

PRAYER GUIDE

August – October 2022

AUGUST

01 North Korea

Praise God that the Open Doors radio ministry continues to minister to underground Christians. Pray that Christians won't be caught listening to the program.

02 Sri Lanka

A group of monks stormed into Pastor Indunil's church and threatened the congregation to stop gathering. Pray for wisdom and peace for Pastor Indunil and his church.

03 Philippines

Maajid and his family suffered abuse from his father. Since they began to pray for him, they've seen change. Pray for Maajid's father's transformation and salvation.

04 Vietnam

A Christian water well project provides wells to villages. Pray for believers to share about their faith as they line up for water with non-believers.

05 Syria

There are many security measures in place by authorities which make carrying out ministry work difficult at times. Ask God to provide security clearance for activities.

06 China

Open Doors has been designing programs to strengthen the faith of the youth. Pray for the program pilots being tested in churches in the coming months.

07 Central Asia

Pray for Maria a young Christian girl who was sexually assaulted by a follower of the Muslim faith after he recognised her as a Christian. Pray for her physical and emotional recovery.

08 Iraq

Praise God that the church is surviving, and leaders are being courageous going back to live in areas that have seen so much violence. Pray for their work in these areas.

09 Horn of Africa

Ameera is a believer from a Muslim background whose children were removed from her care after an attack from her husband. Pray she can be reunited with them.

10 Burundi

When believers convert from Islam to Christianity, they lose family and community support, and have no means to provide for themselves. Pray for God's provision.

11 Central African Republic

Elizabeth and her baby survived an attack by one of the many rebel groups in Central African Republic. Pray for her emotional healing and for change of hearts of rebels.

12 Arabian Peninsula

Ask the Lord to open the eyes of new believers who need to turn away from New Age practices such as energy healings, tarot cards, channelling, crystals, or Reiki.

13 Lebanon

Pray for the Christians visiting people behind bars. Ask God to give them opportunities to share the gospel to people who have never heard it before.

14 Iraq

Praise God that there is still a worshipping church in Iraq. Please continue praying for more people to find a living faith in Jesus Christ across the country.

15 Morocco

Pray for Aisha who is feeling alone in her faith and marriage. Ask the Lord to provide her with opportunities to connect with other believers to strengthen her faith.

16 Tunisia

Pray for Bassem as he has struggled to lead a small church. Pray for wisdom for church leaders who are sometimes relatively young in their faith in Jesus.

17 Libya

Pray for Moussa who began experiencing persecution from his family as soon as he came to faith in Jesus. Ask the Lord for protection in his life.

18 Colombia

Ask God to speak to the youth at a convention in the north. Pray for those ministering to them, that the Lord will strengthen their commitment to serving despite persecution.

19 Indonesia

Many Christian students are bullied at school for their faith. Pray that their faith will remain strong and that they may find fellowship to support one another.

20 Malaysia

Stateless individuals aren't in the country's registration system, restricting access to education and healthcare. Pray for believers to be registered as Christians.

21 Maldives

The country has an extremely high rate of violence against women. Pray that women will receive justice and that their rights will be equally supported.

22 Philippines

Converts from Islam are participating in training to gain a biblical and practical understanding of persecution. Pray for this training to encourage participants.

23 Kyrgyzstan

When Sister Kirimayakn's family found out that she believed in Jesus, they threw her and her child out of the house. Pray that God will provide for her and strengthen her.

24 Bangladesh

In an adult literacy class, participants will be reading Bible stories. Pray that this will provide an opportunity for them to grow spiritually and have a Kingdom impact.

25 Afghanistan

Pray that local partners supporting Afghan refugees who have fled will be filled with grace and love.

26 Algeria

The pressure of the government on the church is ongoing. Please pray for wisdom and strength of the leaders and believers.

27 Israel and Palestine

Praise God that summer youth camps can take place after years of not happening due to the pandemic. Pray that young people will be touched by the Word of God.

28 Sudan

Pray that amidst policy challenges, Christians will courageously speak about Christ.

29 Brunei

Ask the Lord to provide more guidance and support to the youth as teenage pregnancy is common and they are faced with pressures around family reputations.

30 Lebanon

Pray for the churches and Christians in Lebanon to be able to make a difference in their communities, especially in the face of a food crisis. Pray for change in the country.

31 North Korea

Pray for the new believers who have started following Jesus in one of the most dangerous places.

SEPTEMBER

01 Philippines

Many believers from Muslim backgrounds don't have sustainable jobs. Praise God for a project run by our local partners allowing women to provide for their families.

