

# March 2022

## prayer calendar

### **Sister Charity, Nigeria:**

1. Thank the Lord for sustaining Charity's faith through all difficulties. Thank Him for His provision in the life of her family and pray that they will continue to see His care daily, in their physical needs, and also in things like the education of the children.

2. Please thank the Lord with us for the fact that we could help Charity with our trauma care and emergency relief. Pray that it will bear much fruit in their lives and that Charity will have many opportunities to comfort others with the comfort she has been given.

3. Pray that the testimony of her family will speak to many and that the Lord will continue to glorify Himself through them.

### **Pastor Andrew, Nigeria**

4. Thank the Lord for Pastor Andrew's love for his flock and his faithful ministry to them.

5. Praise the Lord for the fact that He is sustaining His church in Nigeria despite the brutal persecution they face, using pastors like Andrew. Pray that He will equip the church with many more "Andrews".

6. Pastors are often targeted in this kind of violence. It is a calling that comes with great danger. Thank the Lord for His protection over Andrew. Pray that He will continue to show this pastor this mercy.

7. Pray that Andrew and his family will experience the Lord's provision in all their own physical and emotional needs as they continue to faithfully serve the flock.

### **Sister Martine, Burkina Faso**

8. Thank the Lord for protecting Martine from a persecution incident and for keeping her faith steady during that difficult time.

9. "Please keep on praying for us so that the teaching that we got may diminish our hearts' burdens and heal our wounds and strengthen us. I also ask to pray for our faith to be strong. Because when your husband is not there, many things can happen. We want to remain in Christ, deviate neither to the right nor to the left. Pray for us so that we may have victory in our faith fight," asks Martine.

10. Pray that Martine and her relatives will see the Lord's provision daily. Being displaced and the absence of their provider makes them vulnerable to more difficulties.

### **Sister Salamata, Burkina Faso**

11. Thank the Lord for the opportunity to catch up with Salamata. It is a joy to see that she has continued to see the Lord's provision and care.

12. Thank the Lord that she was able to benefit from our support. Pray that she will continue to see the Lord's provision in her life amid many challenges.

13. Pray for her continued spiritual growth and that she will not be discouraged. Pray that the Lord will plant her firmly into a new spiritual family and that she will be able to come to complete peace about the sufferings she has seen in her young life.

### **Pastor Pengdwende, Burkina Faso**

14. "Please pray for the healing of the pain in my heart because of thoughts. It has only been months after I arrived in Bobo that I started sleeping again. For five or six months, I had severe headache.

The daylight caused me more pain through my eyes, and at night I was sleepless because of the many thoughts, until morning. So, pray for our healing from pain and fear. Sometimes when we hear a cry, it reminds us of the cries of someone who sees his relative being killed, and it's very distressing for us."

15. "Secondly pray for my ministry. I want God to help me to have a ministry again where I am, that's what I want you to pray for."

### **Countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa:**

16. Violent persecution often develops in countries that battle things like limited resources due to climate change, political instability, or discontentment among people over perceived marginalization on the grounds of their ethnicity. Pray for wisdom for governments and their international partners to find alternatives to a purely military approach to these issues.

17. In their battle against increasing jihadist violence, governments like that of Burkina Faso, Nigeria, and Mozambique have often become guilty of human rights abuses. As terrorists overrun areas, particularly rural areas, they become the informal authority. Pray for good accountability on the side of governments, they will find ways to protect citizens against violence while maintaining high respect for human rights.

18. Jihad often follows short on the heels of the breakdown of democracy. Pray that the Lord will raise up leaders in Africa that are truly invested in democracy and doing well by the people they lead.

19. The Body of Christ has an important role to play in promoting cohesion and addressing affected communities' physical and spiritual/emotional needs. Pray that

governments will create plenty of space for faith-based actors to fulfill this role. Pray that the Church will not shun such opportunities but boldly step into any space created for these purposes.

