

# Prayer Guide

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.” **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

## June

### Myanmar

- 01** Pray for Myanmar, in its fifth year of an increasingly violent conflict between the ruling military and rebel groups. Millions of people are displaced, and solutions, even a ceasefire, are nowhere in sight.
- 02** Well-established churches have been attacked. Pray specifically for healing and restoration for traumatised believers in the Christian-majority states of Chin, Kachin, and Kayah States.
- 03** An estimated 2.8 million citizens are displaced from their homes, living in overcrowded Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps or fleeing to the surrounding jungle. Ask God to provide for them and watch over their health.
- 04** Pray with Pastor Yang\* and his wife. They were forced to flee their hometown where Yang worked as a teacher and a youth pastor. Pray for the couple's stability. They have had to move repeatedly.
- 05** Despite being displaced, Yang is passionate about serving and ministering to other displaced believers. Open Doors is partnering with him to bring critical support to persecuted Christians. Pray for their divine protection.
- 06** Pastor Mun\* was also forced to flee his community. “We must leave our homes for our safety. We can no longer go to our churches,” he says. Pray for guidance as he discerns next steps for him and his family.
- 07** Moe Moe\*, a believer from Kayah State, has been repeatedly displaced due to the violence. “It is challenging to be on the run every time,” she says. Pray for peace and perseverance for your sister.
- 08** Moe Moe and her husband participated in persecution survival training led by Open Doors partners. Ask God to bless our partner Pastor David\* who travels far to teach them to respond biblically when they encounter persecution.
- 09** Pray with Pastor Myint\* and his wife June\*. They lost everything because of their passion to share the gospel. Local villagers, empowered by the coup, destroyed their home and threatened their family.
- 10** June asks us to pray, “Because of the war and persecution, many believers are displaced, and we have lost connection with them. Please pray that they will remain faithful to Jesus.”
- 11** Pray for God's providence and grace upon Pastor Myint and his wife. Their health is weak. Pray for their healing and also for their children as they experience persecution and pain along with their parents.

### Iraq

- 12** Pray for our local partner who reviews project proposals for micro-loan projects for Iraqi Christians who are struggling financially. Ask God for wisdom and discernment for these partners who consider and designate these loans.
- 13** Converted Muslims are Iraq's most vulnerable Christian community, susceptible to family rejection, job discrimination and even physical violence. Pray for opportunities for these followers to meet with other Christians.
- 14** Pray for Iraqi believers who are the first and only Christians in their family. Pray for inner strength as they face scrutiny and hostility, as well as sensitivity to Spirit-led opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

### Palestine

- 15** Our field tells us that Christians in Gaza have a long way to go toward restoring their lives and properties after the violence they've seen. Pray they will heal from the trauma and wounds of war.
- 16** Pray for our local partner organisation in Gaza (name concealed for security). Pray for their efforts to bring healing to traumatised believers, specifically for the counsellors. Pray for their words and discernment.
- 17** Pray for hope and peace for the Christians who remain in Gaza, that God will guide them and their future as only He can do. Pray He will strengthen those who remain (Revelation 3:2).

### Central Asia

- 18** Pray with 16-year-old student Alim who was expelled from his college for his faith. He answered his roommates' and even teachers' secret questions about his faith, ultimately leading to his expulsion. Ask God to bring him Christian friends.
- 19** Due to the stress Alim experienced, he has painful headaches and is reportedly losing his hearing. Pray for his physical healing and effective treatment.
- 20** Alim is now in a new college. He's more careful about who he talks to but continues to be a witness. “I can't stop talking about Jesus,” he says. “I see that people need Him.” Pray for Alim's protection.
- 21** Alim's parents and siblings lead a large Christian ministry in a Muslim-majority country. Pray for God to keep His hand on them and their service.

**22** Praise God for Daniel\* who recently celebrated 25 years as a Bible smuggler with Open Doors. “I’m using my experience and skills to bring the Bible to persecuted believers in creative ways,” Daniel says.

**23** Daniel has spent the last 10 years bringing God’s Word into a restricted country and asks specifically for prayers for God’s continued protection. “God came through every time. Yes, every single time,” he says.

**24** Pray for Christians in Central Asia who pursue Jesus, growing in their understanding of their call and mission amidst the Muslim-majority population.

