

PRAYER GUIDE

August 2023 – October 2023

AUGUST

01 Brunei

Pray for local ethnic groups to have opportunities to hear the gospel from believers living amongst them, that these believers will be salt and light to them.

02 Sri Lanka

Pray for Christian families living in the majority Buddhist areas in Sri Lanka who might face insults and ridicule. Pray for their safety, well-being, and wisdom.

03 Middle East

Pray for Muslim background believers, that more young people will experience the love of Christ through local youth programs.

04 Maldives

Pray for unity among the ex-pat house churches in the country, as they are not allowed to gather in churches. Pray that they would bless the locals and become channels for the gospel.

05 Malaysia

Please pray for the protection of Open Doors local partners as they go to the field to disciple and teach essential Biblical principles to young people.

06 Indonesia

Pray that Muslim background believers would be encouraged to share the gospel with their families, and that the gospel would continue to spread.

07 Bangladesh

Pray for the government, NGOs, and other institutions, that God will raise good leaders in the country that would genuinely care for the people.

08 Colombia

Pray for the trip of the Open Doors Swiss team to Colombia, that God will keep them safe on their trip and that He will accompany them in the activities they will have at the Children's Centre.

09 Mexico

Please pray for the team's activities in Mexico. We pray for training that will take place in both indigenous and urban communities. May the Lord always accompany the trainers.

10 Brunei

Divorce cases in Brunei are on the rise. Pray for unity and healing in marriages, that love will bring them together. Pray that God would intervene in these families.

11 Maldives

Pray that God will guide believers to Maldivians, to share God's love with them, and adopt them into the family of believers, that God will fill them with His love.

12 Vietnam

Pray for churches that were banned from operating and are under surveillance. Pray the believers will stand firm in their faith and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

13 Sudan

Pray for the Lord's protection over His children in Sudan. Pray for discernment for church leaders and wisdom to lead their people despite civil unrest.

14 Colombia

Pray that the Lord will protect and accompany the Open Doors team who support our brothers and sisters in regions where violence abounds in the country.

15 Bangladesh

Pray that the Open Doors partners trainings in various programs like adult literacy classes, women's discipleship and Sunday school classes will strengthen the believers in Bangladesh.

16 Malaysia

Let us pray for Buddhist background believers to be empowered and encouraged to speak boldly about Jesus to their families, friends, and neighbours.

17 Mexico

Pray for Christian mothers who have suffered the loss of a child or family member, or are separated from them. May God strengthen and support them.

18 Sudan

Pray for God's provision to all who are affected by the complex civil circumstances and political unrest. Pray for Christian believers to live boldly despite the difficulties their country faces.

19 Colombia

Pray for the women who are far from their children and loved ones due to the persecution they suffer. May the Lord comfort and strengthen them.

20 Indonesia

Pray that the lives of Muslim background believers will be a testimony to others. Pray for God's protection over them and for His strength to be resilient in times of hardship.

21 Middle East

Pray for teenagers who face opposition from their families for converting to Christianity. Pray that God would grant them strength and courage to hold onto their faith.

22 Vietnam

Pray for the local authorities to be more respectful to church leaders and workers even if they have lower education.

23 Malaysia

Pray for the team who are ministering to and discipling young people in East Malaysia. Pray that the youth will be strengthened in their faith and their love of Jesus.

24 Brunei

Let us pray for husbands and wives in this nation. Pray that believers will model Christ's love in their marriages and that many will be led to Christ seeing their love for each other.

25 Vietnam

Pray for the church leaders to lead the believers wisely according to God's teaching despite their churches being banned from meeting.

26 Mexico

Pray for states where there is a lot of corruption. We pray that God will bring the most capable authorities to govern with prudence.

27 Colombia

Pray that the Lord will glorify Himself in the nation of Colombia. Pray that God will bring spiritual revival to these regions and to these people.

28 Indonesia

Pray for Christian youth susceptible to the negative effects of social media and are easily influenced by the social norms depicted by the media they consume daily.

