

February 2024

Prayer Calendar

North Korea

1. Ji Ho* was separated from her father when police raided her home and found a Bible. Police hauled her father away as they both wept. Ask God to strengthen Ji Ho and be with her, so she won't feel alone.

2. "I didn't know where they'd taken my father. And probably never will," says Ji Ho. She has not seen her father for years, and grew up without him. Pray that Ji Ho, and others like her will be reunited with their loved ones.

3. The authorities in North Korea are particularly hostile to the gospel. They ransack homes to find Bibles and signs

of Christianity, traumatising families in their wake. Pray for changes in attitudes and policies in North Korea, to be more accepting of Jesus.

4. People in North Korea listen to secret radios for news of the outside world, and information about where food is available elsewhere. Pray that more people will stumble upon Open Doors' radio ministry and hear about Jesus.

5. "As I listened, I became more and more convinced. This Jesus was the great teacher that my father had been trying to tell me about." Thank God for Ji Ho's encounter with Jesus through Open Doors' radio ministry.

6. Propaganda in North Korea teaches children that Western missionaries kidnap and kill people. Pray for these children to meet Jesus authentically, and encounter kind, genuine



In photo: Local village in North Korea



In photo: North Korean teen listening to Christian radio

Christians to show them God's love for them.

7. People in North Korea face pressing needs for their survival. Please pray that they will be reached with food and medicine through Open Doors networks in China, especially during the winter.

8. The Kim family has ruled over North Korea for more than 70 years. In that time, they have overseen the most brutal treatment of Christians in the world. Pray that God would change the hearts of Kim Jong Un and others in power.

Nigeria

9. There have been ongoing attacks on Christian communities in the middle belt of Nigeria. Many have lost their lives in the onslaught. Pray for the victims of violence and their families, ask for hope, healing and restoration.

10. The root causes of the violence are diverse, but religion plays a significant role. Ask God to bring stability to the parts of Nigeria where militants seem to attack with impunity. Pray for order and an end to the violence.

11. Pastor Zachariah's wife and son were killed in an attack by Fulani militants in May. He was left with their four remaining children. Pray that they recover from the trauma and ask God to provide all their needs.

12. The surviving Christian community lost everything in the attack – houses, belongings, and their sense of safety. Pray that God sends them the help and support they need. Ask that they remain strong in faith and never lose hope.

13. Pray for displaced Christians in northern Nigeria. Ask that God will provide their daily needs so that they can rebuild their lives and fulfil His Great Commission.

14. "My prayer is that we should rely on God because He is everything we live for," says Pastor Zachariah. Praise God for his boldness and resolve to continue leading his church members in faith.

15. Pray that believers affected by violence will find hope and healing through the ministry of Open Doors' local partners.

Yemen

16. In Yemen, Christians can be arrested, beaten and threatened with death for following Jesus. Yet their hope in Christ burns brightly. Praise God for this courageous witness.



17. Saleh* is a Yemeni Christian and was on the authorities' 'most wanted' list. He has risked grave danger for preaching Christ. Pray for God's protection, to keep Saleh and his family safe as he carries on his ministry work.

18. "I thank God for online meetings which were sometimes the only alternative for us getting trained and equipped," says Saleh. Thank God for Saleh's hunger for discipleship and the possibility of online gatherings.

19. Sadly, Yemen has been ravaged by war in recent years, leaving many Yemenis as refugees. One silver lining of this difficult of this difficult situation is the opportunity to evangelise in camps. Pray that people who hear about Jesus in camps will become disciples.

20. Up to 70% of believers in Yemen cannot meet regularly for security reasons. Pray that these Christians will find fellowship through house churches and grow in their faith.

21. "If we sit at home and do nothing, we would be safe," says Saleh. "But what kind of Christians would we be if we weren't risking our life for others to know Life?" Praise God for Saleh's unwavering faith.