20. Pray that the Lord will raise up Christian journalists, lawyers and politicians that will remain present in the political and legal realms of these countries and so be salt and light in these arenas.

21. Pray that the Lord will continue to build His Church despite concerted efforts to destroy it.

22. Pray that the Lord will bring hope amid the difficult circumstances that victims of such violence experience across the continent. Pray for the Lord's spiritual and physical provision for them.

23. Pray for pastors to have wisdom and urgency as they prepare their congregations to stand firm in the faith, understand their own faith better, learn to walk more closely with Christ and share their testimonies with their neighbours.

24. Young Christian women often are targeted for abduction by terrorists. Pray for the Lord's protection over young women.

25. Next month, Apr 2022, will be 8 years since extremist group Boko Haram abducted nearly 300 girls from a secondary school in Chibok, Nigeria. Around 100 of them have not been released and are unaccounted for. Pray for their families to experience God's grace as they bear the unthinkable burden of not knowing what have become of their daughters. Pray that international partners will never give up on these girls.



**FOR THE FIRST TIME,**

**AFGHANISTAN IS NO. 1**

**ON THE WORLD WATCH LIST.**


26. Leah Sharibu was taken in Feb 2018 and this year marks four years since her abduction. Alice Ngadah, a nurse working for the UN was taken in Mar 2018. There is no news about the status of these women or any information from the government about efforts to have them released. There are many more whose names and faces are not known who remain in captivity. Pray for God's mercy and continued grace for these women as they continue to face life in captivity.

27. Pray for the Church to be able to provide an alternative to youths who are poor, disillusion and frustrated. Pray that the Church will be able to help these youths towards a deeper understanding of their faith but that there will also be physical help for these youths to be able to make a living.

28. Pray that those who had been widowed or orphaned in extremist violence to find peace and restoration in Christ. Pray that they will see the Lord's provision in all their needs, be they physical or spiritual.

29. Pray for Christian men who have been displaced as they hustle to provide for their families. Pray that they will look to the Lord alone for help and love their families well. Pray that they will not only in physical matters, but that they will offer a spiritual pattern for their families, even when they face so many challenges related to the jihadist violence.

30. Pray that the Church will not be tempted to fight fire with fire, but to be able to continue to show the love of Christ to those that persecute them. Pray that Christians will have the grace to be agents of positive change in desperate situations.



**Many have been killed since the Taliban takeover in August 2021.**

Women and girls are particularly vulnerable and many are in hiding, in absolute fear of abduction, forced marriage or death.

31. Pray that the Lord will use the circumstances to draw many who do not know Him to himself in faith. Pray that those who have been Christian in name only would have a more intimate relationship with Christ through these events. Pray that those who know Him will honour Him all the more.

# April 2022 prayer calendar

## Sub-Saharan Africa:

1. Pray for church unity and that the onslaught against the Church will not divide Christians but draw them together as they seek to support those affected.

2. Pray for the Churches to remain faithful in advocating for the violently Persecuted Church with wisdom and courage.

3. Open Doors is coming alongside the Church across Africa through various kinds of training (discipleship, awareness training, evangelism training) and socio-economic upliftment. Please pray for strength for all involved in this work.

4. Pray for the Lord's protection over workers - spiritually, physically, emotionally and even psychologically.

5. Pray that the Lord will establish the work of our hands and those we equip and that it will bear fruit to the glory of God (Ps 90:17).

6. Pray for good stewardship of resources and generosity in caring for the needy.

## India:

7. Pray for Covid situations in the country. Many are still suffering with the virus and many have been affected economically.

8. Pray for farmers in the country as they are burdened with lots of debts and their suicide rate is high.

9. Pray for Christians in the country. They face growing opposition and need to stand firm in their faith.

10. Pray for poor Christians in the country

as they are going to face harsh winter ahead; most people cannot afford warm clothes, or a roof above their head.

