

PRAYER GUIDE

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MAY

01 Azerbaijan

In small churches in Azerbaijan, church members are facing police pressure for their faith. Pray for Christians to be able to gather and worship freely.

02 Malaysia

On the Malaysian Peninsula, more than 10 per cent of indigenous children have dropped out of school. Pray for the local partners ministering to them with a reading program.

03 Sri Lanka

Food insecurity continues to be an issue for daily wage earners. Pray that God will restore the Sri Lankan economy and provide for the persecuted Christians affected.

04 Philippines

Aida converted from Islam and was persecuted by her neighbour and evicted from her home. Thank God for Aida's unwavering faith, and ask God to provide for her.

05 Brunei

There has been an increase in sexual abuse in families. Pray for healing for the traumatised victims, for justice, and for stronger bonds of love and respect in families.

06 Palestine and Israel

There is a small community of converts from Islam to Christianity. Pray for their protection and that other Christians will have compassion and love for them.

07 Lebanon

Life for Lebanese Christians has been intense for a long time. Pray that the Church and Christians will stay true to their calling of God to do good and spread the light.

08 Iraq

Pray for new believers in remote places, that they can be in touch with other believers, strengthen their faith and grow healthy God-fearing communities across Iraq.

09 Tunisia

Amina was kicked out of her house by her father after becoming a follower of Jesus. Ask God to comfort Amina, strengthen her, and provide a home for her.

10 Libya

There are risks involved in reaching out to help persecuted believers in Libya. Pray for those serving persecuted Christians, that God would protect them in this ministry.

11 Morocco

When Laila's husband found out she became a Christian and joined a church, he divorced her. Pray for Laila, as she is now a single mother struggling to make ends meet.

12 Middle East

Pray for the strengthening of faithful pastors and new leaders to stand up to serve Jesus. Pray for young Christians to grow powerfully in their faith.

13 Colombia

The Children's Centre service is being extended and involves new staff and the construction of new buildings. Pray for God's provision and wisdom in this important work.

14 Turkmenistan

The Church in Turkmenistan and its leaders need to be united. Pray for unity for the small group of Christians residing in the country and protection over the churches.

15 Indonesia

When In's family suspected she was a Christian, they cut off the water access to her home. Praise God that In was able to build her own well for clean water.

16 Central Asia

Brother Yunus and other Christians live among extremist Muslims who persecute them. Pray for their ministry, that they will reach more people with the gospel.

17 Bangladesh

Pray for the government of Bangladesh. Pray that leaders will work to uphold the rights of the Bangladeshi people, including freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

18 Maldives

Several non-government organisations are advocating for human rights in the Maldives. Pray for these organisations to effectively address the issues the people face.

19 Indonesia

As Christians increasingly express their beliefs on social media, some non-Christians have become more hostile towards them. Pray for wisdom in sharing the truth.

20 Arabian Peninsula

As the Church grows, persecution becomes more aggressive, particularly for converts from Islam to Christianity. Ask God to give believers wisdom when they are harassed.

21 Malaysia

During Ramadan, young children like Abu feel pressured to fast and end up feeling sick. Pray for these children and that adults around them will be more compassionate.

22 Vietnam

Salt and Light training took place in three areas of southern Vietnam. Pray that those who did the training will effectively share what they learned with their churches.

23 Laos

Five believers from southern Laos were imprisoned for allegedly refusing to give up their faith. Pray for them while in prison and that they would be released.

24 Sri Lanka

The former President and other officials have to pay compensation for the 2019 Easter attacks. Pray that God would continue to bring justice for the victims' families.

25 Myanmar

During the celebrations of Thingyan, Christians shared the gospel and conducted evangelist camps. Pray that God will continue to touch hearts and change lives.

26 Mexico

The first months of the year came with significant tension between the government and organised crime groups. Pray that God will bring peace to Mexico.

27 Central Asia

Mihrab and his family fled their country after he experienced a severe beating from the police for refusing an unofficial summons notice. Pray for their protection.

28 Syria

The economic situation in Syria continues to deteriorate, and many people can barely afford food. Pray for the government to find a solution to keep people from starvation.