22. With the help of Open Doors partners, Saleh provides meeting spaces, medical help and food for Christians. Pray that this ministry will continue to serve Yemeni Christians and strengthen the church in the

country.

23. Pray that amidst the growing challenges, God will continue to give Christians in Yemen the opportunities and means to share the gospel.

24. Pray for converts from Islam, that they wouldn't be targeted for their faith, but would be allowed to worship Jesus freely.

Libya

25. Libya remains deeply unstable, and parts of the country have very little rule of law. This leads to danger for God's people. Pray for stability and that order will come to Libya.

26. In society's eyes, there can be no Christians in Libya. That's what the authorities want the public to believe. Pray for Jesus to touch the hearts of Libyans, despite oppression from those in power.

27. Despite the pressure, there are a few churches in Libya that have mainly migrant congregations. Lift up these communities and pray that they will strengthen each other in what feels like an isolating situation.

28. Sharing the Christian faith is illegal in Libya. Pray that the actions of Christians will point people to Jesus.

29. Please pray that God will give Christians in Libya the strength to persevere. They face immense pressure. Pray that they will encourage and support one another.

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March 2024 Prayer Calendar

1. Afghanistan: Ask God to touch the hearts of the Taliban leaders, and any other extremists who would oppress Christians. Pray that God reveals the truth of Jesus to every person who opposes Him.

2. Bhutan: Ask God for Christian communities to be able to meet without interference. Thank God for the ability of Bhutanese believers to gather, and ask Him to help His people find fellowship in spite of the difficulties.

3. China: As China continues to tighten its grip on religious freedom this year, pray for wisdom for Christians on how they should continue to honour and worship God under changing circumstances.

4. Colombia: Colombia's peace treaty with illegal armed groups is not yet a reality. Violence is still a part of life and pastors find themselves in the crosshairs. Ask God to protect church leaders and help them to serve Him, despite the danger.

5. Iran: Praise God that the church in Iran is growing! Ask God to continue to pour out His Spirit on Iranian believers.

6. Kazakhstan: Pray for believers in Kazakhstan to have access to Bibles and Christian literature to help them grow in faith.

7. Kenya: Pray for Kenyan Christians who live in places where the Islamic militant group al-Shabab is active. Ask God to protect His people.

8. Malaysia: Ask God to end unfair treatment of Christians under the law. Ask Him to help Malaysian...



In photo: Church service in state approved Three Self Church in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Province, China.

authorities to govern fairly and without discrimination.

sustain His people who risk so much from the military leaders.

9. Mali: Pray that as political instability continues to affect Mali, Christians will be able to live at peace with their neighbours. Ask God to help Open Doors partners as they seek to empower and strengthen the church in Mali.

12. Nicaragua: Pray for the government of Nicaragua, particularly for Daniel Ortega, the authoritarian president of the country. Ask God to soften hearts and cause the ruling authorities to stop targeting Christians.

10. Mexico: Ask God to protect Christians living in places where cartels or gangs target them for their faith in Jesus.

13. Pakistan: Christians are always at risk of being falsely accused of blasphemy. Ask God to protect His people from these accusations.

11. Myanmar: Thank God for the courage of Christians who continue to follow Jesus even after the military coup two years ago. Ask Him to



In photo: Bible distribution in Kenya



14. Somalia: Somalia has ranked near the top of the World Watch List for years. Pray for believers who risk everything to follow Jesus, that they would have the perseverance to continue to live for Christ in such a hard place.



In photo: Women in front of war-damaged building in Somalia

15. Vietnam: Pray for Christians from ethnic minority communities. Often, these communities use the power of the state to assert control over believers. Pray that Christians here would be able to worship freely and would be protected from harm.

16. Tanzania: Pray for converts to Christianity from Islam in the semi-autonomous region of Zanzibar, as they may face pressure from family and community. Ask God to give them protection, peace and courage.
17. The Persecuted World: Islamic extremism is on the rise. It's gaining ground in Asia, and extremist attacks are growing across sub-Saharan Africa. Ask the Lord to thwart the plans of those seeking violence, and to strengthen His church in these regions.

