

Prayer Guide

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” **Philippians 4:6–7 NIV**

April

North Korea

01 It can be difficult to see where God is at work in North Korea. In this new year, pray that God will give Christians, inside and outside the country, eyes to see His light in the darkness. *Lord, we ask You to continue to answer prayers and speak to North Korean believers in seen and unseen ways.*

02 Pray for the 400,000 secret believers in North Korea. Ask God to give your brothers and sisters a chance to gather, read the Bible and worship with other Christians—and do so safely.

03 Thank God for our safe house ministry in China where North Koreans can meet Jesus and be strengthened to take the gospel back to their country.

Somalia

04 Somalia can be an incredibly dangerous place to follow Jesus. Ask God to walk with Somali Christians, both inside and outside the country, and give them hope, even when things seem hopeless.

05 Pray that God will watch over Somali Christians who face violent attacks from Islamic extremist group al-Shabaab. Ask Him to be their “place of safety” (2 Samuel 22:3).

06 Pray for Somali secret believers who are parents and need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and to follow Him. Pray for the future of the Church in Somalia.

07 Somali secret Christians often feel alone and fearful. Ask God to show them that millions of Christians around the world are praying for them.

Libya

08 Libya remains a country divided with two groups grappling for control. Pray this tension won’t boil into war that would further endanger believers.

09 Christian migrant workers in Libya live at risk from extremist groups. Ask God to protect and walk with these believers, particularly in those areas where there is no real rule of law.

10 There are few churches in Libya, and converts from Islam are forced to follow Jesus in secret. Ask God to open doors for believers to find life-giving community and grow in their walk with Christ.

Eritrea

11 This last year saw yet another mass arrest of Eritrean Christians. Pray these believers—and others like them—will be kept from all harm and ultimately, freed.

12 Pray for Eritrean believers who are forced into military service against their will. Ask God to protect and help them to live out their faith. Pray they would realise that God is their refuge.

13 Pray for the families of Christians whose loved ones have been arrested and imprisoned. Children grow up without knowing their mother or father. Pray that God will provide for them in all their daily needs.

14 Eritrea has one of the most notorious prison networks in the world. Pray for imprisoned believers, that they will be released and not lose hope in these trials.

Yemen

15 It seems there’s never an end to violence in Yemen. Pray that God will bring peace and justice to Yemen, and that the cries of His people will not be forgotten.

16 Pray for Yemeni women’s ministry leader Zahra* who often talks to women who don’t yet know Christ. “This is the riskiest part of my ministry,” she says. “It’s why Yemeni women coming to Christ is really a miracle.”

17 Zahra is enrolled in a two-year leadership coaching journey with an Open Doors coaching school. Ask God to protect all involved in this ministry, especially those living in places where they could be attacked by Islamic extremists.

Nigeria

18 Nigeria remains the most violent place in the world for Christians. Pray for those whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.

19 Pray that God will work in the hearts of Nigerian government leaders—that they will be convicted and challenged to work to protect Christian citizens and communities.

20 Pray for the millions of Nigerians displaced by violence, including pastors. Pray that God will guide them as they lead Christians in the camps where they live.

21 Pray for unity among Christians in Nigeria, that there wouldn’t be a divide between north and south, and that all believers would learn to serve God together.

Pakistan

22 Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws continue to be used to falsely accuse and target Christians. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of decision makers in Pakistan to overturn these laws.

23 Pakistani Christians are treated as second-class citizens—many work in dangerous jobs considered unfit for Muslims. Pray they will find joy in their daily lives.

24 Ask God to protect and preserve Christian women in Pakistan who are often kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslims.

Sudan

25 Christians have been caught in the crossfire of civil war. Pray for peace and for believers to be protected from the crossfire of Sudan's civil war.

26 Thank God for Sudanese Christians who continue to serve the vulnerable. Pray that He will preserve their brave witness.

27 Ask God to be close to believers displaced from their homes by the violence. Pray that He will hear the cries of the suffering and deliver them.

China

28 Every year, pressure seems to increase for Chinese Christians. Pray that believers will experience growth in their faith, even as persecution rises.

29 In certain regions of the country, church leaders are often monitored and regarded with suspicion by Chinese authorities. Pray these leaders will feel the presence of Christ.

Maldives

30 In the Maldives, it's illegal to print or import Bibles in the country's native language of Divehi. Pray that God will make a way for our Christian family to gain access to God's Word. Currently, only 25 books of the Bible have been translated

May

Afghanistan

01 All believers in Afghanistan are secret Christians. Ask God to protect them. It's impossible to live openly as a follower of Christ, so pray that the Lord will cover and preserve His people.

02 Pray that even as the Taliban continue their brutal regime, God will touch their hearts and change them. Pray they will see the truth of Jesus' love and hope. Pray that believers in prison will be protected and released.

