

PRAYER GUIDE

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MAY

01 Central Asia

Several brothers recently started following Jesus and are afraid for their safety. Pray for their protection and that they will persevere.

02 Syria

A prison holding Islamic State fighters was attacked earlier this year, leading many to escape across the city of Hassakah. Pray for protection over the city.

03 Philippines

The New Testament has recently been translated into a new dialect. Praise God for this blessing and pray that the rest of the Bible will be available shortly.

04 Egypt

Pray for the spiritual and emotional maturity of Christian youth. Pray that God would be preparing them to be the next generation of faithful leaders.

05 Nigeria

In the face of ongoing conflict and extremism, pray that President Buhari and state officials will work to find lasting solutions for peace.

06 China

Yusu* is a contact running a counselling business. Ask that God will give him wisdom, creativity, and protection as ministers to others.

07 Tunisia

Pray for overwhelmed Christian leaders. Pray that the Lord will refresh them and prepare them to shepherd their communities with energy and creativity.

08 Indonesia

More young people are choosing to follow Jesus. Pray that they will find mentors to guide them in the faith and equip them to persevere through persecution.

09 Sri Lanka

An elderly couple were stripped of social welfare because of their faith. Pray for God's provision as they're struggling to manage without the support.

10 Yemen

Pray for the family of a Christian in prison for evangelising. Pray that his wife will find comfort at this challenging time and for wisdom over his legal team.

11 Myanmar

Conflict has driven believers into camps for displaced people. Pray for provision as they are often deprived of food and healthcare because of their faith.

12 Maldives

There is a serious concern for the ongoing human rights situation in the Maldives. Pray that there would be justice, peace, and revival across the nation.

13 Iraq

Pray that the church in Iraq would be a beacon of hope in a country and across a region hit hard by Islamic extremism. Pray that they shine brightly for Jesus.

14 Bangladesh

Pray for the participants of adult literacy and women's discipleship programs. Pray that their hearts would be like the good soil that will produce and multiply.

15 Turkey

Turkey is home to refugees fleeing conflict from many neighbouring countries. Pray that God will use local believers to bless the most vulnerable.

16 Libya

Believers in Libya are afraid to meet for fear of being discovered and punished. Pray that they will find ways to meet and grow together in their faith.

17 India

There is intense pressure for new Christians to return to their former Hindu faith. Pray that they will continue following Jesus, no matter the cost.

18 Somalia

Pray for God's wisdom and discernment over Christians who choose to risk their safety and their lives to share the love of Jesus with others.

19 Syria

Around 40 people are attending counselling training. Pray over the students, that they will go out and bless their communities with the lessons they learn.

20 Central African Republic

Those who share the gospel open themselves up to pressure and violent attacks. Praise God that many are choosing to continue evangelising anyway.

21 Pakistan

Blasphemy laws in Pakistan can send Christians to prison for evangelising. Pray that God will make a way for them to share the love of Jesus.

22 Colombia

Christian families are often the targets of violence in gang-controlled areas. Pray over them, especially the children, that they will stand firm in faith.

23 Morocco

Praise the Lord for Christian leaders in Morocco developing their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, using it to grow and nurture their churches.

24 Malaysia

It is illegal to share the gospel with Malay Muslims. Pray that God will make a way to grow His Malaysian church, despite the serious risk.

25 Cameroon

Islamic extremism is pervasive across the country. Pray that the government will take concrete measures to protect vulnerable Christian communities.

26 Turkmenistan

Christian literature, including Bibles, is heavily restricted by authorities. Pray that Christian resources will reach the hands of those who need them.

27 Bhutan

Christian women can be disowned by their families, divorced by their husbands, or forced into marriage for their faith. Pray for their protection.

28 Afghanistan

Pray that God would be turning the hearts of Taliban leaders and members from hate to love. Pray that He will use them as part of His good plan.

29 Niger

Even after experiences of violence and extremism, the trauma for survivors still lingers. Pray that God will bring comfort to those still suffering.

30 Lebanon

Pray for Christian radio stations and TV stations. Praise God that many are learning about the gospel through them and pray that more will receive the message.