Libya

18. Pray that, in time, Christians will have

the freedom to practice their faith openly in Libya. Ask God to give the Libyan church the ability to meet.

19. "Pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:45. Pray that the hearts of extremists in Libya would turn to Jesus.

Yemen

20. Yemenis have been through years of brutal war and humanitarian crisis. Ask God to bring about a breakthrough in Yemen, that peace would come to this troubled nation.

21. Pray for believers living in places where they are at risk from Islamic militant groups. Pray they would be safe from harm.

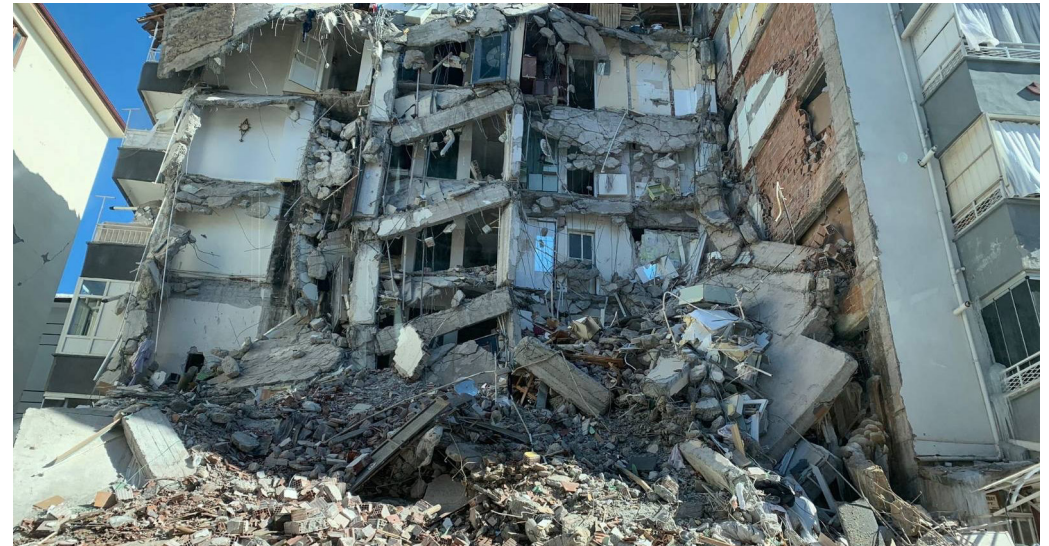
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Uzbekistan

23. Pray for Christians who have been victims of police raids. Pray that they would be protected and would have the courage to continue to worship together.



In photo: A church in Uzbekistan



In photo: Rubbles from the devastating earthquake in Turkey last year.

24. Ask God to change the hearts of the Uzbek authorities. Pray they would stop being suspicious of Christians.

25. This Holy Monday, pray for work opportunities for Christians who have lost their jobs because of their faith. Pray they would find the means to earn a living and provide for themselves and their families.

UAE

26. This Holy Tuesday, praise God that many foreign Christians are able to worship freely in the UAE, including Filipinos! Pray that this freedom will come to local Arabs who convert from Islam.

27. This Holy Wednesday, pray for migrant workers who are doubly vulnerable because of their faith and their ethnicity.

28. This Maundy Thursday, ask God to help converts from Islam find hope and community.

Turkey

29. This Good Friday, as the country continues to recover from the devastating earthquake a year ago, pray that Christian community would be able to rebuild and be seen as valued members of Turkish society.

30. This Black Saturday, pray for converts from Islam, that they wouldn't be punished by their families.

31. This Easter Sunday, pray that the Turkish government will regard Turkish Christians as equal to Muslims, in their rights as citizens especially freedom to worship God.