

# Prayer Guide

April - May 2026

## April

### Women of Faith

- 01** Your intercession is a lifeline. Pray for Beatriz\*, a missionary in Central Mexico's highly persecuted area known as the "Circle of Silence". Ask God to protect her and her family.
- 02** Concha\* met Jesus through Beatriz's women's group. She has faced family rejection and even lost her job. "Pray that God gives me strength," Concha says.
- 03** On Good Friday, as we remember Christ's sacrifice, pray that our persecuted family will know how much they are loved by their Saviour.
- 04** As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection, let's pray for protection from attacks as believers gather in their local churches.
- 05** He is not here, for He has risen just as He said." (Matthew 28:6a) Praise God! Today on Easter Sunday, pray that persecuted Christians will grasp the hope and peace that Christ's resurrection brings.
- 06** Intercede for mothers who are raising their children to love Jesus where faith is rejected. Pray for wisdom and patience.
- 07** Pray with women displaced from their homes. Ask God to fill them with peace when fear or doubt arises.
- 08** Pray with persecuted women of faith, that they will continue to be beacons of light in the most difficult places to follow Jesus.
- 09** Today, pray for Christian women living in Afghanistan. If an Afghan woman's faith is discovered, her life and her family can be in grave danger.
- 10** Pray for Afghan women who have fled their country for neighboring nations. Pray they will find safe places to live and provision for their needs.
- 11** Ariana\*, an Afghan Christian woman who lives outside the country asks: "Pray that Afghan women not only survive, but that they would be like Esther, with boldness and courage."
- 12** Pray with Ariana, asking God to "touch the heart of every person in Afghanistan, so that they may come to faith."
- 13** Pray with Vannida\*, a widow from Southeast Asia who continues to serve the Lord despite immense suffering. Pray she will sense God's daily presence.
- 14** When Vannida's husband refused to stop ministering to others, he was killed. Ask God for confidence as Vannida faces authorities and relatives.
- 15** Lift up Open Doors' ministry partners who work alongside persecuted women of faith. Ask God to protect them as they serve God's people.

"I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord.

– Jeremiah 30:17a

### Yemen

- 16** Pray that believers in Yemen will be prepared to face persecution. At any moment, they could be arrested for leaving Islam.
- 17** When our local partners met Yemeni believer Majed\*, he was expecting to be arrested because of a government crackdown on the Church. Pray for strength.
- 18** Several of Majed's Christian friends have been arrested, and he was feverishly memorising Bible passages to be prepared for prison. Pray God's Word will be a constant comfort.
- 19** Ask God to comfort and encourage Christian prisoners and their families. Pray fear won't stop Yemeni believers from continuing their work.

### Central Asia

- 20** Nurlan\* from Central Asia is one of many recipients of Bibles provided through Open Doors. Pray for his perseverance.
- 21** Nurlan used to abuse drugs, but as he read Scripture, he found the strength to abstain. Pray God will sustain him and his family.
- 22** Pray with Naira\* from Central Asia. When she shared with her co-workers that she had become a Christian, one employee filed a police complaint. Praise God for Naira's boldness.
- 23** Naira says this persecution has strengthened her faith. Please pray for her endurance as she continues to work with people hostile to her faith.

### Sub-Saharan Africa

- 24** Praise God! Nigerian Pastor Barnabas has a new house—no longer living in a makeshift tent in an overcrowded IDP camp. Thank you for all you've done!
- 25** Pray for strength and restoration for the Napala village in Mozambique. In a four-day extremist attack, 120 Christians were killed and two churches destroyed.
- 26** In 2025, 76 Mozambican Christians were killed by jihadists; 72,000 people fled their homes. Pray for the protection and witness of believers in Mozambique.
- 27** Pray with Pastor Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: "Pray that our country will have lasting peace that comes from God."
- 28** Due to extremist attacks, Pastor Soré's family fled from their village in Burkina Faso and were struggling to survive. He and his family have a new home and a new church building. Praise God!

**29** Pastor Soré is preaching again to his small but growing church, fulfilling his life's calling as he shares the gospel. Pray that those he teaches will grow to have mighty voices of faith.

**30** Pray with the Church in Nigeria's Kwara State. After a brazen attack during a church service, Christians remain on edge. Pray for restoration.



**Pramila Magar reading her Bible, Nepal**

# May

## Philippines

**01** Sheila\* is a 17-year-old believer in a stilt house community in Southern Philippines. While battling illness, she also faces persecution. Pray for healing and stamina.

