

Prayer Guide

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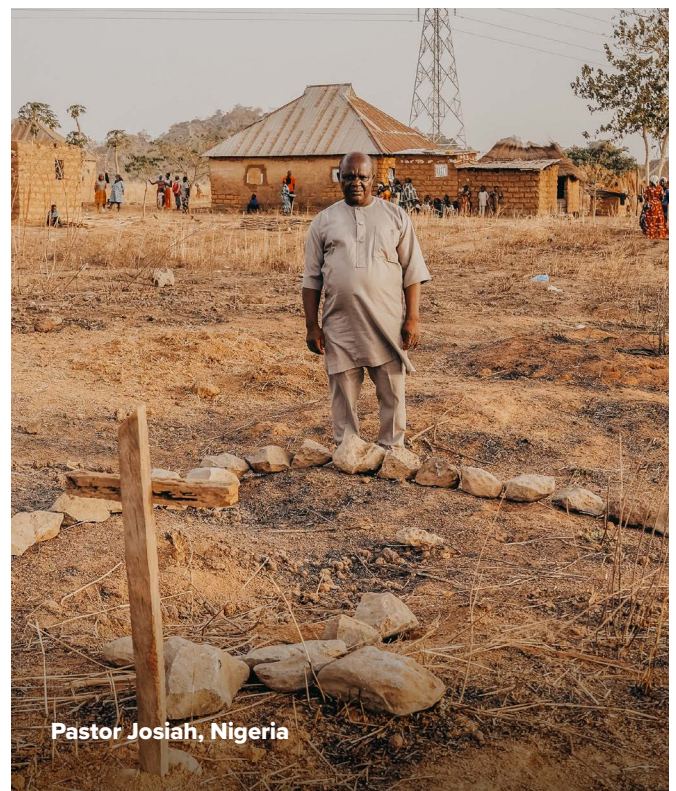
A Month of Prayer for the Church in Sub-Saharan Africa

- 01** Meet Pastor Josiah (pictured on cover). He lost his wife and three sons in extremist attacks in Nigeria. He asks us to pray this prayer with him: “Lord, be our encourager... be ever close to us.”
- 02** Pray that all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones martyred for their faith will know God’s promise, that He is “near to the broken-hearted.”
- 03** Pray with Pastor Michée from Burkina Faso. His father, brothers, and members of his church community were killed in a brutal attack targeting Christians. He reminds us: “Your prayers are highly important to us.”
- 04** Pastor Michée asks us to pray: “Pray for us to keep faith in God. For me to always be devoted in my ministry until the end.”
- 05** Pray with Pastor Bandiba’s church in eastern Burkina Faso. After a deadly attack, the church that numbered more than 700 people is starting over in a new location. Pray that God will redeem and restore.
- 06** Pray for comfort with the families of two young ministry leaders, Jeremia and Amadou, in eastern Burkina Faso. The two men were killed when extremists entered the church.
- 07** Pray urgently with Nigerian believers still reeling from the abductions of 40-plus children. Pray that God will protect and care for these vulnerable ones in captivity.
- 08** Pray with believers in Sub-Saharan Africa who continue to ask us to pray that their faith and testimony amidst persecution would be a light for Christ.
- 09** Mali is still reeling from coordinated attacks by jihadist extremists linked to al-Qaeda. Pray with one church leader who pleads, “Pray so we can be resilient, faithful, and lights in this dark situation.”
- 10** Pray for strength with the family of Nigerian Pastor Gbenga Sanny. He was kidnapped from his home in Ondo State’s Illu-Abo community. His family escaped, but his children witnessed their father’s abduction.
- 11** Pray for communities attacked for their faith, especially women, who are now widows, and their children. Pray that God keeps their faith alive.
- 12** Pray with Nathalie*, whose husband was killed in an extremist attack on her village in Burkina Faso: “Pray for me to be able to provide for my kids,” she asks.
- 13** Deborah’s* husband was killed in the same attack (25 women were widowed that day). “Pray for God to give me strength,” she asks. “Pray that I will follow Jesus ‘til my last days.”
- 14** Asabe* has a message for you. Through your prayers and support, she received vital trauma care after her husband and three sons were martyred. “I thank you for all you are doing for the gospel,” she says.
- 15** Ask God to strengthen the widows in Asabe’s widows’ group. “God selected us [to be widows], and He knows how He will take care of us,” she says.

“How long, O Lord?”

– Psalm 13:1a

- 16** Pray with all widows who need divine strength to walk forward and for provision for their families, that they will have unexpected manna.
- 17** Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they bring what they have learned in trauma care to their churches and others traumatised by violence.
- 18** Pray for trauma care workers, as they travel to villages. Ask God to protect them and give them glimpses of how He will use them to bring healing.
- 19** Pray for perseverance for all trauma care workers in Open Doors-supported Shalom Trauma Center. Pray for their well-being as believers share their traumatic experiences.
- 20** Pray for your family in northern Mozambique. A recent attack burned down a church, including the kindergarten inside it. Pray for an end to the violence.
- 21** Pray for the families of martyred believers. Ask God to continue to bring comfort, care, and peace as they mourn their loved ones and adjust to their “new normal.”
- 22** Pray for Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa who risk so much to follow Jesus. Pray that many more people can receive trauma care.
- 23** Our brothers and sisters in Democratic Republic of the Congo face violence and displacement for their faith. Ask God to give them His hope even when life seems impossible.



Pastor Josiah, Nigeria

24 Our brothers and sisters continue to ask us to pray with them that their attackers will encounter Jesus. Lord, we pray for the transformation of hearts and lives.

