

PRAYER GUIDE

November 2023 – January 2024

NOVEMBER

01 Vietnam

Pray for safe travels and protection for the participants and facilitators of the training seminars and youth camps in Vietnam.

02 Laos

Please pray for the strengthening of persecuted believers in Laos who were forced to sign a document forbidding them from practicing their faith.

03 China

Pray for the believers in China to remain steadfast in their faith and connected to Jesus amidst rising digital persecution.

04 Bhutan

Pray for Buddhists in Bhutan, that despite the rise of Buddhist radicalism, they would seek God during Advent and find hope in Christ.

05 Nepal

Pray for the programs planned in Nepal over the coming months, for wisdom and safety for the staff and volunteers involved.

06 Myanmar

Praise the Lord for enabling Christian children in Myanmar to access education and for providing for their needs.

07 North Korea

Let us pray for children in North Korea who are subject to government control and deprived of their freedom, that they would seek Him in their hearts.

08 Central Asia

Please pray for Brother Hakim and his family in Central Asia, that God will be their refuge even in the face of threats and danger.

09 Bangladesh

Pray for the students in Bangladesh preparing for their HSC exams. Pray for their health, safety, and their success.

10 Brunei

Pray for the ethnic groups in Brunei, that they may have opportunities to hear the gospel and for believers living among them to be salt and light.

11 Sri Lanka

Pray for Christian families in Sri Lanka living in majority Buddhist areas, that they may be safe, well, and interact with people with wisdom.

12 Maldives

Let us pray for the expatriate Christian community in the Maldives, that they may have unity among their house churches and bless the locals.

13 Myanmar

Pray for the safety of local partners and volunteers in Myanmar as they travel to dangerous regions to pray and help persecuted believers.

14 Malaysia

Pray for Buddhists in Malaysia celebrating Wesak that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts and draw them to seek God's love.

15 Nepal

Pray for persecuted believers in Nepal, who face rejection from their family, that God will strengthen their faith and provide them with community.

16 Vietnam

Pray for the participants in the Pastor Kids' Camp in Vietnam to have receptive hearts and leave feeling encouraged, equipped, and inspired.

17 Indonesia

Pray for the courage of converts from Islam in Indonesia that they may share the gospel with passion and wisdom.

18 China

Pray for those who have lost touch with their families and friends in China for the sake of Christ, that they may find comfort in the Lord.

19 Iraq

Let us pray for those who lost loved ones due to persecution and terrorism, that God would be close to them and that they would be strengthened.

20 Central Asia

Pray for the safety of children and churches organising summer camps in Central Asia and for God's guidance in these programs.

21 Sri Lanka

Please pray for Muslim background children in Sri Lanka who face challenges and opposition, that God would bless the ministry reaching out to them in love.

22 Malaysia

Pray for the children's program in East Malaysia, that the love shown through our local partners might strengthen the faith of Christian youths.

23 Bangladesh

Pray for Christian workers in Bangladesh, that their rights may be protected and institutions may take steps to ensure fair treatment.

24 China

Pray for those Christians who have no one to trust due to government incentivised reporting, that God would provide them with community.

25 Maldives

Join us in praying for Maldivians living alone in other countries who long for home, that believers may find and share God's love with them wherever they may be.

26 North Korea

Pray for the training and preparation of future church leaders in North Korea, that God may raise up faithful and diligent servants.

27 Bhutan

Pray for the success of the programs planned and run by Open Doors' partners in Bhutan, that believers would feel that they are not alone.

28 Central Asia

Pray for God's divine protection over Christians in Central Asia and for leaders of house churches to stand strong in their faith.

29 Bangladesh

Pray for the various training programs conducted by Open Doors' partners in Bangladesh, that they may strengthen believers.

30 Myanmar

Pray for the participants of various trainings in Myanmar to have open hearts and minds to learn and grow and that God would strengthen them with His love.

DECEMBER

01 Saudi Arabia

Pray for individuals who struggle with depression at Christmas time, that the Advent season would draw them close to Jesus.

