

# PRAYER GUIDE

November – December 2018

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## November

### 01 Tajikistan

Persecution is increasing for Christians from a Muslim background. Pray for strength from God to stand firm.

### 02 Middle East

Pray for Christians who are encouraging other believers and reaching out with the gospel through social media.

### 03 India

Pray for healing for a group of children and youth in Northern India who were attacked as they were praying.

### 04 IDOP (Sunday Prayer)

Today is International Day Of Prayer. Echo the prayers of the persecuted church: "Please don't pray for us. Please pray with us ... We ask that... when the inevitable persecution comes we will be faithful even if it costs us our lives."  
– Pastor, Egypt

### 05 Kenya

Pray for the young family of a worship pastor who was killed for refusing to convert to Islam.

### 06 Lebanon

Pray for unity among Christian leaders in Lebanon as the church reaches out to refugees.

### 07 Kazakhstan

Pray for Christian families to be strong in their faith, and to see God's hand at work.

### 08 Iran

Islamic studies are taught at school in Iran. Pray for Christian parents as they raise their children to know Jesus.

### 09 Saudi Arabia

Peter\* recently came to faith in Jesus but is struggling in his faith. Pray he would be reminded of the glory of Jesus.

### 10 Colombia

Pray God would strengthen Christians who are pressured to renounce their faith.

### 11 Iraq (Sunday Prayer)

After years being displaced by Islamic State, 13-year-old Noeh\* and his family have moved back into their new home in their village, Karamles. "I was very happy when I slept in our own home again... [at church] we pray together, and play games... God helped us... He was with us when we returned home." – Noeh

### 12 Laos

Praise God for a recent delivery of 200 MP3 players with Bible teaching and songs. Pray for the gospel to go out in Laos.

### 13 United Arab Emirates

Pray for wisdom and boldness as believers live out their faith in the UAE.

### 14 Uganda

Esther\*, 13, is a new secret Christian. Her two uncles have threatened to disown her if she leaves Islam. Pray for faith and her uncles' salvation.

### 15 Egypt

Pray for families of Christians who have been killed for their faith. Pray that they would know God's presence.

### 16 Syria

As war continues, pray for Christians as they reach out to the lost with the hope of Jesus.

### 17 Tunisia

Habiba\* is a new Christian and she wants to share Jesus with her family. Pray for them to come to faith.

### 18 Mali (Sunday Prayer)

When Bah\* and her mother came to faith in Jesus, their family chased them away from home and their entire community rejected them. They found refuge with a local pastor and are learning how to sew to earn their own income. Pray for God's peace and comfort.

### 19 Malaysia

Pray for missing believers and their families: Raymond Koh, Amri Che Mat, and Joshua and Ruth Hilmy.

### 20 Maldives

In a country where all citizens must be Muslims, pray for people to come to faith in Jesus.

### **21 Cameroon**

Believers face attacks from Boko Haram. Pray for the church and for food delivery to displaced people.

### **22 Djibouti**

Pray for persecution preparedness training and that it will help believers remain strong in their faith.

### **23 Pakistan**

Pray for the church to be a source of light and hope to people in Pakistan.

### **24 Mauritania**

It's difficult for Christians to openly meet together in Mauritania. Pray they would still find ways to gather.

### **25 Bangladesh (Sunday Prayer)**

Churches in rural areas lack resources to help believers mature in their faith. Pray for Bible distribution and leadership training. Razaul\* received training from Open Doors, and learnt to, "Be faithful, be forgiving and keep fellowship with God and man."

### **26 Yemen**

Pray for young people who are searching for the truth to come to faith in Jesus.

### **27 India**

Pray for a believer in Central India who was attacked and abducted by Hindu extremists because of his faith.

### **28 Nepal**

A believer's two adult sons threatened to kill him if he keeps following Jesus. Pray for God's peace and strength for the two sons to come to faith.

### **29 Morocco**

Authorities keep a close eye on house churches. Pray for protection for believers as they meet.

### **30 Algeria**

Praise God for TV, radio and internet ministry that is spreading the gospel among the lost.

## **December**

### **01 Nigeria**

Pray for believers who were attacked by Islamic extremists. Pray for Open Doors' partners who minister to them.

### **02 Ethiopia (Sunday Prayer)**

Teenagers Debora\*, Eden\*, Gifti\* and Mihret\* were imprisoned for three months for sharing the gospel. They offended Muslim leaders by sharing their faith in Jesus. Praise God that He kept their faith strong while they were in prison and continues to give them courage.

