

# PRAYER GUIDE

## January – February 2019

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### January

#### 01 Happy New Year

Pray for Open Doors as we continue to strengthen the persecuted church and share the gospel in 2019.

#### 02 Kyrgyzstan

Islamic extremists beat Emmin\* for leaving Islam to follow Jesus. Pray for Emmin as he is in hospital fighting for his life.

#### 03 Kazakhstan

New religious laws will make attending church, evangelising and owning Christian books difficult. Pray for believers to find new ways to share the gospel.

#### 04 China

Last year pastors were arrested and hundreds of churches were closed. Pray Christians won't be afraid and will remain faithful to Jesus.

#### 05 China

Many teachers in China have been told they can't have a faith. Pray that they can find new ways of sharing the gospel with their students.

#### 06 China (Sunday Prayer)

Whilst Christians have experienced more freedom in recent years, 2018 saw persecution increase in some parts of China. Pray for believers finding it hard to forgive those who persecute them. May their love and forgiveness draw many to God.

#### 07 Bangladesh

Pray for strong partnerships with local churches as we work together to serve persecuted believers.

#### 08 Bangladesh

Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim gathering in the world, is happening this month in Bangladesh. Pray that many Muslims would discover Jesus.

#### 09 Brunei

Pray for the local church as they continue discipling young believers to grow strong in their faith.

#### 10 Brunei

New Christians from a Muslim background face constant pressure to convert back to Islam. Pray that the Holy Spirit will grant them strength and wisdom.

#### 11 Indonesia

Pray for new Christians who feel the pain of being disowned by loved ones. Pray they would know God's love and comfort.

#### 12 Indonesia

Our local partners often have to leave their families behind when they minister to the persecuted church. Pray for comfort and protection.

#### 13 Malaysia (Sunday Prayer)

Continue to pray for the Lord to strengthen and comfort the family of missing Pastor Raymond Koh who was kidnapped in February 2017. Pray also for the team working on his case, that the Lord will continue to give them wisdom and guidance.

#### 14 Maldives

There has been an increase in criminal and gang activity. Pray the church can be the light of Jesus in their community.

#### 15 Malaysia

Amri, Joshua and his wife Ruth have all been missing since November 2016. Pray they will be found and reunited with their families.

#### 16 World Watch List

The 2019 World Watch List is released today. Pray for Christians living in the top 50 countries where it's hardest to follow Jesus.

#### 17 Vietnam

Christians had their ID cards confiscated, meaning they can't send their children to school or access community resources. Pray for God's provision.

#### 18 Vietnam

Christian women in rural areas often aren't educated and live amongst witchdoctors. Pray for their protection, for an education and for job opportunities.

#### 19 Laos

Pray for wisdom as our local partners in Laos start their projects this year. Pray for safety as they travel and encourage the persecuted church.

#### 20 Laos (Sunday Prayer)

Laos is a Communist country. In the north especially, Christians are forced to gather in secret. Pray for safety as the underground church meets together and that those in the government will hear the gospel and be saved.

## 21 Southern Philippines

Open Doors ran a seminar for persecuted Christians from a Muslim background. Pray that these believers receive the support and healing they need.

## 22 Southern Philippines

Praise God for a group of church leaders who gather together to pray for Muslims in their region. Pray for many Muslims to know Jesus.

## 23 Myanmar

Pray for 21 Christians who graduated from pastors and leaders training. Pray they will be effective and have longevity in their ministry.

## 24 Myanmar

Praise God that Meiyi\* and other pastor's wives were able to gather together. Pray that Christian women can have a strong, supportive community around them.

## 25 Sri Lanka

The sudden appointment of a new Prime Minister has caused political uncertainty. Pray for God's peace in Sri Lanka.

## 26 Sri Lanka

Pastor Arjuna\* was threatened and his home damaged when he was told to stop sharing the gospel in his Buddhist town. Pray for protection and wisdom.

## 27 Sri Lanka (Sunday Prayer)

A church pastor was summoned by a police officer and told to stop all religious activity. Pray for the pastor to be courageous, wise and stand firm in his faith. Pray that the Sri Lankan church is bold in sharing the gospel.

## 28 Bhutan

Pray that new Christians will not be swayed by the vast Buddhist majority in their country. Pray for them to be salt and light to their non-believing friends.

## 29 Bhutan

Pastor Karma\* is under surveillance and his ministry is being monitored. Pray for his safety and that he doesn't shy away from sharing the gospel.

## 30 Bhutan

Praise the Lord for the women who graduated from leadership training. Pray they will be a blessing to their church and families.

