

PRAYER GUIDE

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NOVEMBER

01 Nepal

Roshan and his family were expelled from their home for their faith and are sheltering in their local church. Pray for God to provide as they depend on daily wages.

02 Iraq

Christians have worked hard to make the Arabic Bible significantly cheaper in Iraq over the years. Praise God that His Word is now more accessible for the Iraqi people.

03 Central Asia

Persecution from Muslims sees Christian children bullied, adults not given jobs, and families prevented from drawing water. Pray for provision and protection.

04 Vietnam

Praise God that the literacy program implemented by Open Doors' partners is helping tribal people read and write in their tribal languages, including reading the Bible.

05 Myanmar

Pray for peace in Myanmar and an end to the conflict. Ask the Lord to comfort believers like U Tun, whose house was burned down in one of the conflict areas.

06 China

Jason ministers to ethnic minorities, the most persecuted people in China. Pray for him and his family as they face pressure from local authorities for their faith.

07 Turkey

Protestant Christians and converts lack legal recognition as a church community. Pray for these Christians as their freedom of religion rights are restricted.

08 India

There is hostility towards minorities due to hate speeches and rallies by religious extremists. Ask God to influence the ruling government's hearts to uplift its people.

09 Bhutan

Prem and his family are being prevented from constructing their house as most of the village residents are Buddhist. Ask the Lord to ease the tension in this situation.

10 Mexico

Mexico is 43 on the World Watch List, as gangs target Christians opposing their illegal activities. Pray for President Andres Manuel López Obrador in leading the country.

11 Middle East

The Middle East has seen so much war, turmoil, and suffering. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and that the hope of the gospel will pervade the region.

12 Sri Lanka

Local field partners are planning to conduct training with a well-known Bible college in Sri Lanka. Pray that the training will encourage and inspire participants.

13 Tunisia

Ali is the only believer in his family. Please pray that Ali will be able to connect with other believers around him for fellowship and encouragement in his faith.

14 Iraq

Praise God for the Iraqi church defending displaced Iraqi Christians and the Yazidi and Syrian refugees who have escaped to Iraq. Pray that God will give the church wisdom.

15 North Korea

Pray for the estimated 50-70,000 Christians imprisoned in North Korea. Pray that they will feel God's presence and continue to rely on His strength.

16 Central Asia

Praise God for the community of believers who are deaf. Ask God to strengthen their faith and bring more people who are deaf into this community and fellowship.

17 Libya

Ezekiel is suffering the effects of heavy persecution. Pray for him to heal both physically and mentally, and ask the Lord to strengthen and sustain him.

18 Colombia

Some people were threatened to be killed or lose their jobs if they did not vote for the candidate who won during the presidential election. Pray for peace in Colombia.

19 Indonesia

When Sumi came to know Jesus at age 40, she couldn't read. Praise God for her determination to learn to read the Bible, and for her pastor's support in teaching her.

20 India

Pray that God will protect the constitutional rights of tribal Christians as rallies to remove them from the list of government benefits take place in central India.

21 Maldives

Protesters attacked the Embassy of India during an event with more than 150 people present. Pray that those involved will change their hearts to respect other religions.

22 Philippines

Praise God that while the pandemic stopped many ministry activities, youth leaders were able to continue kids' ministries. Thank God for these servant-hearted leaders.

23 Nepal

Sarita is experiencing mental and financial persecution from her husband who forbids her to go to church. Pray for the Lord to help her.

24 Morocco

Anwar is moving to another city as he is experiencing pressure for his faith in his hometown. Please pray for him to settle in well and be safe in the new city.

25 Myanmar

Praise God for the persecution preparedness training that strengthens Christians facing hardships. Thank Him for bringing Christians together for fellowship.

26 Turkey

Pray that Christians will be able to meet freely in church buildings. Ask God to move in Turkey to bring about a change in attitude towards Christians.

27 China

Zeng was warned by authorities not to preach after they monitored his online prayer group. Praise God that Zeng was bold in his faith and softened the authorities' hearts.

28 Syria

A shipment of 400 spiritual books was stopped from coming into Syria and is held in a border village. Pray for the security personnel to let the books enter the country.

29 Brunei

Conversion to Islam is common in the country, especially with the aid provided by the government to new converts. Pray that God will strengthen the hearts of Christians.

30 Lebanon

Praise God for the church in Lebanon continuing to give hope. Pray for the church in dealing with the challenges of caring for refugees and corruption in the country.