02 China

Pray for the Christian youth who move from rural areas to cities to provide for their families. Ask God to provide spiritual homes where they can grow in their faith.

03 Qatar

Praise God for a new Christian sharing her faith with friends and not experiencing rejection. Please pray that her brother will accept Christ and not reject his sister.

04 Morocco

Pray for Usama who was expelled from his family home after coming to know Jesus. Ask God to strengthen Usama's faith and for provision, comfort, and peace.

05 Tunisia

Praise the Lord for revealing himself to people in Tunisia, and the church growing through this. Pray that new believers will find welcoming fellowship.

06 North Korea

Several groups of secret Christians were captured during an underground meeting and then later executed. Pray for their families as they grieve their loved ones.

07 Sri Lanka

Praise God for the aid given to a persecuted pastor to open a Christian bookstore in a rural part of the country. Pray that this shop will be a blessing to Christians there.

08 Kyrgyzstan

Brother Akim and his twin sisters are believers who have suffered abuse from their father, who is Muslim. Pray for their protection and that their father will find Christ.

09 Syria

Ask the Lord to heal those suffering with depression and trauma as a result of the war. Please pray that the light of Jesus will penetrate the darkness.

10 Vietnam

Many Catholics in central Vietnam are hostile to Christians. Praise God for the pastors who are working to address sanitation needs of impoverished Catholic families.

11 Brunei

The subject of Islam is compulsory in primary and secondary schools. Pray for Christian youth to remain strong in their faith despite the external influences of school.

12 Indonesia

Pray for pastors who serve in hostile environments. Ask God to help them with their fear and the challenges they face.

13 Maldives

Ask God to bring justice to those involved in extremist attacks. Pray that other extremists will be exposed so that peace can come to the country.

14 Egypt

Many new believers who accept Jesus as their Saviour are still suffering and bound in addictions. Please pray that they experience God's freedom.

15 Arabian Peninsula

New believers who are from a Muslim background come to Christ holding a baggage of lies, trauma, strongholds, and wounds. Pray for them to experience Christ's healing.

16 Yemen

Yemen is a tribe-oriented society where leaders have greater influence on their people than government officials and Islamic leaders. Pray they will come to know Jesus.

17 Syria

Some churches are mainly comprised of new believers. Ask God to strengthen the faith of believers in these churches and for meaningful fellowship.

18 North Korea

Pray for Kim Jong Un and the other leaders of the North Korean regime to come to know God.

19 Kyrgyzstan

Kabia was beaten by her daughter-in-law for her faith after being expelled from her home. Pray for her health and safety, and for a change in her daughter-in-law's heart.

20 Central Asia

Praise God for Rasim's dedication to his youth ministry despite the physical and emotional persecution he has faced. Ask God to continue to grow Rasim spiritually.

21 China

Caleb, a field worker who participates in the safehouse and shelter ministry, had been ill and was hospitalised. Praise God he has improved and pray for a full recovery.

22 Syria

Pray for the homeless children living on the street, and for families who have lost their loved ones. Ask the Lord to unite believers in the love of Christ.

23 Middle East

Pray for encouragement and hope to those who feel hopeless, particularly after experiencing economic downplay, political turmoil, and persecution.

24 Iraq

Many Iraqi Christians live with doubts about the future and what the best choice is for them and their families. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and peace in decision making.

25 Indonesia

Agung and Sarah have been ministering to converts from Islam for many years, facing threats and imprisonment. Ask God to provide wisdom and protection in their ministry.

26 Lebanon

There are enormous opportunities to share about Jesus in the country, including with millions of refugees. Ask the Lord to open hearts to the truth of the gospel.

27 Sri Lanka

Pray for a spiritual covering as Sri Lankans conduct rituals, traditions, and celebrations of other religions. Pray that demonic forces won't gain a foothold.

28 Philippines

The Joshua training is for Christian youth leaders with Muslim backgrounds to be equipped as the next generation of ministry leaders. Pray for this training to grow them.

29 Egypt

Praise God for His blessing over the work in Egypt. Ask God to increase the number of workers serving the Lord to cover such a large geographical area.

30 Iraq

Praise God for the impact of the Bible Translation for Kurdish Behdini-speaking people. Thank God for the wonderful work the translators during a time of war and uncertainty.

OCTOBER

01 Kyrgyzstan

Brother Kerim has faced persecution from his village and is trying to stay and make a court case against the local mullah. Pray for wisdom and protection for his family.