**02** Sheila's neighbours mock and exclude her. Pray that the discipleship training she and others received from Open Doors equips them to stand firm.

**03** Ramona's\* life changed after she was miraculously healed through prayer. She grew up a Muslim but now follows Jesus. Pray for her resilience and that of other Muslim converts.

**04** Tabari is a Muslim-background believer whose life was transformed when he accepted Christ. He endures rejection, particularly from family. Pray that he and others like him stand firm in their faith.

**05** Radicalisation of Islam has created a deeper divide between Muslims and Christians in the Philippines. The gospel is being met with more hostility than ever before. Pray for people's hearts to be open to Jesus.

## North Korea

**06** We cannot give names or locations, but we know that this year, multiple Christians have been arrested by authorities. Pray for endurance.

**07** God is a "refuge in times of trouble; He cares for those who trust in Him." (Nahum 1:7) Pray these promises for believers in an overcrowded prison cell.

**08** Ask God to bring tangible reminders of His presence and power to these faithful believers in mentally taxing and potentially violent interrogation sessions.

**09** Pray for families torn apart by these arrests, especially children who may now grow up without parents. Pray for their provision and peace that passes all human understanding.

**10** Pray for the guards, interrogators, and North Korean officials—that they will be touched by the witness of Christians and turn to Christ.

**11** Pray for the underground church in North Korea, that it will continue to grow quietly and courageously, even under the shadow of fear.

**12** Today, "remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

## Sudan

**13** As horrific images and videos come out of Sudan's war, pray together with our family where the Church is an unwanted minority. Pray for God's wisdom and strength.

**14** Pray by name for Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Gen. Mohamed Dagalo (Hemedti), leaders of the warring factions. Pray for God's Spirit to work in their hearts and minds.

**15** Pray that many will turn in repentance to Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour. Pray they will find Christians who will walk with them.

**16** Pray Psalm 113 over Sudan—that God will "lift the poor from the dust". Ask God to bring relief through various means to the millions of Sudanese caught in hunger.

## Syria

**17** It has been over one year since the Syrian government fell. Church leaders tell us that Christians are living in a climate of fear. Pray for their protection and peace.

**18** Violent words threatening to kill Christians have been written on church walls and in Christian areas. Pray that believers will continue to endure in this environment.

**19** Praise! Pastor Razzok from Homs reports that some non-Christians are now more open to Christianity: “They see that Christianity brings peace.” Pray for revival.

**20** Pray that the Church in Syria seeks out ways to be salt and light to Muslims. A church leader from Aleppo shares, “We have a great opportunity to show who the real Christians are.”

## Colombia

**21** Pray for Colombian believers who face threats on their lives and livelihoods. Recent attacks on churches have compelled Christians to move to safer areas.

**22** Pray for displaced pastors and leaders, that they will find strength, provision, and protection wherever they have taken refuge.

**23** Late last year, extremists broke into a church and seized control of the building, occupying it for several days. There is no longer a church presence in the town. Pray for scared families.

**24** Pray for families who have lost their homes and livelihoods, that they will receive timely help and rebuild their lives. Pray that churches will continue shining their light.

## Indonesia

**25** Pray with Ricky, a new believer from Papua, Indonesia. Pray with him as he prepares for persecution. Where he lives, leaving Islam to follow Jesus can put him in danger.

**26** Ricky was excited to receive his first-ever Bible—provided by your support and prayers. Pray that he will find solace, wisdom, strength, and peace in God’s Word.

**27** Pray for believers like Siti, Soleh, and their four boys, who were expelled by their community for their faith. Pray for God’s protection and provision.

**28** Pray with pastors who participated in a two-day seminar in Jayapura city. For many like Pastor Sudin, the training renewed their zeal for evangelism. Pray as they teach their churches to follow the Great Commission.

**29** Pastor Isak Deda urged pastors to stay alert to the “ongoing process of Islamisation in our city” and to strengthen their congregations. Pray for church leaders as they navigate the changing landscape. Pray for wisdom, insight, and compassion as they lead their churches.

**30** Pray that our local partners will see the fruit of their labour in transformed lives in Indonesia and throughout the world. God, we pray that our partners’ efforts will help believers grow confident in their calling.

**31** Pray that entire communities will encounter Christ through the testimony of women, men, and children who refuse to give up—even when it costs them everything. Pray for boldness and discernment as they share their faith.

\*Representative names and images used for security reasons.

