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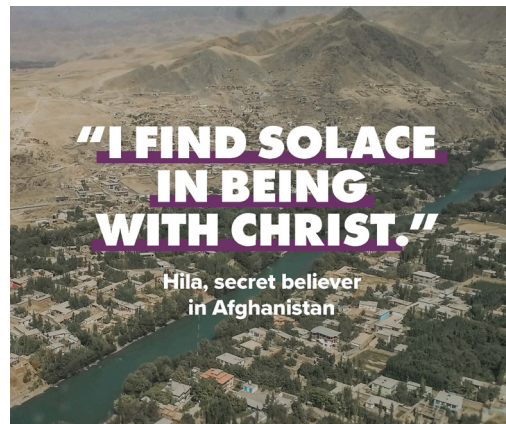
Prayer Calendar

Secret Believers

1. In Afghanistan, pray for protection and perseverance for believers whose faith must remain secret as the Taliban's strict adherence to Islamic law poses daily threats to their lives.
2. Pray for Afghans turning to Jesus for hope and salvation, that He will meet them in their needs as they trust Him and experience His unconditional love and strength in their lives.
3. Pray with Khada* today, an Afghan woman still inside the country. She has chosen to follow Jesus despite the cost.
4. Pray that Khada will continue to grow into a mighty woman of God. Pray that she will have an unbreakable friendship with Jesus that deepens each day, in spite of her hardships and challenges.
5. Pray for comfort and strength for Medina*, also in Afghanistan. She and her husband met Jesus and made the risky decision to tell others about Him. Soon after, her husband disappeared.
6. Medina knows her husband is with Jesus now. She continues to share the gospel. Pray for protection for her, her son, and the group of secret believers she disciples. She thanks you for the support she has received.
7. Pray for our local partners who serve Afghan believers like Khada and Medina. Lord, surround them with your protection and give them discernment to make the right connections in their world.
8. Pray with secret believers in North Africa. They desperately require protection, guidance, and abundant prayers. Choosing Jesus is not merely a decision; it often leads to brutal persecution.
9. Pray for resources and opportunities to

receive biblical education, discipleship, and spiritual nourishment—equipping and empowering them to grow and mature in their faith.

10. Pray with your sister Zahra* who comes from a devout Muslim family. She embraced Christianity through a YouTube channel and a friend later brought her to a local church where she met Jesus.
11. Zahra's family doesn't know about her new faith. Discovering her decision to leave Islam to follow Jesus would "certainly displease them," she says. Pray for her safety and resilience.
12. Pray with Yasmina* and her husband who were forced to leave their home in North Africa to escape persecution from their community. They long to return home.
13. Pray for comfort and perseverance for 45-year-old Mayssa*, who is persecuted in her workplace. A colleague discovered her Bible, and now she is isolated, mistreated and harassed.
14. Pray specifically with Mayssa that God would begin to soften the hearts of her colleagues, that they would begin to respect her beliefs and treat her with dignity.
15. Pray for the millions of secret believers who aren't able to gather for fellowship and worship on Sunday. Pray they would sense the worldwide Church lifting their hearts and voices for them.



Algeria

16. Our family in Algeria is asking us to pray. Almost all Christian places of worship have been sealed or closed under threats and pressure. Pray for believers' persistence in their faith.
17. Pray with a church recently raided during a worship service. Authorities forced church leaders to end the service and cease all weekly worship gatherings. Pray for healing of believers traumatized by the raid.
18. Pray that the Algerian government would enact a law that upholds religious freedom, allowing non-Muslim Algerians to practice their faith without fear.
19. Pray for protection, courage, and resilience for Algeria's Christian communities. Pray they would learn to divide into small groups.

Central Asia

20. Pray with us today for Emir*, a frightened underground house church leader in Central Asia. He and his family converted from Islam, started a church, and now they're receiving threats.
21. Emir's neighbors have created an online message group focused on expelling Christians from their village, including death threats, if his family refuses to leave. Pray for his safety.
22. The situation is so serious that Emir went to the local police to ask them to defend his family. Pray for protection over Emir's life, family, and home.
23. Pray for reconciliation and that Emir could continue to lead his ministry and the church. Ask God to give him both boldness and discernment for sharing the gospel he loves.

Sri Lanka

24. Pray with your brother Suranjith* who was forced to choose between his faith and putting a roof over his family's head. Construction on his new home was halted because he refused

to keep a Buddhist statue in his yard.

25. Praise God for his obedience. He, his wife, three children and their grandmother live in a one-room house. "My whole family agreed to tell them that we want to please the Lord and not others," Suranjith says.

26. Pray that others would see their witness and come to faith. Ask God to provide for the family's needs and provide a way to finish the construction.