02 Turkmenistan

Pray that the newly elected president, Serdar Berdymukhamedov, will take care of his people. Pray for the small Christian community in the country.

03 North Korea

Pray for Jung-sook, a North Korean trafficked woman now in a Bible study group in another country. Pray that one day she can share Jesus with her family back in North Korea.

04 Indonesia

Many public schools don't have Christian teachers for religious studies meaning Christian students must take Islamic lessons. Pray they will be steadfast in their faith.

05 Sri Lanka

A mother of three's husband has been unfaithful and threatened her to stop going to church. Ask the Lord to bring peace to the family and convict the husband's heart.

06 Iraq

After decades of violence and suffering, many felt forced to leave their home soil. Pray for Iraqis in other countries to consider returning to Iraq for ministry.

07 Syria

Thank God for the 35 college students who launched an initiative to care for elderly Christians. Ask God to bless the ministry and that it will bring comfort and joy.

08 Laos

Pray for Som, Saser, and Mihea who have been forced to leave their village after becoming Christians. Ask God to bring them peace and provide for them.

09 Russia

Many Russian believers are facing sanctions, restrictions, and hatred despite not supporting the war in Ukraine. Ask God to end the war and give comfort to those suffering.

10 Central Asia

Many women are experiencing persecution from their husbands, families, and friends. Ask God to provide spiritual and practical support for these women.

11 Egypt

Pray that the ministry activities will see Christians grow in their faith and become disciples following Jesus. Ask God to bring harvest from the activities.

12 North Korea

Having faith in Jesus not only instigates the death of the believer, but also the lifelong suffering of their families. Pray for strength for persecuted Christians.

13 China

Pray for believers from a Buddhist background in the south-west who are forbidden to visit villages of believers. Ask God to strengthen churches facing persecution.

14 Lebanon

Praise God for the Christian radio in the modern Arab language broadcast from Lebanon and listened to elsewhere in the Middle East. Pray it will continue to reach people.

15 Iraq

Many churches have camps or retreats during the summer. Pray that these activities will build the church and help to quench the roots of the church in Iraq.

16 Syria

Samir and Mounir were killed in an area with no government or law. Pray for their families to be comforted by the Holy Spirit and for protection for other Christians.

17 Israel and Palestine

Many young people have lost their faith for a variety of reasons. Please pray that they are able to hear the voice of the Lord and find their faith again.

18 Algeria

Many believers are without a church. Please pray that they can stand strong in their faith and connect with other believers living near to them or online.

19 Central Asia

Gulmira's husband left her after she couldn't fall pregnant, blaming her faith for her infertility. Ask God to help Gulmira remain faithful to the Lord and bless her.

20 Kyrgyzstan

A pastor and church received threats after distributing Bible stories to a boarding school. Pray for protection for the school, church, and pastor.

21 Philippines

The annual youth camp had been postponed since the pandemic but this year it is set to go ahead. Pray that it will grow the faith of the 150 youth who will attend.

22 Sri Lanka

Shani, her sister, and her mother have been going to church in secret as her father is a devout Hindu and opposes their faith. Pray that God would work in her father's heart.

23 Maldives

A program has been developed to rehabilitate those in prison who have been radicalised. Pray for the program's success and for religious extremism to be combatted.

24 Malaysia

Pray for the political landscape in Malaysia, which has had significant instability. Ask God to elect leaders to the government who will prioritise justice and equality.

25 North Korea

Please pray for the persecuted Christians who risk their lives for the sake of the gospel. Ask that God would give them strength and remind them that they are not alone.

26 Colombia

Pray for trips to dangerous regions where it is necessary to ask permission from illegal groups. Pray our partners can enter and develop the work with the persecuted church.

27 Libya

It is extremely hard for Christians to meet each other in Libya. Praise God for the perseverance of believers and for opportunities they've had to connect with one another.

28 Tunisia

Pray for Daila who was divorced by her husband and is fighting to keep custody of her children. Ask the Lord to give her strength, wisdom, and peace in the situation.

29 Saudi Arabia

A Christian leader has had reports of his faith shared on the internet which could bring him grave danger. Please pray for protection of the leader.

30 Burundi

After Lourie became a Christian, her husband divorced her and kicked her and their two children out of the house. Pray that God will provide a steady job for Lourie.

31 China

Ask God to provide more people who can help contextualise discipleship materials for believers from a Muslim background. Thank God for the connections already made.

All names changed for security purposes.