DECEMBER

01 India

Christians in north and central India are being falsely accused of coercive conversion and sent to jail. Ask God to keep them safe and change the hearts of the persecutors.

02 China

Brother Ehmet and his wife Leila equip locals in north-west China as disciples to minister to others in their communities. Praise God for more people coming to know Jesus.

03 Philippines

Converts from a Muslim background in the southern Philippines, like Farida, were hit hard by the pandemic. Pray for God's provision for their daily needs.

04 Nepal

Sangeeta is alone in caring for her three children after her husband left because of her faith. As she depends on a daily wage for survival, pray that God will help her.

05 Morocco

Fatima is under pressure from her family to renounce her Christian faith. Ask the Lord to give strength to Fatima and soften the hearts of her family.

06 North Korea

Pray for persecuted Christians and underground church leaders in North Korea. Ask God to provide what they need, including food, medicine, and Christian books.

07 Tunisia

Amal is experiencing anger from the people in her part of the city because of her conversion. Ask the Lord to protect Amal and give her strength.

08 Central Asia

As the church in Central Asia is still quite young, Christians have a lot to learn about Jesus. Pray that they will be able to access Bibles and learn how to follow Jesus.

09 Syria

Thank God for the recent trauma healing training for Sunday school teachers. Ask the Lord to equip teachers in helping youth deal with the psychological impact of the war.

10 Malaysia

The pandemic has seen a spike in domestic violence incidents among partners and children. Pray for love and peace in families and for protection over the vulnerable.

11 Brunei

Some young Christians are struggling as they are targeted by professors and peers, resulting in them walking away from Jesus. Ask God to strengthen their faith.

12 Indonesia

The threat from several political parties to make the country an Islamic state is still strong. Pray for Indonesia's security and for wisdom for President Joko Widodo.

13 Myanmar

The futures of many children are uncertain due to the war as families are living as refugees. Pray that children will have stability and be able to continue their education.

14 Iraq

After returning to Nineveh Plains, Khalis opened an aluminium factory supported by a local Open Doors partner. Pray for Khalis and his family as they rebuild their lives.

15 China

Patrick and his wife serve believers from Buddhist backgrounds in the south-west and are feeling isolated from other Christians. Ask God to provide community for them.

16 Colombia

A team of local partners has a trip coming up to work with young people at risk of forced recruitment. Pray for the team conducting the training with the youth.

17 India

Brother Paul and his church are constantly being threatened and beaten by extremists. Pray for their protection as they continue to gather and pray despite the threats.

18 Libya

Moncef recently came to faith in Jesus and his family have not accepted his conversion. Pray that he encounters the Holy Spirit every day as a reminder that God is with him.

19 Tunisia

Femi was forced to leave his hometown after suffering persecution for his faith. Praise God that he has found a new job and can continue his life in a new city.

20 Oman

Pray for several local tribes who speak languages that do not have translations of the Bible and are living isolated. Pray that the Lord would break down barriers.

21 Bhutan

Believers in Bhutan are not allowed to rent a place for fellowship and many house churches are shut down. Pray that God will provide Christians a place for worship.

22 Nepal

Kamala is a single mother who has no financial support and is experiencing persecution. Currently her daughter can't be enrolled in school. Pray for God's help.

23 Central Asia

Governments pass laws that lead to persecution, close house churches, and see churches lose their registration. Pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of policy makers.

24 Iraq

Pray for the country's leaders. Ask God to guide them in leading their people to decades of peace and reconciliation instead of war and despair.

25 Indonesia

Praise God that the Women's Training Centre has disciplined and upskilled women in making handicrafts and clothes to improve their socioeconomic situation.

26 Laos

Persecution preparedness and response training aims to strengthen the faith of persecuted believers. Pray that those who attend will be encouraged by the training.

27 Myanmar

Many pastors are physically tired, and emotionally and physically distressed from the war. Ask God to strengthen them, renew their will to serve, and provide wisdom.

28 Turkey

Foreign Christian workers face the risk of deportation when publicly sharing the gospel. Ask God to give them courage in the face of smear campaigns and hate speech.

29 Vietnam

The pandemic exacerbated the persecution of many Christians in Vietnam. Pray for church leaders and members to stand strong.

30 India

Pray for the tribal belt regions in India where forceful reconversion is strong. Pray for Christian women who are being attacked by religious extremists.

31 Syria

The economic situation of the country is not improving and those living in poverty are suffering. Pray that the economic crisis will be resolved.

JANUARY

01 New Years Day

As we enter a new year, please pray for the persecuted church worldwide. Pray that God will be with them and that they will follow Him, no matter the cost.

