

"I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."

Psalms 59:16



Tuesday 1 | Saudi Arabia – Pray with a sister in Saudi Arabia: "Pray for Saudi believers. May God give them strength, protection, joy and peace and open the door for us to meet other believers to pray together."

Wednesday 2 | Iran – Pray for your sisters in Iran in difficult situations: those who are imprisoned for their ministry; who suffer from domestic violence; the widowed or divorced; and women whose husbands are jailed for their faith.

Thursday 3 | Yemen – One Christian woman in Yemen asks us to pray: "May our Lord be with the people of Yemen and help them in disasters and war. Pray for Yemenis that they would know the path of truth."

Friday 4 | Women – Stand with our persecuted sisters through prayer. Pray that they would see their important role in the family and society. Pray with women who don't have the freedom to practice their faith openly. When a woman is the only believer in the family, being part of a local church becomes extremely difficult.

Saturday 5 | Pakistan – In April, there will be many meetings where believers will share their faith with their non-Christian friends, neighbours, and co-workers. These can be joyful occasions, although they can also be dangerous. Sharing the Gospel with people of another faith is forbidden by law. Please ask the Lord to cover those meetings with His hands, so that the meetings will be safe and blessed. Pray that many will turn to Jesus for their salvation.

Sunday 6 | Laos – Last month, Open Doors local partners conducted a Bible class to equip leaders and pastors for local churches. Pray that these leaders will gain a deeper understanding of scripture, which will help them grow closer to the Lord so that they in turn will be able to strengthen their congregation according to God's will.

Monday 7 | Egypt – Pray for Eman*, a 12-year-old Christian girl who faced deep trauma. The family was forced to flee because of their faith, fearing for their lives. Pray for continued access to trauma counselling and spiritual support for traumatized Christians.

Tuesday 8 | Bangladesh – Pray for the believers from a Muslim background (MBB) in Bangladesh who are celebrating Easter. In April 2025, for the first time, OD local partners in Bangladesh will organize an Easter Celebration for the MBBs who have never participated in such a celebration or do not have the freedom to do so because of where they live.

Wednesday 9 | North Korea – Celebrating Easter is forbidden in North Korea so Christians have to experience it in secret. Pray that God will strengthen them this Easter, that they will experience the power of the resurrection and that they will persevere, no matter their circumstances.

Thursday 10 | China – Various trainings, including persecution-preparedness, leadership, discipleship and marriage counselling, will be held in different regions of China this month. Pray for the preparation and the safety of all involved.

Friday 11 | Venezuela – Please pray for the protection and security of all congregations, ministers, and believers during Holy Week activities, especially in the context of political, social, and economic challenges. May Holy Week be an opportunity for the Venezuelan people to experience trust and strengthen their faith in God amid the difficulties facing the country.

Saturday 12 | Nicaragua – Pray for protection and freedom for congregations to celebrate Holy Week in Nicaragua next week. Currently the church faces significant challenges due to political restrictions and repression of religious freedom. Pray that despite the difficulties, God's people may experience a deep spiritual revival and renewal of their faith during these days.

Sunday 13 | Worldwide – Today on Palm Sunday, remember your persecuted family throughout the world who cannot openly celebrate Holy Week. Ask God to bring them beautiful reminders that the King has already conquered death.

Monday 14 | Nigeria – Today marks 11 years since more than 276 girls were kidnapped from their finishing school in Nigeria's Chibok village. An estimated 91 are still missing. Pray for comfort and strength for believers impacted by this tragedy.

Tuesday 15 | Indonesia – Vina*, one of the victims of the Makassar bombing who had 90% of her body surface area severely burnt, still has some more surgeries to be done. She has had 11 surgeries over the past four years, and two more procedures are needed to straighten her index finger. Despite this, she holds no grudges and has forgiven the bombers who attacked her church on Palm Sunday, four years ago. Please pray for God to strengthen her spiritually and psychologically as her body goes through the process of healing.