## Syria

**25** Continue to pray for Syria and the Church there. Our field tells us that crime is growing in the Arab country; streets are empty in the evenings. Pray for an end to the criminal activity and for restoration.

**26** Pray for Christians to be chosen to play a significant and positive role in the preparations toward writing Syria’s new Constitution. Christian church leaders have asked to participate. Pray for favour.

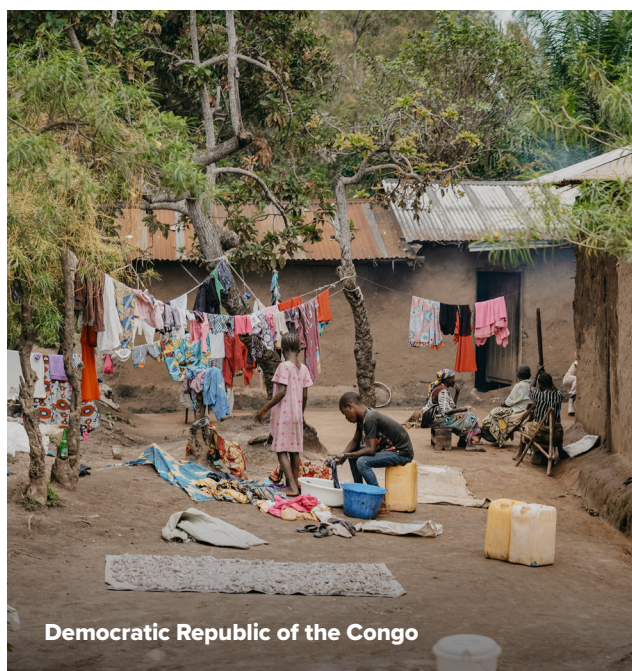
**27** Due to the change in power, Sunni Muslims can now publicly express their faith in Syria’s streets. They’re calling others, including believers, into Islam. Pray for Christians to stand strong. One Syrian believer shares, “It is essential for Christians to stay steadfast in our faith.”

**28** In Syria, Christians cannot legally share their faith with Muslims. Anything perceived as “shaking the faith of a Muslim” is forbidden and punishable. Pray for Muslims to hear the gospel in powerful ways.

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

**29** Pray for the Democratic Republic of the Congo’s eastern province where thousands have died in extremist attacks. Pray for comfort and strength for their loved ones.

**30** Pray for the Lord to bring calm and quiet to extremists. Pray for government security to be efficient and for God to end the constant bloodshed into Divehi.



# July

## Philippines

**01** Pray for provision for 48-year-old Ramona\* in Southern Philippines. Her married daughters were abandoned by their husbands for their faith and are still living with her. A widow, Ramona asks us to pray for consistent income.

**02** As a new believer, Ramona was bullied for her faith. She recently participated in Open Doors’ discipleship training, and she asks us to pray that, “Wherever the Lord takes me in my ministry, I have no doubts.”

**03** Continue praying for the peace of believers in Ramona’s community. “And pray for those who bully us and persecute us for our faith,” she says.

## Cameroon

**04** Pray with your Cameroon sister Médéké whose 10-year-old son Joseph was taken by Boko Haram during a deadly attack on their village. “I can never forget that day,” says the mum of five.

**05** She and the other parents of abducted children in Cameroon’s Far North region reached out to our local partners, asking us to stand with them in prayer. “Please pray for me,” Médéké says.

**06** Pray for Joseph and the other captives. Ask the Lord to strengthen and comfort them, that He will cover them, and they will find refuge under His wing (Psalm 91:4).

**07** Pray for comfort and strength for Médéké and all the families who continue to hope for their children’s return. Ask God to reunite their families and heal their pain.

**08** Finally, let’s pray for the extremist group Boko Haram. Pray for miracles...that the Lord will touch their souls, drawing them to Himself and turning them away from their evil actions.

## Saudi Arabia

**09** Pray with Pastor Hilder, a former hitman. In prison, he met Jesus. When he was released, he started a prison ministry to reach people like him.

**10** As Pastor Hilder works to bring the Kingdom to the those in his path, he asks us to pray for strength for Christians manipulated by Venezuela’s government, which continues to exploit its people.

**11** Pray for wisdom, insight, creativity, and unity as church leaders work together to develop strategies to care for their members amid growing persecution.

## North Korea

**12** Don’t stop praying for God to move in North Korea. Pray He removes North Korea’s ruler, Kim Jong Un, or changes his heart—just as He changed the heart of Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar.