02 Nepal

Shanta has been persecuted physically and mentally by her husband and daughters. Pray that God will give her strength as she faces persecution.

03 North Korea

In prisons, Christians are subject to longer imprisonment and often the worst forms of torture to force them to incriminate others. Pray for strength and perseverance.

04 Uzbekistan

The Interior Ministry has ordered police surveillance cameras to be installed at places of worship. Pray for Christians feeling afraid when they gather.

05 Bangladesh

Hundreds of women gathered for a women's conference for fellowship and to learn about God's Word. Pray that they will be equipped to impact their country with the gospel.

06 Morocco

Adam is from a strict Islamic religious background and is under a lot of pressure from his social circles. Pray for him to be able to stand strong and hold on.

07 Central Asia

Thank God for the 23 children's workers who recently attended a course on explaining the commandments to children. Pray that the workers will be equipped to teach children.

08 Laos

More than 30 persecuted believers who were expelled from their village because of their faith still don't have their own places to live. Ask God to provide for them.

09 Myanmar

Many believers have been living as displaced persons since January this year because of the war. Pray for God's providence of food, shelter, and clean drinking water.

10 Oman

There are small villages with no contact with any Christians, especially in the rural south and west of the country. Pray that these people would still encounter Christ.

11 India

Pray for the pastors currently imprisoned in a false case of coercive conversion. Pray for the divine intervention of the Lord and that they might soon be released.

12 Mexico

Mexico is one of the most violent countries to be a woman in the world. Pray for women in Mexico and for the Holy Spirit to transform the hearts of the people.

13 Nigeria

Local partners provided trauma counselling to Charity after her village was attacked by Islamist extremists in 2015. Praise God Charity is now a trained counsellor.

14 Indonesia

Evelyn was a victim of the church explosion in Surabaya four years ago. Ask God to comfort Evelyn as she continues to struggle with the trauma and burns she suffered.

15 Nepal

Pray for 17-year-old Dhan Bahadur who is living at his pastor's house after being kicked out of home for his faith. Ask God to make a way to complete his education.

16 Middle East

Praise the Lord for the ministry activities for women, youth, and families over the last few months. Pray that participants will continue to feel encouraged from them.

17 Philippines

Aisa, a convert from Islam to Christianity, ministers to her tribe despite her family not supporting her conversion. Pray for her family to come to Jesus.

18 India

Brother Anil and a group of Christian families have been socially ostracised for their faith. Pray for God's provision as they are being deprived of local drinking water.

19 Morocco

Abd is followed by the authorities regularly because of his faith and they keep a close watch on his whereabouts. Pray that Abd will cope with the pressure this causes him.

20 Syria

Alaa, his wife, and baby boy were displaced from Homs to the village of Al Hwash. Pray that his new saw-mill business will be a success and sustain his family.

21 Colombia

Pray for Christians suffering oppression from illegal armed groups. Ask God to protect staff as they enter conflict zones and that they can encourage these Christians.

22 Sri Lanka

The economic crisis has led to Christians being unable to attend gatherings due to power cuts and fuel shortages. Pray for wisdom for leaders as they navigate the crisis.

23 Maldives

There has been a wave of gang-related attacks in the capital affecting many innocent civilians. Pray for victims dealing with the trauma from attacks.

24 Malaysia

Ask God to bring unity and tolerance among different ethnicities in the country. Pray for unity among Christians as they work together to glorify God in the nation.

25 India

Brother Mohan and Sister Mary are facing severe persecution for their faith and ministry. Pray that God will take away the fear that surrounds them and keep them safe.

26 Nigeria

Pray for the upcoming 2023 presidential election. Pray for leadership to be elected who will be moved to decisively end brutal violence against Christians in the country.

27 China

Eysa is a believer from a Muslim background and lives in one of the most restricted areas in China. Pray for Eysa and other secret believers to stand strong in their faith.

28 Tunisia

There is a lot of political unrest in Tunisia. Pray for stability in the country and that the church will be able to remain and experience growth.

29 Iran

A pastor was sentenced to 10 years in prison and two Christian women converts to six years for their roles within house churches. Pray for a change in the judiciary system.

30 Myanmar

Churches in Chin State, Sagaing Region, and Kayah State were burnt during the civil war and many Christians are feeling discouraged and angry. Ask God to comfort them.

31 Libya

Christians continue to be under pressure with some needing to leave their home areas for their safety. Ask God to provide new homes for these Christians.

*Names changed for security purposes.