



“Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 3:18

Monday 1 | Central Asia – Pray for Tilana*. When her Muslim husband found her Bible, he beat her with sticks and shouted at her for four hours, humiliating her with his words. Pray for her physical and emotional healing.

Tuesday 2 | Laos – Pray with the sons of a pastor who were detained by police for leading a Bible study. Ask God to embolden them to continue to visit believers. Pray that God would watch over the believers who opened their home for the Bible study. They could face oppression from villagers.

Wednesday 3 | Malaysia – Every ethnic Malay is assumed to be Muslim, as defined by the Malaysian constitution. Pray that God’s Spirit would reveal Jesus to ethnic Malays through His Word, visions and the witness of Christians.

Thursday 4 | Niger – Last year’s military coup has added to the growing hostility felt by many Christians across Niger. Pray for stability and that the influence of extremist groups would not grow.

Friday 5 | Brunei – Pray for Christians who struggle with laws that are biased against Christianity. Ask God to give His people grace and patience.

Saturday 6 | Kazakhstan – Pray that God would protect Christians who convert from Islam to withstand the pressure and oppression that comes from family and community.

Sunday 7 | Central African Republic – The Central African Republic has been in constant conflict since 2013—and the persecution situation has changed very little in that period. Many of the factions involved in the decade-long conflict have been credibly accused of human rights violations, even as they now control much of the country. Pray that God would miraculously bring about a peaceful resolution to this decade-long conflict.

Monday 8 | Cameroon – The looming threat of Boko Haram and ISWAP in the far north is an ongoing concern. Christians in this part of Cameroon face the possibility of abduction, sexual violence, forced displacement, and death. Pray for the violence to end. Ask God to bring about a peace only He can create.

Tuesday 9 | Muslim World – Pray for wisdom and guidance for Christians who will enter their Muslim neighbours’ homes during Eid-ul-Fitr, the final breaking of the fast during Ramadan. Usually, during this festive season, Muslims welcome people in their neighbourhood to eat with them and join all the festivities. Pray that Christians will be salt and light to those around them, and their conversations that will point people toward Jesus.

Wednesday 10 | Egypt – Christians who have converted from Islam experience the most severe persecution. They face enormous pressure from their family and community to return to Islam. Pray that believers from a Muslim background would be protected.

Thursday 11 | Türkiye – On January 28th, two armed individuals attacked the ‘Santa Maria’ church in Istanbul, Türkiye. They killed one person and injured some others. Two days later, police arrested the attackers, and the Islamic group ‘ISIS’ took responsibility for the attack. Please pray for God’s protection for all the churches in Türkiye. May God give them peace and strengthen their faith.

Friday 12 | Iran – Pray for Esmail Narimanpour, a new convert. After being forced into “re-education” sessions with an Islamic cleric, he has now been arrested.

Saturday 13 | Jordan – Christians from a Muslim background can face great pressure and often face threats of violence. Pray that God would make His presence known to them.

Sunday 14 | Nigeria – Today marks 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok. Pray for the grieving parents of the estimated 112 women who remain missing.

Monday 15 | Tajikistan – No religious activities beyond state-run and controlled institutions are allowed in Tajikistan. Pray that the government would ease their tight grip on religious freedom.

Tuesday 16 | Malaysia – Please pray for God’s covering over a Bishop in Malaysia who is boldly standing up for the rights of Christians and other social causes. Pray for unity among leaders and communities so that they may have an open mind to engage in constructive dialogue about religious freedoms. Pray that they will work to find common ground and deal with issues with compassion and respect for one another and their viewpoints.

Wednesday 17 | Democratic Republic of Congo – Pray that God would protect His people from violent attacks, especially Christians in eastern DRC who are targeted by Islamic militant groups.

Thursday 18 | Central Asia – Praise God that our sister Mahri has begun college in another city away from her abusive Muslim aunt who refused to let her attend church. Mahri also asks for community: “Pray that God will help me find sisters and brothers. I’m longing for a new family.”

Friday 19 | Mexico – Many believers live in danger of persecution, particularly from criminal gangs, drug cartels and indigenous groups. Pray for the protection of Christians vulnerable to hostility from criminal gangs.

Saturday 20 | Oman – There is almost no tolerance for family members who convert to Christianity, in part because of Oman's strong clan mentality. Pray that converts will be strengthened to withstand the pressure they may feel from their family and society.

Sunday 21 | Sri Lanka – Five years ago today, Islamic extremists bombed three churches. Pray with those who lost loved ones in the Easter Sunday attacks. This is an especially difficult day. Pray for Zion Church Pastor Kumaran and his wife Sarantha, who lost their 12-year-old son Malkiya, and for Praba, a Sunday school teacher at Zion Church who lost her eight-year-old son Peter.

Monday 22 | North Korea – Through a secret network, Open Doors provides living essentials to persecuted believers in North Korea. Pray for our field workers who must be alert to any sign of a problem. They ask us to pray for discernment and "protection from deceiving spirits."

Tuesday 23 | Laos – Persecution has risen sharply in Laos. Pray with our local partners as they respond to increasing incidents. Pray that God will continue to bless and protect this resilient church. We know the gates of hell will not prevail.

Wednesday 24 | Comoros – There are many reports of local communities ostracizing individuals suspected of converting from Islam to Christianity, which forces many converts to keep their faith a secret. Pray for Christians from a Muslim background to be protected.

Thursday 25 | Vietnam – Most believers belong to ethnic minority groups, like the Hmong, and face social exclusion, discrimination and attacks. Pray that God would protect and strengthen Christians from these ethnic minorities to stand firm in their faith.

Friday 26 | Bangladesh – Ask God to help those in Bangladesh who have left Islam to follow Him. Pray that He would raise them up to lead the next generation.

Saturday 27 | Mauritania – Mauritania is staunchly Islamic and Christian activities are severely restricted, making it difficult for Christians to express their faith. For those who convert from Islam, it is almost impossible. Pray that converts will be encouraged to press on in their faith despite the challenges and dangers.

Sunday 28 | Mozambique – The rise of Islamic extremism in the north of the country has had a devastating impact on the lives of believers. Pray for courage and protection for Christians living under the threat of attacks by Islamic militant groups.

Monday 29 | Sri Lanka – Pray for Kanthi*, an elderly woman, who is isolated and rejected by her community because she refused to give in to the demands of her Buddhist relatives and villagers. She lives in a Buddhist village in Sri Lanka. When her husband passed away in October 2023, villagers insisted that she should follow Buddhist rituals, but she stood firm in her faith. With tears in her eyes, she expressed how lonely she feels living alone and providing for herself. Pray that God will be Kanthi's strength and that she will continue to experience His love and presence as she lives surrounded by people who are against her faith.

Tuesday 30 | Bangladesh – On January 31, an MBB evangelist, Mojnu, was jailed after being captured by some extreme local Muslims while distributing gospel tracts. He was falsely accused of converting by luring poor and helpless Muslims with huge sums of money and disgracing Islam. Praise God that he has been released. Pray for his further protection. He is an active and effective evangelist.

*Names changed for security reasons.

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