02 Syria

Give thanks for the rebuilding effort in Syria post-earthquake, and pray that children would have a safe Christmas in their new homes.

03 Iran

Pray that the gospel would spread widely at Christmas and that the Iranian church would continue to experience rapid growth during Advent.

04 Israel

Pray that Christians in Israel would continue to share the

love of Christ with their community and that their homes would be a place of blessing.

05 Iraq

Let us pray for those who attend and run Centres of Hope in Iraq during Advent, that they would be encouraged by their Christmas services.

06 India

Pray for those who have received Bibles, that God would speak to them through His Word, and their faith would be deepened.

07 Indonesia

Pray for Christian youths in Indonesia susceptible to negative effects of social media, that they may be reminded of their identity in Christ.

08 Nepal

Please pray for protection from natural calamities like floods and landslides in Nepal and for the safety of believers in disaster-prone areas.

09 Colombia

Pray for the children who live at the Children's Centre, that their Christmas would be filled with joy even if they are away from family.

10 Bhutan

Pray for Christian students in Bhutan as they take their mid-term examinations, that God may grant them wisdom and knowledge.

11 Iran

Pray for imprisoned Christians in Iran, that they would take heart that God is with them and that they would experience unspeakable joy at Christmas.

12 Brunei

Pray for marriages at risk in Brunei, that husbands and wives will model Christ's love and that many will be led to Christ through their example.

13 Laos

Pray for the believers who gave up their faith in Laos due to persecution, that the Lord will bring them back to Him.

14 Myanmar

Thank God for answering the prayers of persecuted believers in Myanmar by providing them with food and medical care.

15 China

Pray for the Muslim background believers in China, that God's spirit will bring peace and hope to them as they face immense opposition.

16 Colombia

Let us pray for the women separated from their children due to persecution in Colombia, that they may be comforted in the lead up to Christmas.

17 Mexico

Pray for those who grieve within the Open Doors Mexico team, that the Lord may be their rock and joy during Advent.

18 Palestinian Territories

Please pray for Christian children who face the double vulnerability of war and persecution, that they would find joy and hope at Christmas.

19 Yemen

Pray for the children in Yemen who are affected by the ongoing famine, that God would provide their needs and for an end to the devastating war.

20 Sri Lanka

Pray for Christians in Sri Lanka who face ridicule for not celebrating Buddhist holy holidays, that they may be a light in their communities.

21 Eritrea

Pray for Christians who will celebrate their first Christmas without their loved ones. Pray that Christmas will be a reminder of the hope to come through Christ.

22 Libya

Pray for Christians who will celebrate Christmas in secret, that they would be strengthened as they consider the deep joy of the Advent message.

23 Nigeria

Pray for all who will commemorate Christmas in captivity. Pray that the hearts of their captors would be turned and that they will be released.

24 Christmas Eve

Pray for Christmas Eve services that will be conducted around the world, that Christians everywhere will be reminded that Jesus is close.

25 Christmas Day

Pray for the strengthening of all those who celebrate Christmas in the face of persecution, especially those celebrating alone or in secret.

26 Mexico

Pray for the training activities in indigenous and urban communities in Mexico, that all who attend would be uplifted and encouraged in Christ.

27 Brunei

Pray for the Christians in Brunei facing societal challenges and opposition, that they may remain strong in their faith.

28 Colombia

Pray for the safety of Open Doors' local partners visiting regions with violence in Colombia, that God may bring spiritual renewal to those areas.

29 Malaysia

Please pray for the Christian youth in Malaysia who are easily influenced by social media and societal trends, that they may find their identity in Christ.

30 North Korea

Pray for the thousands of Christians imprisoned in North Korea, enduring starvation, abuse, and torture. Pray for God's strength to sustain them.

31 Kyrgyzstan

Pray for persecuted believers in Kyrgyzstan facing pressure and false accusations. Pray for their recovery through Jesus, new hope found in Him, and wisdom.

