Open Doors PRAYER CALENDAR



**Tuesday 1 | Mexico** – A training for leaders and pastors was held in Chiapas, the state where most incidents of persecution in Mexico have been reported. Pray for wisdom and knowledge for the pastors as they learn and in turn, teach their churches to live for Christ.

Wednesday 2 | Brunei – There are few Christian churches in the country, and unfortunately, the Christian community struggles with disunity amongst different denominations. Pray for God to put a desire in the hearts of church leaders to pursue unity.

Thursday 3 | Nigeria — Fulani militants killed Blessing's husband in March, leaving her devastated and mourning. After visiting the Shalom Centre in Nigeria, Blessing shared, "God knows about my pain, and I am not alone... and this knowledge has strengthened my faith in a whole new way. I am very grateful." Pray for Blessing that she will be comforted and remain firm in her faith.

Friday 4 I China – Open Doors partner Xiu\* shares, "Young believers spent time to worship and to pray for their country, their family members, and other non-believers for their salvation in Christ! It was very powerful! I can feel the presence of the Lord!" Pray for and with youth in China.

Saturday 5 I Indonesia – In Indonesia, a church must have at least 90 congregants to obtain a building permit. Additionally, the church also needs the approval of the village chief and 60 signatures from locals. Pray that God would lead legislators so that people from all religious backgrounds will enjoy the same freedoms.

Sunday 6 | Malaysia – After supporting a group of farmers in East Malaysia through practical agricultural training, local partners witnessed a stronger and more united community who learned how to trust God through their circumstances. Thank God for what is happening in Malaysia and pray for future trainings.

Monday 7 I Vietnam – A group of believers in a village located in central Vietnam was encouraged to reach out to their community and create solutions to problems in their village despite the persecution they receive after attending a Salt and Light training conducted by Open Doors' local partner. Pray that their testimony and acts of love will bring people to Jesus.

Tuesday 8 | North Korea – Each year, Open Doors field workers provide support and training for around 150-200 North Korean women who have been trafficked into China. Pray for protection for those attending these secret meetings. Pray they receive God's healing love.

Wednesday 9 I Bangladesh – Thank God for the various programs, including Adult Literacy and discipleship, delivered by Open Doors' partners in Bangladesh every year. Pray for God's power to transform and strengthen young believers through these sessions.

Thursday 10 | Sri Lanka – Many Christian children in rural areas do not have access to Christian education. Open Doors partners support volunteer teachers who teach about Christ to these children. Pray that the students will truly be salt and light in their communities as a result of the work of these volunteer teachers.

Friday 11 | Saudi Arabia – Believers in Saudi Arabia are restricted in the ways they can meet and worship. Pray that when they do gather, their time together is rich in fellowship, worship and the presence of God.

Saturday 12 | Central Asia – Hakim\* and his family recently returned to their home country to restart their ministry. He faces pressure and scrutiny from the government. Pray that Hakim stays safe and that he inspires people through his faithful witness.

Sunday 13 | Colombia – Twenty Christian leaders gathered in the Córdoba region to share their testimonies and the impact that the workshop "Standing Strong Through the Storm" had on their ministries and the persecution they are facing. Pray that this teaching will strengthen believers in their faith.

Monday 14 I Kyrgyzstan – Riana, a mother of four, is married to an unbeliever. Because of her faith, she is constantly harassed and beaten by her husband. She and her children were recently kicked out of their home. A local church helped her find a place to stay. Pray for Riana and her children, that God will be their refuge and everpresent help in their time of need.

**Tuesday 15 I Laos** – Peto\* lives in one of the most remote villages in southern Laos. He was kicked out of his home and dismissed from his military post because he boldly confesses his faith in Christ. Instead of breaking him, Peto is now an itinerant evangelist travelling from one area to another to proclaim the gospel. Pray for Peto.

Wednesday 16 | Burkina Faso – On May 25, seven people were killed including a local pastor when jihadists attacked Molokadou village in northern Burkina Faso. Pastor Jonas Yaro (39) served the village for eight years and leaves behind a wife and three children. Pray for Pastor Jonas' wife and children, as well as the church he leaves behind.

Thursday 17 | Philippines – Pria\* is a mother of nine with an abusive husband who is in jail on drug charges. To demonstrate God's love to her Muslim neighbours, she brought food for them when they broke fast during Ramadan. Pray for Pria as she continues to minister and raise her children despite her own circumstances.

Friday 18 | Philippines – Despite facing persecution and adversity, children from Southern Philippines, along with their friends and devoted teachers continue to courageously share the gospel. Their resilience and faith in God shine through, transcending religious and cultural differences. Praise God for this testament to the enduring power of hope and faith of the believers.

Saturday 19 I Kyrgyzstan – Jena\* and her sister Relinda\* are believers in a small village in Kyrgyzstan. Persecution began when people in their community discovered that they had become Christians. With the help of Open Doors, they relocated to a different city. Pray that Jena and Relinda will recover and find new hope and strength in the Lord. Pray that they will have the wisdom to discern the right time to return home.

**Sunday 20 I Iran** – A team of Open Doors partners supports traumatized Iranian people with counselling and prayer. Praise God for this vital work and for the beneficial impact it is having on individuals.

Monday 21 I Yemen – Thank God that so many people in Yemen are seeking Christ on online platforms that provide discipleship classes. Please pray that they will be inspired by the teaching and that they will meet Jesus in new ways.

Tuesday 22 | Central Asia – Thank God for Open Doors children's workers supporting persecuted children in Central Asia. They often hear difficult stories from the children. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom, strength and love to continue their work.

Wednesday 23 | Myanmar – Open Doors' partners and aid workers deliver food and training in Myanmar. Please pray for their safety as they travel to different places to pray for persecuted believers and help them in practical ways.

Thursday 24 | Sri Lanka – When believers face persecution, the sole responsibility of caring for them often falls on their pastor. When speaking to a field partner, one pastor from a village broke down in tears as he shared his struggles. Pray for wisdom and strength for these pastors as they support believers through difficult times.

Friday 25 | Egypt – Christians in small Egyptian villages suffer persecution, humiliation and oppression. Recently, there were incidents of looting and burning of some of the properties belonging to Christians. Pray for the protection of these vulnerable Christians.

**Saturday 26 I Iraq** – Centres of Hope are helping local people build businesses. Pray that these initiatives continue to grow and thrive, and for the beneficiaries to succeed in their ventures.

**Sunday 27 I North Korea** – Pray for Christians who secretly listen to Christian radio broadcasts from abroad. Pray for their protection when they listen at night, that they will be encouraged, and they will grow in their faith.

Monday 28 | Nepal – Please pray for persecuted believers in Nepal who tend to be extremely poor. Pray for financial provision and that God will provide for their needs.

Tuesday 29 | Laos — Maixay\* is a passionate believer from southern Laos who travels on dangerous roads and into highly sensitive areas to pray for the sick, encourage believers, and share the Good News. Praise God for Maixay and pray that God will protect him as he reaches out to communities.

Wednesday 30 | Brunei – Some Christian converts come from Muslim backgrounds. They face opposition from their families, but their lives continue to inspire others to follow Christ. Praise God for their witness!

Thursday 31 I Mexico – Since her husband, Pastor Cristerio, was killed by a guerrilla group, Florencia was left in charge of two churches, while raising her three children on her own. Pray for God's strength as Florencia carries on the work of her husband.

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