**13** Pray for God to reveal to Kim the truth of who He is and what He’s done for him, as He did with the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9).

**14** Ask God to reach Kim in dreams and visions; pray he will hear the cries of his hurting people, including the hundreds of thousands of suffering secret Christians in North Korea.

## Vietnam

**15** Pray with 49-year-old father Cuong\* for healing. He's currently recovering after being severely beaten by authorities for sharing the gospel.

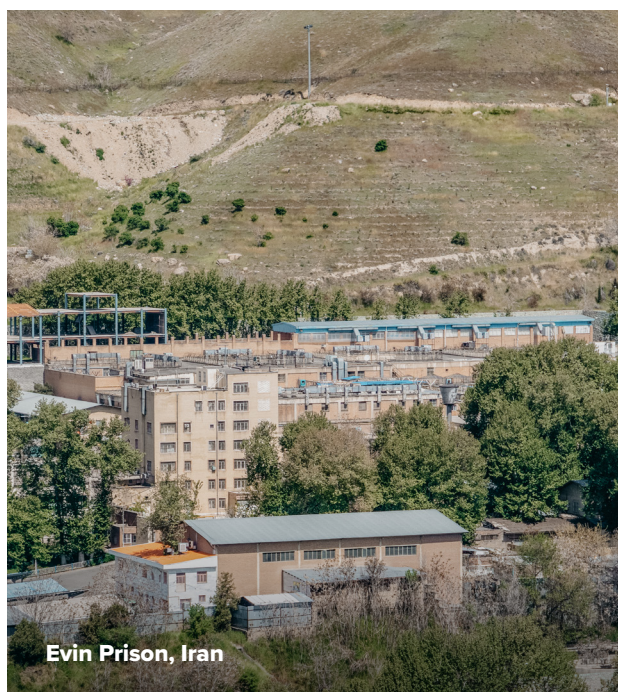
**16** Our field reports that church members have supported Cuong since the attack, providing food and essentials for him and his family. Pray for blessing over this church.

**17** "I accepted Christ after hearing my son's testimony about God's love and forgiveness," Cuong says. Pray for others in Vietnam, especially those around him, to hear the gospel.

**18** Praise God for our local partners who are walking with Cuong and his family. "Please continue praying for us and the persecuted churches," our partner asks.

## Iran

**19** Thank God that your Iranian sister Ghazal Marzban, 41 years old, was miraculously released after serving only one-third of her six-month sentence in Evin Prison (known as "Iran's torture factory").



**20** Ghazal was arrested after protesting the harassment she has endured since converting from Islam seven years ago. Pray for her healing—physical, emotional, and spiritual.

**21** Pray for Iranian believers still in prison for their "Christian activities." Pray they will experience Jesus in new ways and feel His presence with them.

**22** If Ghazal commits any further "offense" within the next five years, she faces four more months behind bars and 74 lashes. Pray for her as she follows Jesus, knowing it could be viewed as an "offense" by authorities.

**23** Pray for justice in Iran. Pray those in power will turn from oppression and uphold Christians' rights to freely worship and follow Christ.

## China

**24** Our local partner in central China recently sent a request to pray for a Bible class of 30 students. The class is held in a covert place; teachers have secretly taught there for two years.

**25** Our partner shares, "The teacher told me, 'The situation is getting more urgent. In early 2024, a Bible class was exposed; the teacher is [now] a wanted man.'" Pray for protection.

**26** "A few nights ago, the police tried to attack a church in another town close to us," a teacher shared. Take a minute and think about how you'd feel if it were you. Pray for transcendent peace.

**27** Pray for both boldness and discernment for the students who are taking great risks to attend and participate in these classes.

**28** Pray for the spiritual warfare in this area. Ask God to strengthen the faith of Chinese Christians, especially new believers, and ask Him to keep His hand on them.

**29** Ask God to keep the locations of these classes safe and provide powerful ways of protection and discipleship learning.

**30** Pray for believers to experience growth in their faith even as persecution rises. Pray they experience the freedom of the Lord, even as they are monitored by the government (John 8:36, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 5:1).

**31** Pray for the next generation of the worldwide Church. Pray specifically for the Church in China, for it to flourish in 2025 and bring hope to many, despite the trials believers face.

**\*Names changed for security purposes**