29 Vietnam

Pray that the government will reopen the banned church and allow them to gather together again without constant surveillance.

30 Bangladesh

Ask God for wisdom for the teachers and trainers facilitating special support and training classes for believers. Pray also that God will make programs such as these accessible to more people.

31 Malaysia

Pray for our partner visits to schools in East Malaysia as they continue to help youth understand their relationship with God and the role of Jesus in their daily lives.

SEPTEMBER

01 Indonesia

Pray that Indonesian Christians who live in remote areas will have access to the resources they need to practice their faith, such as Bibles and Christian literature.

02 Somalia

Pray for Somali Christians to have boldness and wisdom to share the Gospel with their Muslim neighbours despite the immense violence many Christians face.

03 Yemen

Pray for relief from the humanitarian crisis and that the love of Christ would be evident to those suffering.

04 Syria

Pray for the physical and emotional healing of those who have suffered in the ongoing conflict, especially after the disastrous earthquake.

05 Libya

Pray for the protection of migrant workers who are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Pray that those who don't know Christ would seek Him in their suffering.

06 Pakistan

Pray for the release of those imprisoned on blasphemy charges and for the repeal of blasphemy laws.

07 Iran

Pray for the growth of the expanding underground church, and that believers would have the courage to share their faith with others despite the cost.

08 Nigeria

Pray for an end to the violence perpetrated by Boko Haram and other extremist groups, and that the government would be empowered to stand up against the senseless violence..

09 Iraq

Pray for the trauma care projects running, that all local partners would be encouraged by the presence of God with them, and that Centres of Hope would continue to thrive.

10 India

Pray for the protection of Christians facing persecution from Hindu extremists, especially the boycotting and destruction of their businesses, and for the government to intervene.

11 North Korea

Pray for the release of Christians imprisoned in labour camps for their faith, and that guards at the labour camps would find Jesus through the witness of prisoners.

12 China

Pray for the protection and provision of house church leaders who are targeted by the government through complex and sophisticated surveillance.

13 Algeria

Pray for the freedom of worship for Christians and the repeal of laws that restrict religious freedom.

14 Egypt

Pray for the growth and continuation of current literacy programs that run for both Christians and Muslims, where students are learning to read the Bible.

15 Sudan

Pray for peace and stability in the country after the recent political turmoil, and that the church would shine as a light in the region.

16 Turkey

Pray for the protection and safety of pastors and church members facing harassment and threats from the government and extremists.

17 Eritrea

Pray for the release of Christians imprisoned for their faith and for the government to uphold religious freedom.

18 Saudi Arabia

Pray for the protection and provision of migrant workers who often face abuse and exploitation.

19 Tajikistan

Pray for the strengthening of the small but growing church, and that more would know the love of Jesus through the ministry of the local church.

20 Myanmar

Pray for the end of the military coup and for the protection of ethnic and religious minorities.

21 Vietnam

Pray for the freedom of religion and for the growth of the church despite government persecution.

22 Central African Republic

Pray for the protection of Christians from violence and for the healing of those affected by conflict.

23 Cameroon

Pray for an end to the violence in the Anglophone regions and for the government to address the grievances of the minority population.

24 Sri Lanka

Pray for healing and reconciliation between different ethnic and religious groups, and that the church would continue to pioneer peacebuilding in the region.

25 Mexico

Pray for the protection of pastors and church members from violence and for the government to address corruption and impunity.

26 Bangladesh

Pray for the protection of Christians, specifically Christian women, who face a double persecution. Would they always know their worth in Christ.

27 Kenya

Pray for the protection and provision of refugees who have fled violence in neighbouring countries, that they would experience the kindness of God through the church's generous posture toward them.

28 Niger

Pray for the strengthening of Christians despite increased attacks, and for the government to address the underlying causes of conflict from extremist cells that are gaining traction.

29 Chad

Pray for the strengthening of young Christians, especially those from Muslim backgrounds, who face violence or rejection from their families and communities.

30 Uganda

Pray for those Christians who have sought refuge in Uganda from surrounding countries, that God would continue to provide all they need as they build a life in a new country.