JANUARY

01 Egypt

Pray for believers in Egypt who follow Jesus at great cost, that their love and obedience to Christ might show those around them God's love.

02 Somalia

Pray for the children of the persecuted church in Somalia, that God would provide them with opportunities to connect with other Christians.

03 Bangladesh

Pray for the persecuted church in Bangladesh, that believers remain firm in faith and a light despite challenges.

04 Mexico

Pray for research activities in the centre and north of Mexico, that God may guide and protect those involved in this work.

05 Colombia

Pray for the indigenous communities in Colombia, that they may experience God's love and protection and have access to the resources they need.

06 Myanmar

Praise the Lord for the training programs that disciple believers in Myanmar and strengthen their faith in God.

07 North Korea

Please pray for the people in North Korea during the rice-planting season, that they may have enough food amidst widespread food shortages.

08 Malaysia

Pray for the Bajau people, facing challenges due to their stateless status and struggling with addiction, that God's people share the love of Christ with them.

09 Laos

Pray that God would be with the Christian leaders in Laos as they lobby with the authorities for the rights of persecuted believers.

10 India

Pray for those seeking legal help due to the destruction of property, that God would connect them with Open Doors' local partners who can help.

11 Indonesia

Pray for the unreached people groups in Indonesia, that the gospel may reach them through dedicated missionaries and local believers.

12 Kyrgyzstan

Pray for Sister Riana and her children facing persecution and domestic violence. Ask God to be their refuge and ever-present help.

13 Central Asia

Pray for Afghan refugees in Central Asia, particularly Muslims who are open to the gospel. Ask God to touch their hearts and bring them to faith in Jesus.

14 Ethiopia

Pray for those teens who are vulnerable to recruitment from Islamic State, that God would speak to them and prevent them from being recruited.

15 Bangladesh

Pray for pastors in Bangladesh, that they may have wisdom and perseverance in their ministry and be a source of hope for those they serve.

16 Mexico

Please pray for the growth of the church in Mexico, that more people may come to know Christ and experience His transforming power in their lives.

17 Colombia

Give thanks for the children finishing their first term of school learning at the Children's Centre in Colombia!

18 North Korea

Pray for secret Christians in the military, enduring long service and facing challenges, that that would know God's closeness as they seek Him in secret.

19 Saudi Arabia

Lift up the Christians in Saudi Arabia who listen to Christian radio broadcasts in secret. Pray for their protection and encouragement.

20 Brunei

Pray for the underground church in Brunei, that believers may find strength and encouragement in their faith and boldly share the gospel.

21 Iraq

Let us pray for remote youth ministry programs in Iraq, that Christian youths may be equipped to navigate the challenges of persecution.

22 Indonesia

Pray for the spread of persecution-preparedness training material, helping Christians understand how to respond in the face of persecution.

23 Malaysia

Pray for the safety and wisdom of people in Malaysia with authority, that unfair rules like dress codes will not disrupt public safety and freedoms.

24 Maldives

Pray for the healthcare system in Maldives, for those in need of medical care and those who must travel abroad for treatment.

25 Iran

Lift up the President of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, praying that God would direct his decisions and that freedom to practice beliefs would be granted to all citizens.

26 Burkina Faso

Pray for those facing the tragic humanitarian crisis, that God would provide the church with creative ways to grow food in the midst of drought.

27 Nigeria

Pray for trauma care centres supported by Open Doors, that God would continue to raise up trauma counsellors to meet the growing need in the region.

28 Sierra Leone

Pray for believers in Sierra Leone who feel isolated, that God would connect them with church communities who can support them in their faith.

29 Morocco

Please pray for Christian teenagers who face pressure and rejection at school for their faith, that they would develop a deep relationship with God.

30 Mauritania

Pray for authorities in Mauritania, that they would hear the gospel and that a growing number of authorities would decide to follow Jesus.

31 Central Asia

Pray for churches to be established amongst refugees and that microloan programs would continue to be successful as they rebuild their lives.

*Names changed for security purposes.