

Saturday 1 I India – Pray for India's state and national elections that began in April and officially end today. The election outcome is crucial and will indicate if the situation for Christians will intensify further or help create better conditions for the church in India. Pray that the election outcomes would be favourable to religious freedom.

Sunday 2 | Central Asia – Praise God that Muhit\* has found Christ in a society where Christians are persecuted. Pray for our new brother's strength and wisdom as he risks his life to follow Jesus. Pray also for the small Christian community that led Muhit to Christ. They meet in secret every week. Pray for their protection as they build the Kingdom in these Muslim-dominated areas.

Monday 3 | Egypt — Pray for girls in Egypt who must constantly fight to see their value. Where they live, the restrictions of the prevailing Islamic culture marginalize and devalue women. Pray that they would see themselves as Jesus sees them.

Tuesday 4 | Philippines – The Timothy training in the Southern Philippines is set to empower 40 Muslim Background Believer (MBB) youth leaders who are passionate about their faith in Christ. Let us pray for MBB youth leaders that the upcoming Timothy training will further equip and inspire them in their ministry.

Wednesday 5 | Oman – Pray for the local church in Oman as they have been losing their mentors. Our partners ask us to pray for the Omani believers who live under pressure from their families and government.

Thursday 6 I Iraq — Pray with Iraqi Christians that they will hold on to hope and continue to pray for a brighter and more peaceful future for this recovering nation.

Friday 7 I North Korea – Satellite images comparison shows that North Korea has expanded camp 25, a prison camp for political offenders (Christians are considered political offenders). It seems that the North Korean regime expects more people to be deported to this camp. Pray that God will strengthen and finally liberate the prisoners. Pray that Christians won't lose their faith, but that the Holy Spirit will give them perseverance.

Saturday 8 I Sri Lanka – Let us thank God for His faithfulness in Rebecca's life. She was one of the victims of the Easter bombing attack in April 2019. She was severely burned from the blast, but by God's grace, she survived. After recovering, she got married, and last year, she gave birth to their first baby. Praise God for blessing Rebecca's life and for her resilience, which never wavered even when she went through a very tragic situation.

Sunday 9 | Vietnam – Tuan Kiet\* used to be an animist and believed in ancestor worship. He came to the Lord through a friend and has since led 37 individuals from his community to the Lord. However, in December the local authorities commanded him and the others to deny their faith and stop their Bible studies. Tuan Kiet politely refused. Furious, the authorities hired thugs to attack him. Please pray for healing for Tuan Kiet from the pain he has experienced. Thank God for his steadfastness and desire to hold his faith close despite the cost.

Monday 10 | Syria – Pray for the new project *Trauma Healing for Children*, which will train course participants to work with hurting kids in Syria. Pray the right applicants will be selected and the training will be fruitful.

**Tuesday 11 | Maldives** – There have been reports of local youths being linked to terrorism, including cases of recruitment and sending Maldivians to participate in the civil conflict in Syria. Pray for the youth and the very small Christian community.

Wednesday 12 | North Korea – Pray for the North Korean regime and authorities at all levels. North Korea is a country with a lot of idolization, indoctrination, and corruption. All people learn that it's important to take care of yourself if you want to survive. Ask the Lord that He reveals His love to those in power and pray that soon there will be freedom and healing in the country.

Thursday 13 | Myanmar – Pray that Christians will be able to continue sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others and will be a ray of hope for people struggling in the darkness of the country.

Friday 14 I Vietnam – Vy, 68, is a former shaman before she gave her life to Jesus in September 2023. As a shaman, she was revered by her community and used to offer sacrifices to different spirits in her village for the healing or luck of villagers. Now a Christian, she was confronted by her son to renounce her faith. Resolute, she refused to do so and was severely beaten by her son. Please pray for Vy that God will give her peace and comfort and quickly heal all her wounds.

Saturday 15 | North Korea – North Korea has 26 million people. More than one percent of the population is somewhere in the prison system: in a village for banished people, in a prison, or a labour camp. Among them are many Christians. We don't know their names, but God knows. Pray for all Christian prisoners, that God will strengthen them, that they will keep hope and that they will be released one day.

**Sunday 16** I **India** – Pray for churches closed down by Hindu extremists. Pray these congregations can one day gather again for worship and that God would lead these believers to new faith communities.

Monday 17 | Indonesia - Discipleship classes conducted by our local partners have inspired Surya\* to preach the Word, baptize new believers, and even mentor other MBBs. Pray for future participants that they will learn and grow in their faith through these classes.

Tuesday 18 | Colombia – Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the entire Open Doors team working in the field, both the members in Colombia and the facilitators, volunteers and all those who serve the persecuted church in various areas. May they be blessed as they are a blessing to others.

Wednesday 19 | Laos - Please pray for families who have been kicked out of their villages because of their faith. There are a total of 6 families from the south of Laos who are still living in the forest due to financial constraints. OD has been supporting them through our local partners in their immediate needs. Pray for provision for their daily needs and a good source of clean water.

Thursday 20 | World Refugee Day - Today is World Refugee Day. Pray with our Christian family who have been forced to flee their homes and countries. Pray these refugees would find a supportive faith community as they attempt to rebuild their lives.

Friday 21 | Cameroon - On Friday, March 15, Boko Haram militants attacked the village of Lambram near the Cameroon-Nigeria border, killing one believer and destroying livelihoods. Since the start of 2024 at least 1,500 have been displaced. Pray that God would give strength and power to overcome fear to the church leaders serving these communities.

Saturday 22 | Yemen - One of our partnering networks in Yemen rejoices over 100 baptisms in 2023-50% more than in 2022. "Please continue to pray for the Yemeni church," the leader asks, "that they will continue to be faithful as they boldly preach the gospel."

Sunday 23 | Laos – Throughout Laos, many new believers and communities are still facing persecution in the form of threats, intimidation, and attempts to force them to leave the area. Please pray that they will be protected from any harm that they may receive from family members or the community.

Monday 24 | Indonesia - Pray for the new government that came to power after the recent elections. Pray that these new leaders of Indonesia will do what is right and remain committed to the welfare of every citizen.

Tuesday 25 | Kyrgyzstan – The government has proposed a new law that will restrict the freedom of religion and belief. This can have severe consequences for Christians in Kyrgyzstan. Please pray for them.

Wednesday 26 | Bahrain - Pray that the Bahraini people would come to know and experience Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit would come over Bahrain and we would see a discipleship movement in this island nation.

Thursday 27 | Philippines – In the southern Philippines, where children of MBB's face challenges due to their families' financial and spiritual struggles, a monthly children's ministry seeks to provide them with spiritual guidance and Christian values. Let us continue to uplift these MBB children in prayer, asking for guidance from their teachers and wisdom for the parents to implement these lessons in their homes.

Friday 28 | Sri Lanka – Nisha\* and her husband are serving the Lord despite receiving death threats from Nisha's family. Pray for this couple who are facing problems because of their faith. Pray that God will make a way for Nisha's family to experience the transformative love of Christ.

Saturday 29 | Bangladesh - Due to government policies, it is difficult for many organizations, including Christian NGOs, to bring support or donations from other countries. This significantly impacts their work. Pray for reasonable changes in government rules and policies that will allow Christian organizations and ministries to operate freely. Pray for the policymakers as well.

Sunday 30 | Afghanistan – Pray for Christian refugees from Afghanistan in neighbouring countries who do not have official papers, which can make them vulnerable to exploitation by the local population. Pray for the safety and security of those being deported back to Afghanistan.

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