

CENTRAL ASIA

1. Pray for Ginura* who is the only believer in her family. She was recently baptized during a secret house church meeting (we can't disclose the country for her protection). Pray that she can regularly attend a church.
2. Ginura's family doesn't know about her decision to follow Jesus and would not be pleased that their daughter has left Islam. Pray for guidance and protection.
3. Church leaders in Central Asia are asking us to pray for all believers as raids on churches and homes increase exponentially. "Pray that our faith becomes stronger so that we serve with our heads held high."
4. Thank God that a court case against a believer, Sergei Orlov, was dismissed in Kazakhstan because there was "no evidence of illegal missionary activities." Pray that his faith and trust in Jesus will continue to mature.
5. Pray against proposed legislation in Uzbekistan that would punish parents who allow their children to receive "illegal" religious education before age 18. Ask God to intervene and give parents both discernment and faith as they navigate these hurdles.

INDONESIA

6. Last year marked the three-year anniversary of the attack on Indonesia's Lewuno village in which four people were killed and the local church was burned down. Pray with them as they grieve this day.
7. Thanks to Open Doors supporters, a new church building has recently opened and has become a beacon of hope for the village. Praise God for how He remembers His people.
8. Pray that trauma survivors can recuperate completely. Ask God to bring ongoing counselling and give them His comfort, strength

and peace as they struggle to rebuild their lives and community.

9. Pray that God would watch over this vulnerable area (Central Sulawesi province of Indonesia) and the church from further violent attacks, as well as earthquakes that are common in the region.

TUNISIA

10. Pray for believers throughout North Africa today who have followed Jesus out of Islam. Ask God to bring them Christian community they can pray with regularly.
11. Maha* and Abdo* are a Christian couple in Tunisia. When their faith was discovered, they were both rejected by their families. Pray that God would bring reconciliation.
12. The couple's families even threatened to file a police report against them. Pray that God would heal Maha and Abdo's wounds and future scars. Thank Him for the couples' courage as they stand firm in their faith despite facing rejection.
13. Praise God that Maha and Abdo continue to cling to their newfound faith and follow Him despite these challenges. Praise Him that they have been strengthened by their local Christian community in Tunisia.
14. Pray that God would strengthen and bless Maha and Abdo's marriage as they continue to follow Him. Ask God to give them a hunger for His Word.

TURKMENISTAN

15. A Turkmen pastor imprisoned for four years in a labor camp for his faith recently died only two years after his release. Pray for comfort and provision for Pastor Ilmurad Nurliev's wife, children and grandchildren.
16. Thank God for Pastor Ilmurad's legacy. Many Turkmen Christians were saved and accepted Christ because of his passion to share the gospel and what God had done in his life.

EGYPT

17. Pray with a Christian family in Upper Egypt who were attacked by radical Muslims. Pray especially for the 14-year-old daughter who was physically assaulted.
18. When the family went to the police in their torn clothes (from the attack) to file a report, they were mistreated and insulted. Pray for justice and protection for Christian families facing persecution in Upper Egypt.
19. At the police station, they were detained. Their daughter was released late that night, though not before being verbally abused and mistreated by police. Pray for healing from this trauma.
20. After repeated threats and insults from their Muslim neighbors, the family has fled their home. Ask God to make a way for this family to safely return to their home.

NEPAL

21. Authorities asked Ptr. Mohan to put church services on hold until the situation calms down from what happened last year. But Mohan refused and continues to hold services on the second floor of his house. Pray for peace and blessing on Mohan and the church.
22. The 80 members of his church are scared, Mohan says. Pray for courage to continue gathering and that church members would realize the importance of fellowship.

MYANMAR

23. Pray for Christians like Moe Moe* caught in the conflict between the ruling military junta and rebel groups. "Every day, we must strive for our survival," she says. She had to flee from her home and was displaced several times. Pray for peace.
24. Pray for the leaders of Myanmar's military junta. Ask that they would see Jesus through the people He places in their paths. Pray that they come to see Jesus as the true source of peace, joy and strength in their lives.

25. The 2021 coup in Myanmar continues to have long-term consequences for Christians. Last year, churches were destroyed and church leaders were detained. Ask God to be with His people as they persevere and endure.

NIGERIA

26. Once again, Nigeria is one of the most violent places in the world for Christians. Pray for those whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.
27. Pray that God would work in the hearts of Nigerian government leaders—that they would be convicted and challenged to work to protect Christian citizens and communities.
28. Pray for the millions of Nigerians who have been displaced by violence like Pastor Benjamin (pictured). Pray that God would guide him as he leads Christians in the camp where he and his family have lived for four years.



In photo: Worship service in Nigeria

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Prayer Calendar

IRAN

1. Pray for Fatemeh, an Iranian Christian who lives in constant fear due to government persecution and frequent police raids on house churches. Her husband is imprisoned and her daughter Shirin—her greatest concern—suffers from anxiety. Lord, we pray for Your peace for this family.