Wednesday 16 | Iraq – Easter celebrations are usually big in Iraq, especially in areas where there is a Christian majority, all the week from Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday celebrations are seen in the forms of marches in the streets or church celebrations. Let us pray that the joy of Easter spreads in the hearts of the Iraqi Christians, and may it bring them new hope. May the celebrations happen safely and may our Risen Lord be glorified.

Thursday 17 | Vietnam – All Vietnamese churches will celebrate Easter and hold evangelical events commemorating Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Please pray that all preparations will go smoothly, and that God softens participants' hearts to receive the Gospel as they hear the good news.

Friday 18 | Worldwide – Today on Good Friday, as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross, pray that our persecuted family who risks so much to follow Jesus would know how much they are loved by their Savior.

Saturday 19 | Worldwide – On Holy Saturday, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection, pray for protection from attacks as believers gather in their local churches. Ask God to place His hand over their celebrations and guide their leaders.

Sunday 20 | Worldwide – "He is not here, for He has risen..." Praise God! Today on Easter Sunday, pray that our persecuted family would grasp the hope and peace that Christ's resurrection brings to our hurting world.

Monday 21 | Malaysia – In East Malaysia, believers were secretly baptized. Where they live, Christians are harassed by the government and rejected by villagers because they left Islam. Remember these believers today—their decision comes with great risk and sacrifice.

Tuesday 22 | Bangladesh – In Bangladesh, Jorina* and her family face ongoing threats from their community for their faith. She prays and longs for her community to know Jesus. Pray with her that God would soften the hearts of her persecutors by her loving attitude towards them.

Wednesday 23 | Kyrgyzstan – Pray for the Christian community and churches in Kyrgyzstan. A new religion law came into effect in February 2025, and this new law bans all unregistered exercise of freedom of religion or belief and makes it impossible for communities with fewer than 500 adult citizen members to gain legal status.

Thursday 24 | North Korea – Recently, a few hundred North Koreans, most of them women, were sent back from China and repatriated to North Korea where they are imprisoned. Please pray that God would draw them close to Him.

Friday 25 | Sudan – The Sudan war has made it increasingly dangerous for Christians caught in the crossfire. Many believers have been forced to flee the violence and now live displaced from their homes. Ask God to remind them that wherever they are, He is with them. Continue to ask God for rescue and peace.

Saturday 26 | Nepal – Stand with Pastor Manoj Pokhrel. His church building was attacked by Hindu extremists. Pastor Manoj says that church members are being threatened and many have stopped coming.

Sunday 27 | Nigeria – Answered prayer! After six years, Nigerian nurse Alice Loksha is free from her extremist captors! You may remember Alice. She was kidnapped by Boko Haram faction ISWAP. Since 2018, we have been praying for Alice's homecoming and in October 2024, God answered that prayer. Please continue to pray for physical and spiritual healing for Alice and her child. In captivity, she was forced to marry two ISWAP commanders and gave birth to a son, who escaped alongside his mother.

Monday 28 | Laos – A workshop on the overview of the Bible and basic Bible interpretation will gather leaders and pastors from rural areas who lack biblical knowledge. Attendees will study the main themes and outline of the Bible, gaining a deeper understanding of the key messages. Please pray for our local partner to prepare the venue, materials, and training sessions efficiently. Pray for wisdom for the trainers and the safety of attendees during their travels, learning, and discussions.

Tuesday 29 | Bangladesh – Pray with Kulsum* for strength and resilience. Her family is under immense pressure to renounce their faith. Local Islamic leaders are trying to ban their children from attending school. Pray for this family's protection, asking God to keep them safe from the threats and pressure, and to also watch over their children during these difficult times.

Wednesday 30 | India – North India is witnessing more than a hundred persecution incidents every month. As a result, conducting our trainings is becoming increasingly difficult. Please pray for our staff's safety and perseverance.

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