

# PRAYER GUIDE

## October – December 2020

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### October

#### 08 Sri Lanka

A youth discipleship camp will be running this month. Pray it will be fruitful and a blessing to all who attend.

#### 09 Bangladesh

Following severe flooding, pray the church will selflessly serve their community as an example of Jesus' love.

#### 10 Syria

Praise God that many women have found online Christian women's ministries in the midst of war and pandemic.

#### 11 North Korea (Sunday Prayer)

School attendance is dropping dramatically. Pray God protects the future of North Korean children, equipping them with His Spirit as they follow Him in the most dangerous place to do so.

#### 12 Lebanon

Pray the hope of Jesus will give purpose and peace to those affected by economic hardship and disaster.

#### 13 Saudi Arabia

Praise God for new believer Butros\* who came to faith through his children. Pray he will seek Christ wholeheartedly.

#### 14 China

Pray a new translation of the audio Bible will be a blessing to new Christians from a Buddhist background.

#### 15 Yemen

Pray over Christians who are in need of strength and renewal after persevering through five years of war.

#### 16 Indonesia

Pray a new Christian talk show on social media will grow and strengthen younger generations of the Indonesian church.

#### 17 Tunisia

The church is scattered. Pray believers will find creative ways to connect and encourage those who are isolated.

#### 18 Nigeria (Sunday Prayer)

Pray for comfort and provision over Charity, a former captive of Boko Haram, as she cares for her six young children after her husband's passing. Pray she finds new hope and restoration in Jesus.

#### 19 India

Daniel\* was beaten by extremists because of his faith. Pray he will not be discouraged from following Jesus.

#### 20 Iran

Pray new waves of targeted arrests will not deter Christians from pursuing and sharing Christ's love with others.

#### 21 Vietnam

Local villagers destroyed Chien's\* home where he led Bible study. Pray for his safety as he continues his ministry.

#### 22 Egypt

Authorities are illegally demolishing church buildings. Pray their hearts will be transformed through the gospel.

#### 23 Southern Philippines

Young people are coming together to receive discipleship training. Pray they will come to know God deeper.

#### 24 Brunei

Youth are struggling to evangelise within Brunei's religious laws. Pray they are reminded of Christ's unlimited power.

#### 25 Myanmar (Sunday Prayer)

Moa\* is studying education in the hopes that he will one day give vulnerable Christian children a quality education. Praise God that Moa is following his calling, and pray for focus over his studies.

#### 26 North Korea

Families can now visit relatives imprisoned in labour camps. Pray Christian detainees will find comfort.

#### 27 Nepal

Thousands have been left homeless after natural disasters. Pray the church will be a source of hope and support.

#### 28 Laos

Pray for provision over Sop\* and his wife who were recently forced from their village for following Jesus.

#### 29 Pakistan

Blasphemy laws can place Christians in prison. Pray for strength to share the truth of the gospel, no matter the cost.

### 30 Somalia

There is no safe place in Somalia for Christians. Pray God strengthens His Church to be a blessing to the nation.

### 31 Central Asia

Sabira\* was forced from her home, along with her five young children, because of her faith. Pray for their safety.

## November

### 01 International Day Of Prayer (Sunday Prayer)

Today, Christians all over the world are uniting to pray with the persecuted church. Pray this will be a blessing to believers worldwide and a powerful reminder of God's unifying love.

### 02 Iraq

Praise God that many have come to know Christ despite war and conflict. Pray they continue to spread the good news.

### 03 China

Jacob's mother was deported to North Korea. Pray for comfort and strength as they continue to live for Christ.

### 04 Lebanon

Pray the Holy Spirit will fill the leaders of Lebanon, guiding them to serve others with wisdom and compassion.

### 05 Algeria

Pray mature Christians will find opportunities to meet new believers and equip them with wisdom and the gospel.

### 06 Guinea

Pray the church will be the salt and light in Guinea as civil unrest and violence continues to escalate.

### 07 Iran

Praise God that the secret Iranian church has grown throughout 2020. Pray God opens more hearts to Him.

### 08 Ethiopia (Sunday Prayer)

Two teenage sisters were forced to flee their home when their conversion from Islam was discovered. Thank God they can remain together and pray they stand steadfast in faith, no matter the consequence.

### 09 Kuwait

Pray God grows His Church amongst local Kuwaitis. Pray they be rooted in His word and characterised by His love.

### 10 North Korea

Ruth\* was recently sent back to North Korea. Pray she receives God's love, comfort and provision in this hard time.

### 11 Arabian Peninsula

Many believers are from a Muslim background, following Jesus without guidance. Pray for spiritual maturity.

### 12 Maldives

Domestic violence is a significant problem in the Maldives. Pray for God to pour down His peace on the nation.

### 13 Kazakhstan

Pray for opportunities for believers to worship together as more church properties are confiscated by authorities.

### 14 Bahrain

Pray new believers will be thirsty to learn from God's Word. Pray for it to prepare them for future persecution.

### 15 Syria (Sunday Prayer)

Authorities are not granting permission for many churches to carry out Christian activities. Pray for wisdom over church leaders as they seek innovative ways to grow the faith of their congregations.

