

PERSECUTED WOMEN

1. Throughout the world, women are doubly persecuted for both their faith and their gender. Pray they would know their identity in Christ, accepting and believing the truth of God's Word.
2. 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.
3. Pray that Iranian women would believe in their talents, abilities and gifts. Pray for their courage to use them for God's glory, focusing on their worth in God's eyes.
4. 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."
5. Pray that that the worldwide Church would wake up and join in the suffering of persecuted believers.
6. 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.
7. 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."
8. Today, we stand with our persecuted sisters through prayer. Pray that they would see their important role in the family and society.
9. Pray with Yasmina* from North Africa. She and her husband are Christian converts from Islam and in the face of mounting hostility were

forced to flee their country. Pray for their safety.

10. Pray with Batoul*, a young woman in her late 20 in North Africa. She is unmarried and a Christian ministry leader—a risky combination where she lives. Pray for perseverance.

11. Batoul asks us to pray for women in North Africa: "...Pray that they would not be afraid but instead, encouraged." She also asks us to pray for her family's salvation.

12. Pray for wisdom and strength for Christian women in Muslim families who are forced to participate in Islamic religious celebrations.

13. In Bangladesh, Jorina* and her family face ongoing threats from their community for their faith. Pray Deuteronomy 31:6 over her: *"Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God goes with you."*

14. Jorina prays and longs for her community to know Jesus. Stand with her, praying that God would soften the hearts of her persecutors by her loving attitude towards them.



In photo: Jorina, persecuted believer from Bangladesh

15. Pray that God would lead Christian couples who live with the husband's extended family to independent housing. Often, in-laws interfere, and making it more difficult for them to live out their faith.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

16. In north Laos, Amphon*, along with his wife Veena* and their three children, have been repeatedly forced to move out because they are determined to follow Jesus. Pray that God would give them strength and a permanent place to live in.

17. Amphon's relatives cut off his family's electricity because they were angry over their faith decision. Please pray for the family as they continue to follow Jesus.

18. "Every time me and my wife face persecution, we hold hands and pray to the Lord," Amphon says. Pray that this family could be salt and light for their relatives and community.

19. 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.

EGYPT

20. Pray with Eman*, a 12-year-old Christian girl from Egypt who faced deep trauma after her father trusted Christ. The family was forced to flee, fearing for their lives. Pray that God would lead them to a safe place.

21. A powerful dream led Eman to Jesus. Pray for continued healing for Eman and other youth who have experienced trauma. Ask God to fill their dreams with His presence and calm their fears.

22. Pray that our family in Egypt could continue to grow in their faith, finding comfort in prayer and God's Word. *God, we ask You to guide and strengthen our sisters and brothers as they deepen their relationship with You.*

23. Through trauma counseling, Eman found healing. Pray for continued access to trauma counseling and spiritual support for traumatized Christians, especially in Upper Egypt.

NEPAL

24. Today, stand with Pastor Manoj Pokhrel. His church building was attacked by Hindu extremists. "They chanted, 'Hail Lord Ram' and attacked the church," he shares. Pray for courage for him.

25. Pastor Manoj says that church members are now threatened; many have stopped coming. *God, we ask You to encourage our brother as he continues to follow Your call to lead the church.*

26. New believers Shova and her husband Pradip quickly realized the truth of Jesus' words—they would, indeed, be hated for His name's sake. Family members, including their son, rejected them. Pray for God's intervention.

27. The couple's son and daughter-in-law won't allow them to talk to their grandson. "My son says he will accept us if we leave our faith, however, we will not leave Christ," Shova says. Ask God to bring reconciliation.

28. As anti-conversion laws tighten across the country, more Christians are facing false arrests. Pray for the immediate release of these believers.

INDIA

29. 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.

30. Pray with us today for strength for seven families in coastal India. They have faced physical abuse and have been ostracized from their community.

NORTH KOREA

1. Have you participated in Bible study? Did you meet Christians? These are standard questions for any North Koreans arrested in China and repatriated. Pray for protection for North Korean refugees.

2. As an Open Doors North Korean field worker in China, Han* risks her life to work with North Korean women trafficked to China. She asks, *“Above all, pray for protection from spies and the Chinese government.”*

3. 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.

4. Han asks also that we pray for the salvation of the women she ministers to — *“that they will receive Jesus who knocks on the door of their hearts.”*

5. Finally, Han asks us to pray for more workers like her and others who are “willing to take risks to support North Korean Christians in China and introduce them to the gospel.”

SUDAN

6. The Sudan war has made it increasingly dangerous for Christians caught in the crossfire. Continue to ask God for rescue and peace.

7. Most Christians live in the capital city (the conflict’s epicenter). Open Doors teams say these believers are facing an additional layer of suffering because of their faith and location. Pray for bold faith.

8. 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.

9. Thank God for the safe release of 26 men—mostly Christians—detained while fleeing conflict. They were arrested, interrogated and accused of collaborating with opposing forces.

BANGLADESH

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Kulsum’s husband is in hiding. Ask God to give him protection and peace so that he can return home without fear. Pray they will sense God’s presence guiding them through this adversity.

13. Today, 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.

NIGERIA

14. Eleven years ago, more than 276 girls were kidnapped from their finishing school in Nigeria’s Chibok village. Pray for comfort and strength for believers whose loved ones—an estimated 91—are still missing.

15. 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.

16. 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 she escaped with.

17. Pray with Pastor Simon in Nigeria’s Niger state where thousands of Christians have

been killed, and displaced from their homes by extremist groups. *“Stand for us fervently,” he asks, “that we will be strong and will overcome at the end.”*

18. Pray that our persecuted family who risks so much to follow Jesus would know how much they are loved by their Savior.

19. 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.

20. Pray that our persecuted family would grasp the hope and peace that Christ’s resurrection brings to our hurting world.

NORTH AFRICA

21. Pray with a Christian brother who works translating the Bible into local languages. He asks for our prayers: *“Where we are, we face very challenging conditions. Our goal is to ensure that the gospel reaches everyone in the region.”*

22. Another believer in North Africa asks us to pray for the children of Christian families who can become confused when all day at school they learn about Islam. Pray for families’ efforts to disciple their children.

23. Pray that children in the region would hear and know the truth—and that it would take root in their lives. Ask God to help them keep their faith and remain steadfast in their pursuit.

BHUTAN

24. Pastor Rajen has a simple request: He wants to worship with his congregation in Bhutan without persecution. But his church registration was denied. Praise God for resilient leaders like him.

25. When Pastor Rajen held services, his electricity and water were cut off. He’s taking his case to the government. Please pray with him and other Bhutanese Christians who just longs to worship in peace.

26. Please pray for Pastor Rajen’s family and the tenants who are struggling without water and electricity. Pray that God opens a way for them and provides for their urgent basic needs.

MEXICO

27. This summer, 108 brothers and sisters from Chiapas State in Mexico were forced to flee their communities due to escalating violence. Among the displaced are children, women and the elderly. Pray for their provision and direction.

28. These displaced believers come from three evangelical churches. They have faced relentless threats from criminal gangs seeking to control the drug business in their territory. Praise God for their courage and ask Him to protect them.

MALI

29. “Pay an Islamic tax—or flee.” This is the choice facing believers in a region in Mali, West Africa. Islamic militants have taken over their communities. Pray with our family, remembering “those who are mistreated” (Hebrews 13:3).

30. Ask God to be with these believers, giving them comfort and hope. Help His people to continue to stand for Him even in what seems like an impossible situation. *God, be with Your people.*

31. Pray for those who are weary, that they may be strengthened in faith.

**Representative names used for security reasons*