29 Uzbekistan

Christians are often discriminated against in their workplace and in society because of their faith, and some practice their faith in secret. Ask God to strengthen them. Pray that God will strengthen the hearts of Christians.

30 Indonesia

Many churches are unaware of the persecution some churches face. Pray that the Indonesian Body of Christ will be more supportive of those experiencing persecution.

31 Maldives

There is a widespread belief in the community that mental health issues are related to lack of religious devotion. Pray that those in need will be able to seek help.

JUNE

01 Philippines

Children from a Muslim background are attending a monthly literacy class and learning Christian values. Pray that the children can apply what they learn to their lives.

02 Sri Lanka

Some schools are not willing to hire Christian teachers, and students are required to follow Buddhist principles in school. Pray for local partners working on a solution.

03 Central Asia

Life is difficult for women who are the only Christians in their families. Thank God for a women's training program that gave new hope and courage to women.

04 Lebanon

As parents often struggle to pay the tuition for their children, Christian schools cannot pay the salaries of the teachers and the electricity. Pray for God's provision.

05 Iraq

Pray for the Christian radio stations like the 'Voice of Peace' station in Qaraqosh. Pray that those working on these stations can speak to the hearts of many.

06 Vietnam

Pastor Phuc, a tribal pastor from coastal Vietnam, died in prison where he had been tortured and threatened. Pray for justice, and for his family as they grieve.

07 Laos

Earlier this year, several believers were arrested and imprisoned for attending an unauthorised Christmas celebration. Pray that they will be released from prison.

08 Uzbekistan

Pray that the government of Uzbekistan would allow more religious freedoms. Ask God to touch the hearts of those in power and for change to come to the country.

09 Syria

The Centre of Hope supports children with private tutoring. Pray for the centre to be impactful in the lives of children both educationally and spiritually.

10 Myanmar

Pray for the safety of the believers in the war zones. Ask God to protect them from shelling, aerial attacks, gunshots and other dangers they face.

11 Brunei

During different celebrations and spiritual days for Muslims, pray that they may grow in compassion for Christians and have their hearts transformed by meeting Jesus.

12 Indonesia

The Women's Training Centre enables women to support their families through livelihood skills training. Pray for their spiritual growth through the training.

13 Malaysia

Pray that Christians will be able to have meaningful interactions with Muslim friends and family members during significant Islamic celebration events.

14 Libya

There are many struggles for Christians in living a normal life after they come to know Jesus. Pray for them to persevere despite the persecution they now face.

15 China

Pray that the Lord would bring more people from different regions of the country together to help build His Kingdom and minister to the persecuted Church.

16 Colombia

Workshops about socioeconomic development are taking place with Christians from different regions of the country attending. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom.

17 Mexico

Due to organised crime, pastors in the north of Mexico live in an extremely dangerous context. Pray that God will protect them as they serve in these dangerous areas.

18 Maldives

Pray for guidance for President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and others in power to follow through on important changes to improve the lives of women and children.

19 Azerbaijan

Many believers have lost their jobs because of their choice to follow Christ. Pray that God will provide ways for Christians in Azerbaijan to make ends meet.

20 Turkmenistan

Turkey has cancelled visa-free travel for Turkmen citizens. Pray that Christians travelling to and from Turkey will be able to travel to meet with other Christians.

21 Central Asia

When Nira accepted Jesus, there was opposition from her family, but the hardships she experienced only strengthened her faith. Thank God Nira's faith has remained strong.

22 Bangladesh

Some Muslim fundamentalists and extremists are against celebrating events like the New Year festival. Pray for the safety of people at public celebrations.

23 Palestine and Israel

Some Christians continue to struggle in their lives. Pray that they will be able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and be encouraged in their faith.

24 Brunei

Pray for God to strengthen believers in Brunei. Ask Him to give them loving hearts towards those who persecute them and to be compelled to pray for their persecutors.

25 Colombia

Thank God for the volunteers from Denmark who are supporting activities at the Children's Centre. Pray these activities will strengthen the children's faith.

26 Mexico

Children continue to face persecution in Mexico. Pray for the protection of children and that God would grow them into strong Christian men and women.

27 Laos

In a village in southern Laos, the number of Christians has grown significantly, leading to the church being monitored constantly by authorities. Pray for protection.