## 31 Central African Republic

In some parts of the country Christians can't carry Bibles or run church activities. Pray for wisdom in how they meet together and share the gospel.

# February

## 01 Central African Republic

Christians living in Muslim areas face violence and discrimination. Pray for those who cannot send sick family members to hospital because of their faith.

## 02 Cameroon

Amos and Esther's village was attacked by Boko Haram. Pray for healing from the trauma they experienced and for God's peace to reign in their lives.

## 03 Ethiopia (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for Fatuma, the wife of a local evangelist. She was severely beaten for sharing her faith. As a result, she lost her unborn baby. Pray for God's comfort and that, despite the suffering they've endured, they will continue to believe Jesus is worth it.

## 04 Ethiopia

Dinsafa was forced into a Muslim marriage after he left Islam to follow Jesus. Pray for his wife to come to know Jesus as Lord.

## 05 Guinea

Anne Marie (23) was rejected from her family and community when she became a Christian. Pray she listens to God's voice above the abuse she faces daily.

## 06 Ivory Coast

Paul\* was forced to flee when his family admitted him to a psychiatric hospital for his faith. Pray that his faith in Jesus is only strengthened.

## 07 Ivory Coast

Samuel\* (24) was rejected from his community when he became a Christian. Even though he is isolated, pray for God to help him provide for his family.

## 08 Niger

Since Isaiah (20) became a Christian, his community has put pressure on his family to execute him. Pray that his family comes to know Jesus.

## 09 Nepal

Pray for Rekha\*, her husband doesn't let her go to church or meet with other believers. He also beats her for her faith.

## 10 Nigeria (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for the thousands of women in Nigeria who have been abducted and forced into marriage by Boko Haram. Those who return home experience social exclusion and ongoing trauma. Pray for healing, and for trauma care programs that bring the gospel to these women.

### 11 Sudan

Christians from a Muslim background worship in secret and risk imprisonment and torture. Pray that despite persecution, the church continues to grow.

### 12 Sudan

Pray for the government of Sudan, that God will speak to the leaders of the country and have His way in this nation.

### 13 Zanzibar (Tanzania)

A pastor's church was destroyed and his four-year-old was assaulted. Pray for healing and that God will sustain them as they build His Church.

### 14 Zanzibar (Tanzania)

A pastor was falsely accused of sexual assault. He has been acquitted but now is struggling financially and emotionally. Pray for God's peace as he continues his ministry.

### 15 India

As the situation for Christians has worsened, pray for the elections this year and that the Indian government becomes open to the gospel.

### 16 India

Pray for a pastor from northern India. His village is pressuring him to stop all church services. His father and brothers have also been arrested for their faith.

### 17 Niger (Sunday Prayer)

Keisha fell pregnant after she was drugged and assaulted. The mother of her attacker is offering to pay for the baby's needs if Keisha marries her son and converts to Islam. Pray for wisdom, strength and peace for Keisha and her family.

### 18 Nepal

A Christian man was attacked by his family because he refused to deny Jesus. Pray for him and his wife as they take refuge in their pastor's house.

### 19 Central Asia

A group of Christian men were arrested during a prayer meeting and received large fines. Pray God provides for them and strengthens their faith.

### 20 Tajikistan

Each week, Christians share the gospel with people with a disability living in a group centre. New management at the centre is opposing this ministry. Pray for God's wisdom.

### 21 Laos

Praise God, 200 mp3 players with Bible teachings and songs were distributed to the persecuted church in Laos. Pray God's Word doesn't return void.

### 22 Vietnam

Many rural Christians are illiterate, making it hard to get a job. Pray that Christians can receive an education and earn an income for their family.

### 23 Vietnam

One of our local partners, Tanh\* helps persecuted Christians living in rural areas. Pray for safety and compassion as he travels to meet them.

### 24 Philippines (Sunday Prayer)

After Islamic extremists seized the city of Marawi last year, Christians in this part of the Philippines continue to live amongst violence. Many have grown numb to the trauma and danger they face daily. Pray for discernment and safety.

### 25 Maldives

Pray for the Maldives to become open to the gospel. Pray that many would come to know Jesus, and for the local church to grow.

### 26 Uganda

When Esther\* (13) left Islam to follow Jesus, she was sent to a Muslim school. Esther still sneaks out to church. Pray for her family to come to know Jesus.

### 27 Democratic Republic of Congo

David (13) was forced to flee his home after he was baptised. Pray that the church will care for David and that his mother will meet Jesus.

### 28 North Korea

Pray for North Korea and that leader Kim Jong-Un will come to know Jesus. Also pray for the funds needed to continue supporting the underground church.

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