25 Meet Samira*, a 23-year-old Christian mother in Chad. She is ostracised for following Jesus. She asks us to pray for her children, that they will know Christ.

26 Pray by name for Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu today. Ask God to give him wisdom and courage to protect the country's citizens.

27 Nigerian Christians are emotionally and spiritually exhausted by the ongoing insecurity and violence they face. Pray for God to renew the strength of the Church and help them keep their eyes fixed on Him.

28 The people of Burkina Faso face constant instability. Pray they will be cared for by the authorities.

29 Pray for Burkina Faso's President Captain Ibrahim Traoré (installed after the 2023 military coup). He is expected to remain in power until 2029. Pray for humility and focus to address the attacks and insecurity in the country.

30 Pray the world will wake up, care about, and act against the ongoing violence and injustice that permeates the lives of our persecuted family.

31 Pray that, as the body of Christ, we will answer our family's call to pray for our brothers and sisters in Sub-Saharan Africa who follow Jesus no matter what.



Pastor Sore* and family, Nigeria

November

Laos

01 Pray for courage and provision with 30 faith warriors. When their community pressured them to renounce their faith, they were the only Christians who stood firm.

02 Pray for protection over several upcoming trainings led by Open Doors' local partners. Pray for believers as they learn how to live faithfully among non-believing communities.

03 Pray with ministry leaders who face questioning by regional authorities. Ask God to give them clarity and discernment as they respond.

04 Pray for 40 young believers still traumatised after their Christian camp was interrupted by authorities. Pray that God would transform fear into resilience.

Cuba

05 Today, remember Pastor Silvio* who cries out for prayer for his nation: "We are begging God for mercy," he says. "And we ask you to remember us in your prayers."

06 Pray for a church in Cuba that shares what little they have with those most in need. Leaders ask us to pray they will "continue to be a blessing to others despite the pressure they face."

07 Praise God with Pastor Abdiel* today. He serves a rural mountainous area where communities are scattered. Your support provided a motorcycle, allowing him to minister to multiple churches. Thank you!

08 Pastor Sairo* wants you to know that God is still working, even in devastation. "We trust in God's promises," he declares. Pray for him today.

Myanmar

09 Christians in Myanmar experience untold suffering because of persecution and conflict. Please pray for Christians targeted by the ruling military junta, and pray also for the military to know Jesus.

10 Pray for peace. Pray that Christians will become instruments that God can use to restore and heal His people who are battling trauma.

11 Myanmar believers recently participated in persecution preparedness trainings. Pray they hold tight to Christ and are empowered by their training to remain faithful to Jesus.

Central Asia

12 In Turkmenistan, police carried out raids around the only Christian church in Balkanabat city. At least 50 Turkmen citizens were taken away for questioning. Pray with believers living under oppression.

13 Our field reports that deaf people in Central Asia are meeting Jesus and sharing their hope with others in the deaf communities. Pray with them for both boldness and discernment.

14 Pray with churches and their leaders who must minister and act, knowing they're under police surveillance. Pray for daily strength.

15 For the second time, secret police led raids on a worship service in a church. After both raids, officials fined the leaders at least two weeks' average wages. Pray for an end to the paranoia.

16 Pray with Kyrgyzstan pastor, Dmitry Golovin, whose church is under constant watch. Ask God to place people in his path to encourage and uphold him.

Iran

17 Praise God with Mustafa*, an Iranian Christian. His asylum petition was denied. He spent the night praying, and the next day learned his case had been accepted after all. "Lord, you are the One who gives the final judgment," he shares.

18 Pray by name today for Mahshar Parandin, a Christian prisoner. She was denied urgent life-saving medical treatment. Pray that her surgery will be approved.

19 Pray for restoration for your brother Amir-Ali, 32. He was recently released from prison but suffered assault from a guard, creating a stress-induced heart condition.

20 "After the war, it seems as if something has collapsed deep within society." Pray with Negar*, a Christian inside Iran. Pray they would cling to the hope we have in Christ.

Bangladesh

21 A mob of 200 people came to Kulsum*'s house, demanding that she and her family renounce their faith. Pray for steadfast faith with our local partner who's standing with Kulsum in prayer.

22 Our field has requested prayer for 29 women's discipleship classes. At least one was forced to shut down due to extremist threats. Ask God to strengthen their faith through this adversity.

23 "I will not compromise my 27 years of faith, even if I have to die for it," says Anish*. In front of at least 10 Muslims, he boldly shared his faith. "Pray that God will bring peace," he asks.

24 Recently a group of extremist Muslims came to a pastor's shop and told him that as a Christian, he would not be allowed to continue his business there. He asks us to pray for wisdom.

25 Pray with two Christians, Shamsul and Sukko, who were publicly harassed and beaten. They were forced to flee their homes. Pray with our local partners as they provide emergency support.

Vietnam

26 For Sung A Pao* and his family, their decision to embrace Jesus meant the loss of relationships and the field that sustained them. "Please pray that we may serve God," he says.

27 Pray for Thanh Son* who's rejected and even abused by his parents for his faith. "I feel so stuck and hopeless," he shared with his local pastor. "Pray for me."

28 Please continue to pray for our field partners as they lead training for believers. Ask God for successful preparations, especially for safety as they travel from various areas.

North Korea

29 A recent report indicates that Chinese authorities are now digitally tracking North Korean defectors. Pray for believers who must decide between being connected to their community or going silent.

30 Most of the country's believers have never held a complete copy of the Bible. And yet the Bible keeps moving. Pray that God's Word will continue to find its way into hands, minds, and hearts.

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