03 Pray for Mohammad*, an Afghan believer who does online Bible translation work. He became a Christian in Afghanistan but has since fled the country. Pray for Mohammad and his work, that it will bear fruit.

India

04 Praise God for the election results in India. Ask Him to help the new coalition government protect the rights of all Indians, including Christians.

05 Pray for Deepak, your brother in eastern India, who came to Christ out of Hinduism. He has been abused and shunned by his community for his faith. As Deepak asks, pray for his parents, that they may also know Christ and be saved.

06 As an increasing number of states tighten anti-conversion laws, pray that house church leaders will not be attacked or imprisoned. Ask God to be their sword and shield (Ephesians 6).

Syria

07 Following Jesus in Syria means confronting more than a decade of near-constant challenges—Islamic extremism, war, natural disasters, and constant economic stress. Pray God brings about peace as only He can.

08 Pray for your sister Norma*, a Syrian woman in her 40s. She and her team minister to homeless children, beggars, and orphans, talking with them about the love of God. "We ask you to pray for our protection and safety," Norma says, "for blessings over our ministry and the children we meet."

09 Pray for peace in the region and protection for all followers of Christ. Pray they find strength and refreshment to continue walking with and encouraging God's people despite the challenges they face.

Saudi Arabia

10 There are no legal churches in Saudi Arabia (outside of some permitted on compounds limited to non-Saudi residents). Pray for opportunities for believers to find a place to gather, worship, and grow in their faith.

11 Pray for foreign-born Christians who meet secretly. Ask God to protect their meetings and help them to live out their faith with wisdom and bold obedience.

12 Pray for Christians who are committed to reaching people in Saudi Arabia via online ministry, in-person work, or through outlets like TV channels. Ask God to give favour to these efforts.

Mali

13 Many extremist groups are active in Mali, including those affiliated with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group. Pray that God would comfort and protect believers who are targeted and violently attacked by these groups.

14 Pray specifically for Open Doors' local partners in Mali as they seek to help strengthen believers who have lost loved ones and their homes in extremist attacks. God, please give discernment and courage to our partners who risk so much to serve Your people.

15 As the military junta remains in political power in Mali, ask God to provide stability for all Malians—and that whoever is in charge will work toward religious freedom.

Algeria

16 Almost every Protestant church in Algeria has been forcibly closed or fears they will be soon. Pray with church leaders that God will allow these places of worship to remain open.

17 In Algeria, sharing your faith in Jesus is risky—it's illegal to “shake the faith of a Muslim.” Ask God to give His people both wisdom and boldness and that they will be protected when they share their faith.

18 Pray that every believer in Algeria will seek out a Christian community where they can find fellowship and grow in their faith.

Iraq

19 Even now, 10 years after ISIS took over parts of northern Iraq, Christians are slowly returning home. Pray for our Iraqi family as they continue to rebuild and recover.

20 When ISIS attacked, the group inflicted long-term trauma on many Iraqi Christians. That's why Open Doors supports trauma care programs in the country. Pray that God will bless this work.

21 Pray for Iraqi believers who are converts from Islam. They can experience significant pressure, wherever they live in the country.

Myanmar

22 The 2021 coup in Myanmar continues to have long-term consequences for Christians. In 2024, churches were destroyed and church leaders detained. Ask God to be with His people as they persevere and endure.

23 Pray for Christians like Moe Moe* caught in the conflict between the ruling military junta and rebel groups. “Every day, we must strive for our survival,” she says. She had to flee from her home and was displaced several times. Pray for peace.

24 Pray for the leaders of Myanmar's military junta. Ask that they will see Jesus in the people He places in their paths. Pray they will see He is the true source of peace, joy, and strength in their lives.

Iran

25 Ask God to guide Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, that he will pursue an openness to all minorities, including Christians. Please pray for him by name today.

26 Pray for secret churches, that God will protect these networks of underground believers and give them a spirit of power, not timidity (1 Timothy 1:7).

27 Pray for Fatemeh, an Iranian Christian who lives in constant fear due to government persecution and frequent police raids on house churches. Her husband is imprisoned and her daughter Shirin—her greatest concern—suffers from anxiety. Lord, we pray for Your peace for this family.

28 As the Church in Iran continues to grow, pray that God will bless this Kingdom multiplication and empower it to continue.

Bhutan

29 Pastor Rajen has a simple request: he wants to worship with his congregation in Bhutan without persecution. But his church registration was denied. Praise God for resilient leaders like him.

30 When Pastor Rajen held services, his electricity and water were cut off. He's taking his case to the government. Please pray with him and other Bhutanese Christians who just want to worship in peace.

31 Please pray for Pastor Rajen's family and the tenants who are struggling without water and electricity. Pray for God to open a way for them and provide for their urgent basic needs.

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