31 Kyrgyzstan

Despite their neighbours' threats, a Christian family has continued to hold house church meetings. Praise God for their courage and conviction.

JUNE

01 Iran

Women are often forced into marriage and harassed to discourage them from pursuing Christianity. Pray that nothing deters them from following Christ.

02 Mozambique

Extremist violence is on the rise, leaving many Christians traumatised and forced to flee. Pray that God will bring peace and hope for the future.

03 Jordan

Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus are often attacked by their own family. Pray for the safety of believers and over the hearts of their persecutors.

04 Sri Lanka

21-year-old Sharifa was kicked out of her home for converting to Christianity. Pray that she will stand strong and not waiver in her faith.

05 Syria

Several new income-generating projects have started this year. Pray that they will be successful and serve as a source of sustainable income for local believers.

06 Libya

Libya has no central government and conflict is common. Ask for God to bring stability to the nation through a government that strives for peace.

07 Arabian Peninsula

Praise God for three new believers with a Muslim background who want to join a house church after engaging in social media outreach. Pray over their new faith.

08 Turkey

Ask for God to strengthen and grow the ministry of Open Doors' local partners as they serve vulnerable Christian and refugee communities in Turkey.

09 Uzbekistan

Police recently broke into the homes of a house church leader and members of his congregation. Pray for their safety in the face of uncertainty.

10 Tunisia

Aziz* is the only Christian in his family. Praise God for his perseverance and pray that he will find other believers to meet and grow alongside.

11 Nigeria

Nigeria is the most violent country to live as a Christian. Pray that survivors of attacks will receive physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

12 Philippines

Pray for the young students attending literacy classes, that they will apply the lessons they learn to build their future and build God's kingdom.

13 Oman

Ask for God to change the hearts of the Sultan and other political leaders in Oman. Pray that they will come to know and faithfully follow Him.

14 Laos

Praise God that local partners have been able to deliver emergency relief packs to areas devastated by COVID-19. Pray that they will be a blessing.

15 Iraq

Praise the Lord for His followers in Iraq who have not given up their joy or sharing the gospel. Pray that this will encourage more to seek Jesus.

16 China

Pray for a women's training centre. Pray that it will be a place for vulnerable women to learn and prepare for the future, as well as receive discipleship.

17 Egypt

Pray a blessing over those who lead online ministries. Pray that God will use social platforms to nurture the church's faith and grow it in numbers.

18 North Korea

Praise God that some underground Christians have received secret deliveries of warm rice. Pray that more can receive relief to help them survive.

19 Libya

Maha's decision to follow Jesus is causing tension in her marriage. Pray that God will give her husband understanding and for revival of their marriage.

20 India

Pray over those persecuting and placing heavy pressure on Christians. Pray that their hearts will be softened and that they will come to know Jesus.

21 Vietnam

Ang and his family were kicked out of their village by authorities and neighbours. Pray for God's provision as they start a new life elsewhere.

22 Syria

Pray for Anwar, a 26-year-old English teacher, as he struggles with depression. Pray that he will strongly feel God's presence and comfort.

23 Algeria

Officials are threatening to close a local church. Pray for guidance over the church's leaders as they seek to minister to their community through uncertainty.

24 Qatar

Many Christians must keep their faith a secret for their safety. Pray that these secret believers will know they are not alone and be encouraged to persevere.

25 Indonesia

A young believer is facing pressure from her mother to renounce her faith. Pray that she will not give up from pursuing and sharing Christ.

26 Sudan

Political instability is a serious concern. Pray for peace and protection over Christians who are often the most vulnerable to violence and poverty.

27 Central African Republic

Violence and extremism have forced many into Internally Displaced People camps. Pray for encouragement and revival over those who have lost hope.

28 Myanmar

Praise God for the courage and conviction of those who have left Buddhism to follow Jesus. Pray that God will bless and encourage them to continue.

29 Democratic Republic Of The Congo

At least 10 Christians were shot and another eight wounded by extremists in a village church. Pray for healing over the wounded and comfort over the families.