## Holy Week

11. Pray for a sister named Anita - she and her children are harassed by their relatives and neighbours. May the message of the Holy Week encourage her as she looks forward to their mansion in heaven being prepared by her Savior.

12. Pray for the five families who fled to the forest from their village due to their faith. They went back after two days but they were threatened by the villagers. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give them the wisdom to respond, the same way Jesus responded to Pilate.

13. Pray for our local partners: Kishore who is suffering from post-Covid symptoms, and for three whose wives are expecting children. May the joy of good health and life encourage them, thanking Jesus that "by His wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

14. Pray for Fakir Madkami and his family. They have been attacked and severely beaten by some unidentified people and they are hospitalized. Pray that the cross of Christ will be their delight as a family in this time.

15. Kindly pray for the Indian states of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujrat and Himachal Pradesh where legislative elections are going to be held this year. Pray that God will use the elections for the Prince of Peace to reign in the land of India.

16. Pray for our local partners as they travel to provide practical aid and conduct small-scale training. Pray for God's leading, that the team will be able to reach out even to the remotest part of the country where there are people in need of help. Pray that God will use these initiatives to bring the Light of the world in this area.

# How can I help my persecuted family?



## HOW CAN I GIVE MY SUPPORT TO MY PERSECUTED FAMILY?

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Brother Andrew, Inc.  
Account #: 003640583218

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Brother Andrew, Inc.  
PHP Account #: 1991-0028-35  
USD Account #: 1994-0068-23  
Swift Code: BOPIPHMM

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the account name)  
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strictly confidential. Open Doors shall neither  
misuse nor share this information to other individuals  
or organizations.

17. Praise God for His victory in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus! Indeed, He wears the victor's crown! Thank God that this victory also overflows in the lives of Persecuted Christians, no matter what the circumstances are.

**Nepal:**

18. Pray for COVID situation in the country. 200-300 new cases are found on a daily basis. May God take control of the spread of the Covid virus. The vaccination drive is ongoing; pray that people get vaccinated.

19. Air pollution in Kathmandu valley has increased. Please pray that God protects the people from air-borne diseases, especially children.

20. Pray for local brother Hira\* and his wife, they are expecting their first child.

21. Pray for the political leader of the country, to lead the people with wisdom.

**Bhutan:**

22. Pray for the safety of Christians living in remote villages as wild animals such as wild dogs, elephants and bears have recently attacked several people in the villages.

23. Due to Covid many people are depressed and domestic violence is on the rise. Pray for safety of women and children in the country.

24. Pray for the government and the health department that they will make decisions regarding Covid vaccinations. They are also proposing to give vaccinations to children aged 5-11 years old.

25. Pray for Brother Tenzing's wife who is scheduled to undergo surgery for gallbladder stones. Bro. Tenzing shares, "This year has been the hardest for me, I lost two of my relatives to a terminal illness,

then my wife was also very sick. However, I would like to thank you all our dear prayer partners, and faithful friends and well-wishers, you never let me down and have always prayed for me.

**Myanmar:**

26. Pray for the restoration of peace in the country. Pray for restoration of good governance and for the fighting to cease in Myanmar.

27. Pray for the spiritual restoration and healing of emotional scars of believers who have experienced loss of their family members, homes, livelihood and church when they were displaced by the civil war.

28. Pray for the Christian children that they may be able to continue their education.

29. Pray for the safety of Christian women in Myanmar.

**Laos:**

30. In three different incidents, a total of 26 believers from northern Laos suffered isolation from their communities and expulsion from their villages for choosing to believe in Jesus. One incident happened in July 2021, while the other two happened in 2020 yet the brunt of their eviction is still evident even a year after. Please pray for them.

# VIOLENCE RECORDED AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN 2021

5,898

Christians were killed for faith-related reasons



5,110

Churches and other Christian buildings were attacked



6,175

Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned



3,829

Christians were abducted