Iran

27. Pray with Laleh Saati, an Iranian Christian convert who was baptized in Malaysia while she was awaiting asylum. After returning to Iran to see her elderly parents, she was sentenced to two years in prison.
28. During Laleh's interrogation, photos of her baptism and Christian activities in Malaysia were submitted as evidence of her "crime." Ask God to protect Iranian Christians who have fled to other countries.
29. Pray with Laleh and her family. She was taken to Ward 209 of Iran's notoriously inhumane Evin Prison. Pray that God would keep her safe and reveal Himself to her in unimaginable ways.
30. Pray with our sister Simin, a former house church leader in Iran before she fled for her life to another country. Ask God to provide for her family and guide their lives in their new home.
31. Simin participated in Open Doors discipleship training. Now through an online ministry, she teaches the Bible to women in Iran, preparing them to lead house churches. Pray that God would increase her impact.

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North Korea

1. We recently received messages from North Korean Christians. One believer shared: "Our ministry is difficult, but God has given us this task." Pray for God's strength in their lives.
2. Pray with Yun Hee*, leader of an Open Doors safe house in China. Pray that God would protect her in this critical role and our ministry to the underground church in North Korea.
3. Pray that God would lead refugees, Christians and non-Christians, to Yun Hee. Pray for guidance for them and bold discernment for her as she cares for them and shows them the love of Jesus.
4. Ask God to bless her kindness. "Some guests confessed they were sent to report on me for their secret service," she says. "But they were so grateful for me, they promised to write only good things."
5. Yun Hee admits that sometimes the work "wears me out." Today, pray for rejuvenation and encouragement for our sister. And pray for stamina among all those who run our safe houses in China.

Cameroon, Africa

6. Pray with us for the Christian village of Lambram. Boko Haram militants attacked the village, for a second time this year. Pray that God would bring hope to a seemingly hopeless situation.
7. Pray for the family of 45-year-old Mogoza Tehawa, the one Christian killed in the attack. Pray with his wife and five children as they grieve and face life without him.
8. Fear continues to loom across this designated "red zone" in Cameroon's Far North region—a frequent target of Boko Haram fighters. Pray that God would intervene in

mighty ways.

9. "The people seem not to have many options," a local pastor shared. "Their farms cannot be moved. So, they return, hoping that God keeps them safe." Ask God to surround their fields with his angels.

10. Pray for the local church leaders serving in these communities. God, we ask You to pour out Your presence and power over their fear. Give them persistence to push Your work forward.

Vietnam

11. Pray for churches in Vietnam's remote areas. In recent months, authorities have controlled and persecuted churches, prohibiting church activities and not allowing pastors to visit and preach.

12. Pastor Chien Thang* in north Vietnam says, "Some villagers shared that authorities wanted to get rid of the church and evict the Christians from the village. Pray for reconciliation."

13. Pray for Pastor Chien Thang and his family's safety and protection. Pray that through them, God's Word and His gospel would spread like wildfire ... and we would see revival in this region.

Nigeria

14. Praise God! Another Chibok girl has regained her freedom! Thank God for Lydia Simon's long-awaited return to her family. It has been 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school.

15. Lydia is a mother of three and five months pregnant. Pray that her community would accept her back and that God would strengthen her and her family as Lydia prepares for her baby's birth.

16. Pray with the estimated 106 girls who are still missing. Ask God to hold them close and that they would keep their eyes on Him as they look toward the hope of Heaven.



17. Pray that more captives throughout sub-Saharan Africa would be freed and reunited with their families. A Chibok mother shared: "Prayer is our only solution. We trust that as God released some, He will release all."

Bangladesh

18. Pray with us for brother Alam who received an anonymous note on his doorstep threatening his life. He is worried for his and his family's safety and is asking us to pray.

19. The note read: "You do not have much time ... *If you want to survive, then renounce your faith and turn back to your previous faith (Islam).*" Pray that Alam can stand strong in his faith in Christ.

20. Brother Alam is a strong believer who openly shares the gospel and leads a house church where 11 people have trusted Christ. Pray for his ministry and that God would increase his impact.

21. Pray for the person(s) who are threatening Brother Alam. Pray that God would soften and transform their hearts to be champions of the gospel, bringing others to Him.

Egypt

22. Pray for Raef and his wife Sawsan who were forced to flee their home and village when Raef's father, a Muslim imam, discovered the couple had left Islam to follow Jesus.

23. The couple was also forced to leave their house church and the community of believers they loved. Pray that they would find a new community of believers they can confide in and trust.

24. At one point after Raef lost his job, he and Sawsan felt so lost that they questioned if their decision to follow Jesus was correct. Pray for assurance for these believers and all who doubt their decision.

25. Praise God that Raef and Sawsan connected with Open Doors' partners who provided practical relief, counseling sessions and a discipleship group. Pray with our partners as they continue to walk with them.

26. Pray that the couple would grow in their faith without fear and hesitation. Ask God to guide and empower them to face their daily struggles.

27. Pray that God would give Raef and Sawsan strength—and that they would know they belong to a global family who is listening to their story and praying with them.

Mexico

28. Pray with us for our family in Chiapas state where the increasing violence of organized crime is taking over their lives. Pray for peace that passes all human understanding.

29. The region is an important trafficking corridor for drug cartels who war with each other over the territory. Last year, cartel members said, "From now on, we take control of the region." Ask God to confuse their schemes.

30. The cartels have created an environment rife with kidnappings, massacres, forced displacements and forced payments to gangs. Pray against these atrocities.

*we've changed their names to protect their identity