

Children of the Persecuted Church

1. In some countries, like Iraq, forceful displacement is a deliberate tactic to rid the country of Christians. Displaced children are forced to grow up away from the culture of their homeland. Pray that they will find stability and a supportive community.

2. Mimi (12) and her family thought they would have to leave Iraq. But thanks to your generous support, a local Open Doors' partner was able to help Mimi's family with a microloan. Thank God for their new farm, which means that they can remain in their homeland.

3. Christian children in predominantly Muslim countries are often bullied for not wearing a veil or adhering strictly to Ramadan. Pray for an end to their persecution and for God to guide them in their faith.

4. It isn't fair, but Christian children often suffer in the education system, with marked down grades or even physical violence. Pray that these children will escape suffering and find support through Open Doors partners who can provide camps and help with schoolwork.

5. Pray that children in war-torn countries like Iraq, Syria and Ukraine, will have a brighter future of safety, stability and freedom in their faith.

6. Pray for single parents, especially for mothers whose husbands have been killed for their faith. Ask God to provide for their practical needs. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith for themselves and their children.

7. Praise God for the many children's Bibles and Christian books that are distributed to

Christian children facing persecution. Pray that these resources will help to deepen their faith in Jesus.

8. In the wake of the civil war in Myanmar, many young people became addicted to drugs. The junta make drugs easily accessible so that addiction will suppress the population, and especially youths. Pray for these people and for the Christian youths to resist temptation.

Asia

9. In Nepal, Sarita Neupane* needs your prayers for financial provision. She has no access to funds because she is a Christian. She has a teenage son, but she's finding it difficult to support him in his education, without sufficient finances to cover the costs. Please pray.

10. In Malaysia, there has been a worrying rise in domestic violence against women and children. Pray that there will be a renewal of spirit among the victims as the perpetrators would repent from their wrongdoings. Ask for peace and love to flood these families and their households.

11. Thank God that in the midst of monsoon, a Women's Conference still took place in Bangladesh. Lift up these women, who are potential future leaders in Bangladesh. Pray that they will be encouraged and inspired by the conference and that they will have the courage to positively impact the nation.

12. Open Doors partners continue to carry out their training programmes and church visits in Bhutan. However, their work has been disrupted by the flooding. Ask God to provide another way for our partners to encourage and support the Christians in Bhutan.

13. Responding to shunned Christians in India, who are often left without resources, Open Doors partners support them with



In photo: A scene from a children's camp conducted in a remote place in Myanmar. In partnership with the local church and parents, Open Doors was able to draw them close to the Lord through creative activities and Bible lessons.

income-generating projects. Thank God for generous supporters across the world and local partners who stand faithfully with persecuted Christians.

14. In Assam in India, the floods have been ferocious. People have lost their lives and more have been displaced from their homes. Pray God's comfort over these people who have experienced loss.

Standing firm through surveillance

15. Rev. Joan* and her husband Pastor Tan* live with the discomfort of a camera set up outside their home in Vietnam. Their movement is restricted and they live under the threat of arrest if Christians gather in their home. Please pray that they will be free to travel and their lives will no longer be monitored.

16. Zeng* and his wife live under surveillance in China. They are subject to frequent visits from local authorities. Despite being told not

to preach, Zeng testified to local authorities about the miracles God has done in his life. They were impacted by his story and surprisingly encouraged Zeng to continue in his faith. Praise God for Zeng's bold witness!

17. Aaron* works for the underground church North Korea. He is under close inspection by the government, and his projects to help persecuted Christians get intercepted. Pray for success upon his endeavors.

18. Women who have suffered at the hands of traffickers have found comfort in the underground church in North Korea. Open Doors field workers invite them to special Bible study groups, where they find community and the love of Christ. Thank God for delivering these women from traffickers. Pray for their safety.

19. Christians are treated with suspicion in Morocco, and they are often followed by the authorities. Please pray for more acceptance of Christians in Morocco.

Standing with secret believers

20. Eysa* is a secret believer in China. He’s currently working to earn money for his family, but his true passion is to study at Bible school and advance God’s Kingdom. Thank God for Eysa’s burning faith and pray for his future plans.

21. In North Korea, Open Doors partners are delivering vital resources like food, medicine and books to underground churches. Pray for open paths so that these resources can reach the church, and that all travel restrictions will be lifted.

22. Pu-ri* leads an undergrounds church in North Korea. He and his congregation have suffered from the famine and economic downturn following the covid-19 pandemic. Lift up Pu-ri and his church and pray that God will provide for their daily needs.

23. Pray for persecuted Christians and underground church leaders in places like China and North Korea; that they will stand firm in their faith, knowing God’s hope, comfort and love every day.

24. In Iran, Christians can be incarcerated for their faith. Earlier this year, one pastor was sentenced to 10 years in prison for his leadership role within a house church. Two other women received six-year sentences. Pray that these decisions will be overturned and pray for religious freedom in Iran.

25. Finding a space to worship is a challenge in Bhutan. Christians here are prevented from renting a building for fellowship. When they meet in house churches, their gatherings are often shut down. Pray that God provides believers in Bhutan with a place for worship.

26. Praise God for His work in Iraq. Lately it has been possible to bring Bibles into the country in a more open way. Despite the dangers, many Christians found ways to stay in the country.

27. When Femi* was persecuted for his faith and forced to leave his hometown in Tunisia, he didn’t know where he would go. Praise the Lord that Femi has settled in a new city. He has found a job that sustains him.

Indonesia

28. Four years ago, a terrible bomb destroyed a church in Indonesia. Christians were killed and injured. Pray for survivors who still bear the scars of their injuries. Pray that they will connect with the depth of God’s love for them.

29. Evelyn* was one of the injured survivors. Despite her struggles, she wants to begin her university studies this year. But her low self-confidence can be paralyzing at times. Pray that God will provide her with supportive friends as she begins her new venture.

30. Illiteracy is a long-standing issue in Indonesia. But praise God for Sumi*, who learned to read at the age of 40, when she wanted to know more about Jesus. Now in her 70s, Sumi has read the entire Bible several times!

*Names changed for security reasons



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