

**“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”**  
**Psalm 27:14**



**Tuesday 1 | West Africa** – Pray for pastors in West Africa who minister in extremely uncertain and dangerous environments. Pray for their protection and that the Lord will grant them wisdom and discernment.

**Wednesday 2 | Indonesia** – Open Doors local partners are preparing to distribute tens of thousands of Christian books and Bibles this year to thousands of churches and believers throughout Indonesia. Pray that these materials can strengthen and equip the body of Christ.

**Thursday 3 | Laos** – Bongyang\* and Faxai\* are a Christian couple in their 40s with a seven-year-old son. In May 2021, they held a worship service in their home. Even though they followed all COVID-19 restrictions in their region, the couple was apprehended by local authorities, accusing them of breaking COVID-19 protocols, and sent to prison. Pray that this family will be reunited. Pray also for provision, protection, and peace for them.

**Friday 4 | North Korea** – When Min-Young\* first heard the gospel, she received it and gave her heart to Christ. Through her faithful, but discreet, witness, a little underground church has formed. Please pray that God will protect Min-Young and her secret worship group and that no one will report or discover their meetings. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will help her in her daily life.

**Saturday 5 | Libya** – Pray for Mohsen\*. He had to leave his city as he was not safe there anymore because of his faith in Jesus. Pray he will be able to settle somewhere else.

**Sunday 6 | Tunisia** – Pray for Amina\*. Her family expelled her from her home because of her faith. She is trying to find a new place to live.

**Monday 7 | Morocco** – Pray for Mouha\*. He was beaten up by his friends after they found a Bible in his pocket.

**Tuesday 8 | Bangladesh** – Recently, Bangladesh has been experiencing communal conflict. Muslims have been accusing members of religious minorities, including Christians, of insulting Islam or the Quran. This has led to violence, including destroying houses and properties and the killing of innocent people. Ask God to calm these conflicts and restore peace.

**Wednesday 9 | China** – China is intentionally reducing the number of overseas business people, students and teachers, especially those suspected of being affiliated with missionary organizations, to limit evangelism and any interaction with local Chinese Christians. Pray that Chinese churches will be led by the Holy Spirit and be equipped to face any form of oppression.

**Thursday 10 | Kenya** – Jaali\* is originally from a Muslim family. When his family found out he converted to Christianity they pressured him to marry a Muslim girl and promised him many gifts if he did. Instead, Jaali married Zawadi\*, a Christian woman. After 11 years of marriage, they now have 2 children. Thank the Lord for this family and their commitment to follow Jesus despite the many challenges they face. Pray that the Lord will protect this family from harm.

**Friday 11 | Syria** – A new partnership in the middle of Syria was established in 2021. This opens new doors for ministry in a new area and enables us to reach more needy Christians. Pray for our new partnership to be fruitful and blessed. Pray for the local team to have wisdom in identifying the real need and meet it in the right way.

**Saturday 12 | Tunisia** – Pray for Amir\* who is very afraid to go to a church meeting. He is scared he will be recognized as a believer by the people around him. Pray for wisdom and protection.

**Sunday 13 | China** – During the Winter Olympics in Beijing this month, Chinese Christians will be monitored and restricted more than usual. Online monitoring of interactions with overseas Christians will increase. Pastors will be warned to stay at home and basically ‘keep quiet’ during this period. This also means any itinerant ministry will be seriously hindered. Please pray that all the believers, and pastors in particular, can once again rise above man’s control to enjoy God’s freedom and the joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Monday 14 | Egypt** – Vulnerable girls living in slum areas in Cairo and Upper Egypt can be defenseless against different types of exploitation and seduction. This causes them to live in fear every day. We believe in God’s justice and integrity. Please pray for healing, peace and joy in the hearts of these girls and young women.

**Tuesday 15 | Vietnam** – Thao\* and his wife became Christians in June 2021 and were the first believers in their animist village. After their conversion, they decided to move out of their parents’ house together with their five children and build their own home. However, the authorities have stopped Thao from building the house due to his Christian faith. Please pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and nurture the faith of Thao, his wife, and his children, especially in this trying time.

**Wednesday 16 | Central Asia** – Open Doors is helping the church in Central Asia to spread the Gospel through the use of micro-SD cards that contain biblical materials. Please pray that God will continue to use these micro-SD cards to reach new people with the gospel and that they will help believers to grow in their faith.

**Thursday 17 | Syria** – If you said to a Syrian ‘There is hope!’, then don’t be surprised to get the reply: ‘In our lifetime?’ In 10 years of war and strife, so many things are destroyed. Not only infrastructure and houses but on a much deeper level. Pray that there will be enough of God’s righteous people in the country who share the hopeful message of salvation.

**Friday 18 | Lebanon** – The people in Lebanon are in a dire situation. Economically it has been extremely hard. The wars in the region (Iraq and Syria mainly) have inflicted massive numbers of refugees, increasing the population by 25% or more. Please keep the country in your prayers. Pray for good and trustworthy leadership in the government. Pray for churches to take a leading role in doing good.