OCTOBER

01 Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, pray for believers facing severe persecution and who have to keep their faith extremely hidden, and for protection from the Taliban.

02 Eritrea

Pray that new believers would come to faith and, despite the pressure from the government and their families, be strengthened in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

03 Nigeria

Ask God to comfort families of believers killed in Nigeria and provide for those who have been displaced.

04 North Korea

Pray for the end of the North Korean regime and for freedom of religion, that officials in the government would experience a holy fear of God and repent for their persecution.

05 Pakistan

Pray for the protection of Christian women in Pakistan from forced conversion and marriage, which is rampant in more conservative regions.

06 China

Ask God to strengthen believers in China who face ongoing government persecution, especially the increasingly sophisticated targeted digital surveillance.

07 Iran

Pray for the release of all imprisoned pastors and Christian leaders in Iran, and that their families would remain close to Jesus despite the heartache.

08 Yemen

Ask God to provide for believers in Yemen who have been displaced due to conflict and famine.

09 Somalia

Pray for the safety and protection of Christians in Somalia who face persecution and intimidation from al-Shabaab.

10 Burkina Faso

Ask God to comfort families of believers killed in Burkina Faso and provide for those who have been displaced.

11 Uzbekistan

Pray for God to empower the hearts of deaf believers, who face a double persecution. Would they hear God's voice clearly, and be encouraged.

12 India

Ask God to give courage to believers in India who face persecution from Hindu nationalists, and that their peaceful protests would be acknowledged and acted upon.

13 Egypt

Pray for the protection of Christians in Egypt from extremist attacks.

14 Syria

Ask God to provide for believers in Syria who have been displaced due to ongoing conflict or earthquakes, that He would provide a home for the homeless.

15 Laos

Pray for the release of all imprisoned Christians in Laos, and for favour in trials for those who are unjustly prosecuted.

16 Vietnam

Ask God to strengthen believers in Vietnam who face subtle but restrictive government persecution.

17 Algeria

Pray for the protection of Christians in Algeria from government restrictions on worship, and that Christians will have opportunities to gather with other believers.

18 Ethiopia

Ask God to provide for believers in Ethiopia who have been displaced due to conflict.

19 Philippines

Many children of parents from Muslim backgrounds are subjected to the same kind of persecution as their parents. Pray that their faith will grow despite the persecution.

20 Mexico

Thank God for the way He uses each team member for His will. Pray that He will renew their strength to continue His ministry and use resources wisely.

21 Colombia

Pray for the training for the prison service group which will provide help and prayer in prisons. Ask God to equip a strong and committed team for this mission.

22 Malaysia

Sexual abuse is a rising concern, particularly with the youth being vulnerable to abuse by religious teachers. Pray that young people will be protected by God.

23 Indonesia

Since Marjo became a Christian, he no longer celebrates Muslim holidays which causes pressure from his family. Pray for God to give him courage to stand strong in faith.

24 Myanmar

Thank God for the activities and trainings to bring hope and healing to Christians in Myanmar. Pray for the safety of local partners, volunteers, and their families.

25 Iran

Pray for the safety and protection of Christians in Iran who face persecution from the government.

26 Central African Republic

Ask God to comfort families of believers killed in the Central African Republic and provide for those who have been displaced.

27 Somalia

Pray for the Islamic government in Somalia, that God would speak to them through dreams and visions, and reveal Jesus to their hearts.

28 Bangladesh

Ask God to strengthen Christian business owners in Bangladesh who face persecution from radical Muslims and boycotting from their communities.

29 Tajikistan

Pray for the protection of Christians in Tajikistan from government restrictions on worship, and that local partners in the region would have safe access to local churches.

30 Iraq

Ask God to provide for believers in Iraq who have been displaced due to conflict and are rebuilding their homes and livelihoods. Pray for our microloan programs, that they would bear good fruit.

31 Palestinian Territories

Pray for peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians and for the protection of Christians in the region.

*Names changed for security purposes.