### **03 Turkey**

Christians from a Muslim background can be afraid to meet with other believers. Pray for wisdom as they meet.

### **04 Afghanistan**

Pray for secret believers to be strengthened by God to live out their faith and share the gospel.

### **05 South Sudan**

In May, Emmanuel Christian College was attacked and 10 people were killed. Pray for the families, students and staff.

### **06 Eritrea**

Praise God for the 35 Christians who were released from prison earlier this year. Pray for those still in prison to be comforted by the Holy Spirit.

### **07 Southern Philippines**

Christians in this region face threats of kidnapping and bombings. Pray for the peace of Christ to be with them.

### **08 Iraq**

Pray for Christian communities returning to their villages that were liberated from Islamic State.

### **09 North Korea (Sunday Prayer)**

"Whatever you do, please, don't stop bringing us food!" North Korean church leaders said that without food and other urgent aid, the North Korean church isn't able to function. Pray for North Korean believers to be strengthened in faith. Pray also for food and aid distribution.

### **10 Brunei**

Praise God for recent persecution preparation training that gave believers a desire to share the gospel with Muslims.

### **11 Uzbekistan**

It's difficult to register a new church in Uzbekistan. Pray for believers who meet together at non-registered gatherings.

### **12 Turkmenistan**

Pray for protection and strength for Christians who have left Islam to follow Jesus.

### **13 Jordan**

Pray for children and young adults as they study the Bible. One Bible study leader said, "The Bible is God's gift to us."

### **14 Mexico**

A pastor in Juarez recently survived an assassination attempt. Pray for him as he continues his ministry.

### 15 Bhutan

Pray for believers who are being trained in how to teach others to read. This will enable others to read the Bible for themselves.

### 16 Tajikistan (Sunday Prayer)

A group of nine Christians were arrested in Tajikistan after doing outreach among Muslims. They were held for two days by police and given a hefty fine. Pray for faith as they continue their ministry. They ask you to pray for the policemen to come to know Jesus.

### 17 Somalia

Pray for the children and young adults in Somalia, for God to reveal their need for Him and bring them to Christ.

### 18 Central African Republic

Recent attacks against Christians have caused fear amongst believers. Pray for peace and wisdom for church leaders.

### 19 Indonesia

Pray for Ahok, the former Christian governor of Jakarta, who was accused of blasphemy and is currently in prison.

### 20 Myanmar

Mai Yi\* and Chew\*, two female missionaries, were attacked for preaching the gospel in a Buddhist village. Pray for God to comfort them.

### 21 China

Pray for children under 18 in China, who face increased restrictions to be able to attend church and live out their faith.

### 22 Tanzania

Pray for a believer from a Muslim background who was falsely accused of burning the Quran.

### 23 Indonesia (Sunday Prayer)

Trinity, five, was a victim of a church bombing in 2016. Earlier this year you wrote letters and cards to her. When she received them they made her happy and excited. She said "so cute" to each card! Pray for Trinity, she still needs medical care to heal from her injuries.

### 24 Libya

Pray for the church in Libya to stand firm in faith as they share the good news of Jesus with Muslims.

### 25 Christmas Day

As Christians gather around the world to celebrate the birth of Jesus, pray for safety from attacks. Pray we would be reminded of God's love for us through Christ.

### 26 India

Persecution is increasing all over India. Pray for strength and faith for believers to stand firm daily. Pray for Hindu extremists to come to know Jesus.

### 27 Guinea

Pray for John\*, a new Christian. His family and village are threatening him to return to Islam. Ask God to give him faith to remain firm in Christ.

### 28 Niger

Salifou's\* family and community pressure him to return to Islam. Pray as he witnesses to them about Jesus.

### 29 Azerbaijan

It's believed that some churches have been infiltrated by spies who report to the authorities. Pray they would come to know Jesus.

### 30 Myanmar (Sunday Prayer)

There are 1.6 million Christians in the Kachin State in Myanmar being targeted for their faith in Jesus. Civil war started in 2011, and tens of thousands are currently displaced. Pray for believers to stand firm in faith and to continue helping those in need of food and shelter.

### 31 Vietnam

Pastor Chai\* was fined for distributing Bibles among tribal believers. Pray for him as he continues his ministry.