**Saturday 19 | Sri Lanka** – The pandemic led to many challenges for our local partners as they tried to serve our persecuted brothers and sisters. Pray that they will have more opportunities this year to minister to persecuted Christians in Sri Lanka.

**Sunday 20 | Libya** – Pray for political stability in this country. There were elections at the end of 2021. Pray that this will lead to peace in the country.

**Monday 21 | Syria** – Some reports say that there are now Syrian refugees in 127 countries around the world. Pray for the peace of the country; true, deep, and lasting peace. Pray that Christians in these 127 countries reach out to Syrians with the perspective of Jesus on the throne and a Kingdom everlasting.

**Tuesday 22 | North Korea** – Please pray that God will warm the Christians throughout the winter season. Pray that He will cure the sick both in their bodies and in their spirits. Please pray that the support and prayer from brothers and sisters around the world will be guided by His hands to be of great help to the secret Christians in North Korea.

**Wednesday 23 | Arabian Peninsula** – Believers from a Muslim background find depression especially challenging as they seek to walk in the freedom of Christ. Pray for them to break free from the chains of depression. Ask the Father to show them how to walk in the fullness of Christ.

**Thursday 24 | Indonesia** – The pandemic has greatly affected the church in Indonesia. Many churches have struggled through this season to keep their churches in existence and many believers are struggling spiritually, mentally and financially. One of our local partners shares, “Let us pray that this year will be the year of revival! Nothing is impossible for our God! May the Body of Christ be restored and rise to be stronger than ever to proclaim the Good News.”

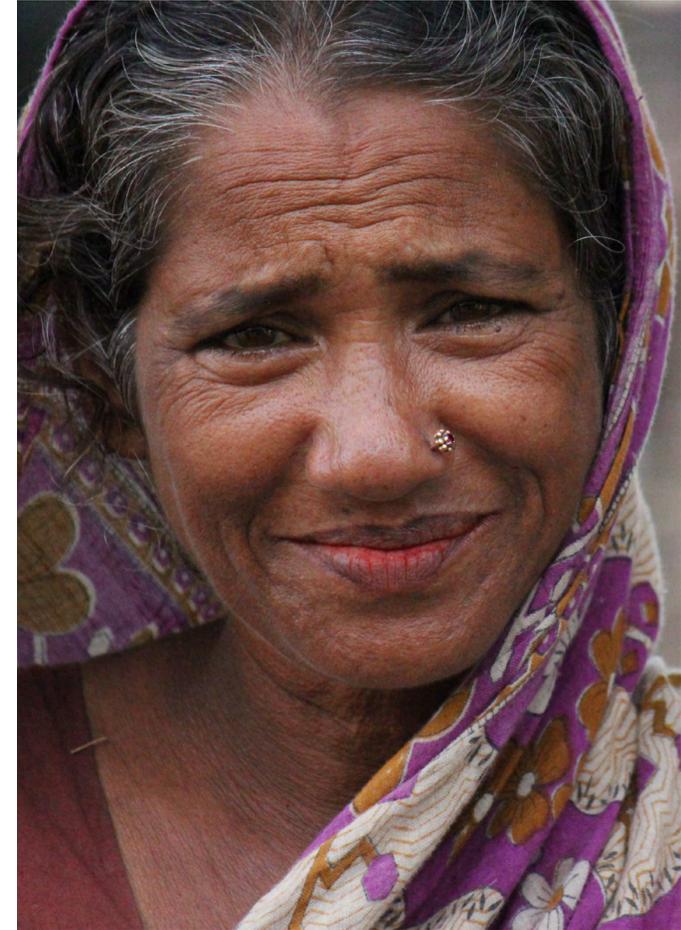
**Friday 25 | Sri Lanka** – Kumara\* and his wife live in a small house made of clay. They had to move out of his parent’s house because they did not have the freedom to worship there. They are also being pressured to move out of their family’s land. For converts like Kumara, following Christ is a daily battle. Pray that Kumara and his wife will find strength and courage to stand firm in their faith in Christ and that they will be able to rebuild their relationships with their families.

**Saturday 26 | Israel & Palestine** – Please pray for brothers and sisters who tirelessly dedicate themselves to help, support and advocate for others. Be it in teaching, preaching or caring – they all need daily inspiration from the Holy Spirit to continue doing this good work. Pray that they would experience God’s grace and protection.

**Sunday 27 | China** – Please pray for Michael\*. He has been threatened by education authorities at his university. Educational institutions across Michael’s city have been ordered by the government to interview and monitor Christian students to make sure they do not attend religious activities or search the internet for Christian resources. Please pray for Michael and Christian students like him who face this kind of coercion.

**Monday 28 | Maldives** – Violence against women is a serious national concern in the Maldives. Statistics show that 1 in 3 women aged 18-59 experienced physical or sexual violence. One of the greatest challenges facing the criminal justice system, including the police, is the reluctance of victims to provide support to the investigation. Please pray that victims would receive the help that they need. Pray that the right people will be sent by God to help them out of these horrible situations.

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