28 Sri Lanka

Many Christians have been isolated by their communities, and children are facing persecution in their schools. Pray that God will strengthen the persecuted.

29 Indonesia

Many women continue to face persecution, especially when they convert from other religions. Pray for women who are unable to flee from hostile situations.

30 Iraq

The Church in the north of Iraq needs to build up new leaders who know their home language – Syriac – as well as Kurdish and Arabic. Pray that God will appoint the right leaders.

JULY

01 Kazakhstan

A Protestant church has been trying to regain access to banking services since 2017 when accounts were frozen. Ask God to make a way for this church to access bank services.

02 Arabian Peninsula

Many converts from Islam to Christianity marry non-believers due to family-imposed marriage restrictions. Pray that they will demonstrate God's love to their spouses.

03 Lebanon

Praise God for TV channels, radio stations and the Church sharing the Good News. Thank Him for those working to present programs that are both relevant and a blessing.

04 Syria

Praise God for Christians and churches in Syria who do everything they can to stay in the country despite the challenges. Pray that they will be a light to those around them.

05 Bangladesh

The Adult Literacy Program involves training 300 teachers from different churches to teach 4500 adults in 2023. Pray that the program will be effective in churches.

06 Morocco

Most Moroccans are born and raised as Muslims. Thank God for Sami who is taking great risks to share the gospel with others. Pray for Sami's protection.

07 Tunisia

Michael had to leave his village because of persecution for his faith in Jesus. Pray that he will develop good and strong connections with believers in his new town.

08 Middle East

Pray for Christians who have lost hope, that they would be filled anew with God's spirit and shine as lights in the darkness. Pray for churches to be a beacon of hope.

09 Uzbekistan

Life can be especially difficult for Christians who converted from Islam. Pray that God would protect them and that they would experience His peace in hardship.

10 Philippines

Eli is a local partner working with a Muslim tribe who went through a difficult time after his wife died. Thank God that Eli could be provided with livelihood assistance.

11 Central Asia

Praise God that through, the generosity of supporters, Open Doors could help Christian brothers and sisters in Central Asia through vocational training and micro credits.

12 Laos

Christians are being interrogated and asked to deny their faith. Pray for the work of the Open Doors local partner in strengthening and supporting persecuted believers.

13 China

Some Christian pastors who were imprisoned due to restrictive religious laws have been released but are still closely monitored. Pray for the Lord's protection over them.

14 Indonesia

As it is difficult to obtain permits to construct a church building, many congregations have been forced to relocate. Pray for breakthrough for these churches.

15 Mexico

Christians in the south of Mexico are experiencing challenges with persecution. Pray that their faith will be strengthened every day through these challenging times.

16 Sri Lanka

Some public celebrations involve superstitious practices and Christians who don't participate stand out. Ask God to give them wisdom during these times.

17 Iraq

With all the changes and challenges in the last decade, many people are traumatised and struggling. Pray that Christians will continue to find hope in Jesus.

18 Central Asia

Thank God for the Christian women leaders committed to serving and ministering to women in their communities. Pray for the safety of secret women's groups.

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 Philippines

Praise God that during Ramadan, Farida's house church had a feast with her Muslim neighbours and shared about Jesus. Pray for Farida's neighbours to come to know Christ.

26 Central Asia

Authorities are trying to recruit believers to spy for them, putting secret believers at risk. Pray for them to remain strong in resisting authorities.

27 Iraq

Education isn't always accessible, especially for the poor. Pray that the Church can help families struggling to make ends meet and students can continue their education.

28 Lebanon

Praise God for those who have diligently worked to bring Christian books to Lebanon over the last 40 years. Thank God for the blessing these books have been to believers.

29 Syria

Thank God for the training that was held despite the difficulties in obtaining visas for foreign travellers. Praise God for giving local churches creative solutions.

30 Palestine and Israel

Praise God for the Christian youth who can change their lives through training programs. Pray that they will be filled with love and forgiveness for others.

31 Brunei

Testifying can be considered proselytising, which the government prohibits anyone who is not Muslim from doing. Pray that the Church will remain strong in faith.

*Names changed for security purposes.