30 Turkmenistan

Ask that God would reach the hearts of Turkmen authorities. Pray that they will know the truth and lead the nation with wisdom and compassion.

JULY

01 Saudi Arabia

Pray for foreign Christian workers to be protected from physical violence and harassment. Pray that they will be a blessing to the local church and community.

02 Maldives

Around one in three women in the Maldives have experienced physical or sexual violence. Christian women are even more vulnerable. Pray for their safety.

03 Afghanistan

Pray that local partners supporting Afghan refugees will receive the energy, creativity, and strength they need to effectively serve them.

04 Eritrea

Living as a Christian in Eritrea can have believers imprisoned. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and boldness as they follow Jesus despite surveillance.

05 Tunisia

Hada loves her family but is experiencing intense pressure from them to renounce her faith. Pray that God would soften their hearts to the gospel.

06 Cameroon

Pray for discernment over local partners as they determine the best ways to serve the persecuted church. Pray that their work produces good fruit.

07 Malaysia

Pray that God would be with believers who have become isolated from their families, loved ones, and communities for choosing to follow Jesus.

08 Iran

Pray that President Raisi will honour the rights and contributions of the local Christian community and see believers as a blessing to the country.

09 Pakistan

In the face of ongoing persecution and pressure, pray that the Pakistani Christian community will be encouraged and kept from exhaustion and despair.

10 Syria

Praise God that a believer named Issa has opened a shop with the help of our local partners. Pray that it will serve as an opportunity to share the gospel.

11 Mali

Pray that God will provide for Christians attempting to rebuild their lives after violence. Pray that He will sustain them through trauma and poverty.

12 Niger

Pray that God will soften the hearts of extremists in Niger, drawing them nearer to Him. Pray that He would be using them for His glory.

13 China

Pray for Michael who is being monitored by authorities. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and protection in the face of pressure and persecution.

14 Jordan

Pray that God will continue to raise up new leaders to faithfully serve the local church. Pray a blessing over the church's future.

15 Libya

Pray for protection for those who support persecuted believers in the region. Pray that they receive the opportunities they need to reach the most vulnerable.

16 Myanmar

Pray that the church will be a source of hope and peace in the turmoil of Myanmar's civil war. Pray that God will use the church to bring restoration.

17 Oman

Pray that God will bless new believers from Muslim backgrounds and strengthen their faith. Pray that they find Christian resources and support.

18 Mozambique

Pray for economic development in the region to provide stability and hope for the next generation. Pray that the country will have a bright future.

19 Central Asia

Pray for a husband, wife, and their son as they fled their home earlier this year. Pray that God will provide them with safety and resources.

20 Morocco

Pray for Ayoub who was forced to flee his village due to the intense pressure to renounce his faith. Pray that he will settle well into his new city.

21 Yemen

Pray for those secretly searching for truth. Pray that they will learn about Jesus and be equipped with the resources and fellowship they need.

22 Central Asia

Praise God for the success of a farming seminar. Pray for guidance over the facilitators as they continue to run the program for vulnerable believers.

23 Lebanon

Pray over Lebanon's leadership in the face of conflict and economic hardship. Pray that Jesus will be glorified through the nation's decision-makers.

24 Uzbekistan

Church leaders are especially vulnerable to pressure from authorities. Pray for their safety and perseverance as they faithfully serve the church.

25 Nigeria

Pray for protection over Open Doors' local partners who travel the country, risking attack and abduction to reach persecuted Christians with support.

26 Tunisia

Pray that those who leave Islam to follow Jesus will withstand the pressure from families, communities, and authorities to return to their former religion.

27 Bhutan

Pray that believers who have been rejected by their families and loved ones will find new communities to support them and encourage them in faith.

28 Somalia

Pray that God will build His church in strength and numbers despite pressure and persecution.

29 Bangladesh

Pray over local partners. Pray for energy and wisdom as they serve in difficult conditions.

30 Syria

There is a shortage of church leaders. Pray that God will raise up faithful believers to shepherd the Syrian church.

31 Egypt

Pray that the Christian community will live their lives in thankfulness for God's sacrifice and gift of eternal life. Pray their joy resonates with others.

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