2. Ask God to guide Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, that he would pursue an openness to all minorities, including Christians. Pray for him by name today.

3. Pray for secret churches, that God would protect these networks of underground believers and give them a spirit of power, not timidity (I Tim. 1:7).

4. As the church in Iran continues to grow, pray that God would bless this Kingdom multiplication and empower it to continue.

SOMALIA

5. Somalia can be an incredibly dangerous place to follow Jesus. Ask God to walk with Somali Christians (both inside and outside the country) and give them hope, even when things seem hopeless.

6. Pray that God would watch over Somali Christians who face violent attacks from Islamic extremist group Al Shabab. Ask Him to be their "place of safety" (2 Sam. 22:3).

7. Pray for Somali secret believers who are parents and need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and to follow Him. Pray for the future of the church in Somalia.

IRAQ

8. Even now, 10 years after ISIS took over parts of northern Iraq, Christians are slowly returning home. Pray for our Iraqi family as they continue to rebuild and recover.

9. When ISIS attacked, the group inflicted long-term trauma on many Iraqi Christians. That's why Open Doors supports trauma care programs in the country. Pray that God would bless this work.

10. Pray for Iraqi believers who are converts from Islam. They can experience significant pressure, wherever they live in the country.

AFGHANISTAN

11. All believers in Afghanistan are secret Christians. Ask God to protect them. It's impossible to live openly as a follower of Christ, so pray that the Lord will cover and preserve His people.

12. Pray that even as the Taliban continue their brutal regime, God will touch their hearts and change them. Pray that they will see the truth of Jesus' love and hope. Pray that believers in prison would be protected and released.

13. Pray for Mohammad*, an Afghan believer who does online Bible translation work. He became a Christian in Afghanistan but has since fled the country. Pray for Mohammad and his work, that it will bear fruit.

SAUDI ARABIA

14. There are no legal churches in Saudi Arabia (outside of some permitted on compounds limited to non-Saudi residents). Pray for opportunities for believers to find a place to gather, worship and grow in their faith.

15. Pray for foreign-born Christians who meet secretly. Ask that God would protect their meetings and help them to live out their faith with wisdom and bold obedience.

16. Pray for Christians who are committed to reaching people in Saudi Arabia via online ministry, in-person work or through outlets like TV channels. Ask God to give favor to these efforts.

ALGERIA

17. Almost every Protestant church in Algeria has been forcibly closed, or fears that they will be soon. Pray with church leaders that God will allow these places of worship to remain open.

18. In Algeria, sharing your faith in Jesus is risky—it's illegal to "shake the faith of a Muslim." Ask God to give His people both wisdom and boldness and that they would be protected if and when they share their faith.

19. Pray that every believer in Algeria would seek out a Christian community where they can find fellowship and grow in their faith.

MALI

20. Many extremist groups are active in Mali, including those affiliated with Al Qaeda and the Islamic State group. Pray that God would comfort and protect believers who are targeted and violently attacked by these groups.

21. Pray specifically for Open Doors local partners in Mali as they seek to help strengthen believers who have lost loved ones and their homes in extremist attacks. God, please give discernment and courage to our partners who risk so much to serve Your people.

22. As the military junta remains in political power in Mali, pray that God will provide stability for all Malians—and that whoever is in charge will work toward religious freedom.

INDIA

23. Praise God for the election results in India last year. Ask Him to help the new coalition government protect the rights of all Indians, including Christians.

24. Pray for Deepak, your brother in eastern India, who came to Christ out of Hinduism. He has been abused and shunned by his community for his faith. As Deepak asks, pray for his parents, that they may also know Christ

and be saved.

25. As an increasing number of states tighten anti-conversion laws, pray that house church leaders will not be attacked or imprisoned. Ask God to be their sword and shield (Ephesians 6).

VIETNAM

26. Open Doors partners in Vietnam are able to help with Bible distribution, leadership training and more. Pray that God would bless this work and expand His kingdom.

27. Thank God that many believers in Vietnam can worship freely ... but pray that the believers who gather in unregistered churches would be able to follow Jesus without impediment.

UZBEKISTAN

28. As Christians and churches continue to be targeted for governmental abuse, ask God to be with them and help them to persevere, despite the constant frustration.

29. Pray that churches that aren't registered won't be targeted or harassed by authorities. Ask that God would use these believers as witnesses to show the love of Jesus to even those who would stop the worship of Jesus.

30. Ask God to be with converts from Islam, who can experience pressure from their families and communities.

COMOROS

31. For Christians who find Jesus out of Islam, life can be extremely difficult. Pray for these believers, especially those who are rejected by their families and communities.

**names have been changed to protect their identity*