### 16 Colombia

Restrictions prevent missionaries from reaching isolated communities. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel.

### 17 Kenya

Pray for the victims of extremist group al-Shabaab. Pray they find physical and spiritual healing in Jesus.

### 18 Nigeria

Pray for church leaders as they lead their congregations through resource shortages and extremist threats.

### 19 Iran

Pray for perseverance over Ishmaeil\* who is imprisoned for his faith. Pray his son will receive the support he needs.

### 20 Sudan

Aman\* was rejected by his family and arrested when his faith was revealed. Pray he trusts in God's good plan for him.

### 21 Saudi Arabia

Praise God He is moving more hearts towards Him in Saudi Arabia. Pray the secret church will be encouraged.

### 22 Yemen (Sunday Prayer)

The humanitarian crisis has become catastrophic. With millions on the edge of starvation and disease continuing to spread, pray the church will be an effective source of hope and support to those suffering.

### 23 Central African Republic

Pray Islamic extremists who persecute the church will discover God's goodness and have their hearts changed.

## 24 Turkey

In the face of workplace discrimination, pray Christians will fully rely on God's love and faithful promises.

## 25 China

Pray over Abliz's wellbeing as he readjusts to normal life following his release from a re-education camp.

## 26 Tunisia

Pray that those who leave Islam to follow Jesus will withstand the pressure to return to their former religion.

## 27 United Arab Emirates

Public professions of faith in Jesus are prohibited. Pray believers will find ways to safely speak truth to others.

## 28 Morocco

Fatima's\* husband divorced her when she revealed her faith. Pray God will be moving as she cares for her son alone.

## 29 Cameroon (Sunday Prayer)

Pray over women like Dada who must uproot their lives to flee from Boko Haram extremists. Pray they will be reminded of their new life in Jesus and find reassurance in the ultimate hope He gives.

## 30 Indonesia

Praise God that many have received basic theology training and are being prepared to lead new churches.

## 31 Tunisia

Youths threatened to stone Khairat\* when he voiced his disbelief in the Islamic faith. Pray for his protection.

# December

## 01 Qatar

Pray Christians will connect with more who are curious about the gospel. Pray God uses them to grow His kingdom.

## 02 Myanmar

Praise God many children can now access Bibles in their language. Pray it strengthens this new generation of believers.

## 03 Niger

Pray Christians will learn to hold tightly to Jesus as they face workplace discrimination and financial instability.

## 04 Ethiopia

Adane\* has been receiving serious threats for leading a church. Pray he perseveres with God-given courage.

## 05 Vietnam

Pray Christians who are denied emergency relief will not be discouraged, but rather lean further into faith.

## 06 Mexico (Sunday Prayer)

Praise God for Pastor Genaro who has faithfully followed God's call to start a Christian mission in a region rife with drug trafficking. Pray for his protection as he shares God's message of love and peace.

## 07 Iran

Pray for wisdom over parents as they minister to their children with little access to Christian material.

## 08 Sri Lanka

Pray attendees of a persecution preparedness seminar may teach and equip other believers to face the future.

## 09 Oman

Converting from Islam can lead to forced divorce and loss of child custody. Pray for guidance over those affected.

## 10 Algeria

Converting from Islam is illegal. Pray Christians from a Muslim background won't be discouraged from seeking Jesus.

## 11 India

Pray for Reeta's safety as she cares for her children and continues her husband's ministry following his murder.

## 12 Libya

Ahlem\* is the only believer in her family. Pray for her protection as she seeks to share the gospel at home.

## 13 Egypt (Sunday Prayer)

Extremism and violent attacks against Christians are common in Egypt. Pray believers will not be disheartened. But rather, that they are convicted of the need for Jesus' love throughout the nation.

## 14 Somalia

Pray extremists attacking Christians will receive the gospel as a powerful testament of the grace of God.

## 15 Central Asia

Praise God that despite heavy restrictions, online projects have been successfully empowering new church leaders.

## 16 North Korea

Over 10 million North Koreans are in need of food. Pray God will be working through His Church to provide.

## 17 China

Praise God Christians have more opportunities to share the gospel online. Pray these seeds will grow to be fruitful.

## 18 Bangladesh

Pray for creativity as Open Doors partners carry out projects for vulnerable Christians, with new restrictions.

### **19 Southern Philippines**

Praise God that a sewing program for local women has been successful. Pray they are empowered to face the future.

### **20 Mozambique (Sunday Prayer)**

Violent attacks are becoming more frequent. Extremists are setting churches, schools and homes alight. Pray that emergency relief will reach those suffering, and that God's peace will cover the nation.

### **21 Yemen**

Pray for opportunities for women to be trained and empowered as they seek to serve God in their communities.

### **22 Cameroon**

Pray the hearts of extremists are softened to receive God's Word and they come to know and serve Him with faith.

### **23 Tunisia**

Pray for Zaida\* who was expelled from her home because of her faith. Pray she finds rest and comfort in the Lord.

### **24 Laos**

Praise God for the faith of Ubon's\* family after witnessing his miraculous healing. Pray they keep seeking the Lord.

