training programs. Pray those who attended will take their new knowledge out into their communities.

## 11 Central Asia

Pray those attending youth camps will continue to grow in their faith and in fellowship with one another.

## 12 Colombia

Many church leaders stopped their ministry after becoming infected with COVID-19. Pray for their full recovery and a smooth return back to ministry.

## 13 Tanzania

Samina's husband threatened her with a machete for refusing to denounce Jesus. Praise God she escaped and pray for her ongoing safety.

## 14 Nepal

Sudheer\* was expelled from his village for refusing to participate in Hindu rituals. He is now sheltering at his pastor's home. Pray for his provision.

## 15 Vietnam

Authorities recently excluded six Christian families from emergency relief. Pray God would provide for their every need like food and water.

## 16 Bhutan

Many believers are without work and struggling to support themselves. Pray they will be filled with faith, trusting in God to provide for their needs.

## 17 Morocco

Many young believers have been forced from their homes by their loved ones. Pray for reconciliation and comfort in these challenging situations.

## 18 Malaysia

Local partners are planning to distribute Bibles in east Malaysia. Pray a blessing over their plans and for safety as they begin the distribution.

## 19 Sri Lanka

Pray that Sri Lankan authorities would not see Christians as a threat, but rather a blessing. Pray this will be reflected in their policy making.

## 20 World Watch List

The 2022 World Watch List is released today. Pray Christians in the most dangerous countries will courageously follow Jesus, no matter the cost.

## 21 India

Pastor Atul's\* landlord forced him from his home because of his faith. Pray he will find a safe place to stay and will continue his ministry.

## 22 Myanmar

Pray for safety over partners seeking to reach internally displaced believers with medical aid. Pray this emergency relief will reach those who need it.

## 23 Nigeria

Recent extremist attacks have scattered Christian communities. Pray for their protection and courage to continue following Jesus.

## 24 Philippines

Pray for local partners running Christian training events. Pray that they may reach event venues safely and lead activities with words of the Spirit.

## 25 East Africa

Riah\* is caring for her young family alone after her husband left because of her faith. Pray over her new small business and for a sustainable income.

## 26 Burundi

Christine's\* husband filed for divorce and abandoned their family when he learnt she had left Islam to follow Jesus. Pray for her comfort and provision.

## 27 China

Chinese authorities have escalated their attempts to shut down the church by fining leaders and pastors. Pray God will soften their hearts to the gospel.

### **28 Syria**

Local partners are launching a school for Christian counselling. Pray the launch will run smoothly and be a blessing in a nation overwhelmed by conflict.

### **29 North Korea**

Pray that the nation of North Korea would experience revival and that even its leaders would come to know Jesus and be changed by Him.

### **30 Central Asia**

Praise God for the ministry of Evgeny\*, an evangelist supported by Open Doors. Pray for those who have heard the gospel for the first time through him.

### **31 Laos**

Authorities recently demolished the homes of three Christian families. Pray they can rebuild and their testimonies can be a blessing to others.

\*Names changed for security purposes.