### **25 Christmas Day**

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (John 1:14) Praise God for Jesus' birth, our Mighty God and Prince of Peace.

### **26 Egypt**

Pray church leaders will be equipped with God-given wisdom as they share the Word with large numbers online.

### **27 Brunei (Sunday Prayer)**

Young believer, Elora\*, has a heart to see the people of her country come to know Jesus. Praise God for her selfless faith and pray He will use her to build His kingdom in one of the hardest places to do so.

### **28 Southern Philippines**

Pray for a radical transformation of the hearts of extremists. Pray God will use them to carry out His good plan.

### **29 Indonesia**

Pray for wisdom over parents without internet and Christian resources as they teach their children about Jesus.

### **30 Iran**

Sharing the gospel with Muslims is illegal. Pray secret believers will bravely share the gospel no matter the risk.

### **31 New Year's Eve**

Pray the Church can be bold in sharing the hope they have in Jesus as we reflect on 2020.

## **January**

### **01 New Year**

Pray our staff will be faithful in serving the Church in 2021 and that local Christians will grow in spiritual maturity.

### **02 Lebanon**

Lebanon is a shelter for refugees fleeing conflict. Pray they come to embrace Jesus as their saviour and protector.

### **03 India (Sunday Prayer)**

Pray for the Sodi family as they grieve the unexpected loss of their two daughters. Pray for God-given comfort and perseverance as they navigate faith as the only Christians in their village.

### **04 Myanmar**

U Tun Soe\* was burned by his family when he began following Jesus. Pray for his physical and emotional healing.

### **05 Ethiopia**

Father of three, Girma\*, has been refused emergency aid because of his faith. Pray for provision and encouragement.

### **06 China**

Pray for Abdul\* whose family responded to his faith with violence. Pray he find accessible treatment for his injuries.

### **07 Nigeria**

Praise God Sarim\* survived after his father attacked him with a knife. Pray for his physical and emotional healing.

### **08 Vietnam**

New believer, Kuo\*, was attacked and forced from his village. Pray he find healing as he keeps walking with the Lord.

### **09 Pakistan**

Pray believers from a Muslim background will root their identity in Christ, seeking Him rather than social acceptance.

### **10 Saudi Arabia (Sunday Prayer)**

Pray for God's anointing on leaders of the secret church as they navigate faith forbidden by authorities. Pray they are filled with wisdom and courage as they accept God's calling.

### **11 North Korea**

Pray for strength and wisdom over Christians like Bok-ja who disciple new secret believers in North Korea.

## 12 Bangladesh

Jalil was threatened with death if he kept preaching in his village. Pray for protection as he courageously continues.

## 13 World Watch List

The 2021 World Watch List is released today. Pray believers in the most dangerous countries to follow Jesus will faithfully persevere, no matter the cost.

## 14 Guinea

Pray for believers who are in hiding as they escape faith-based violence. Pray they hold tightly to Jesus.

## 15 Malaysia

Pray Open Doors' partners will find effective ways to reach isolated believers and build up church leaders.

## 16 Cameroon

Pray for comfort and provision for the 11 children of Goda and Bede, who were recently killed by extremists.

## 17 Nepal (Sunday Prayer)

One local church is receiving serious threats of violence and demolition from community members. Pray believers will demonstrate Christ's love to their persecutors, no matter the cost.

## 18 Syria

Thousands are now living without access to clean water and other resources. Pray for God's provision.

## 19 Nicaragua

Pray for Godly wisdom and guidance over pastors as they navigate the impact of COVID-19 in their congregations.

## 20 South Sudan

23 people died in a church attack, most of them women and children. Pray for comfort over their congregation.

## 21 Mozambique

Pray for the safety of Open Doors' partners who deliver emergency relief to regions effected by extremism.

## 22 Mauritania

Pray that Christians find fulfillment in God and His grace rather than money, work or possessions.

## 23 Tajikistan

Pray that the church will be strengthened and able to grow despite opposition from the government.

## 24 Ivory Coast (Sunday Prayer)

Adja's\* husband abandoned their family when she decided to follow Jesus. Praise God she has remained steadfast in faith and pray her powerful testimony will bring others to Christ.

## 25 Central Asia

Praise God Open Doors' partners found housing for a family forced onto the street because of their faith.

## 26 Sri Lanka

Many children are still recovering from the church bombings in 2019. Pray for their emotional healing.

## 27 Democratic Republic of Congo

Pray for peace and protection over women, like Georgine, whose husbands have been targeted by extremists.

## 28 Turkey

Many are discouraged by the government's response to persecution. Pray they find hope in the faithfulness of Jesus.

## 29 Central African Republic

Pray that the church and its leaders will be encouraged and strengthened in the face of fear and persecution.

## 30 Burundi

Pray for opportunities for believers to serve and glorify God during a time of political transition.

## 31 Burkina Faso (Sunday Prayer)

Over half a million people were forced from their homes due to conflict in Burkina Faso in 2020. Pray the church will be a light in their communities and a source of life-giving hope to those suffering.