

October 2024

Prayer Calendar

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:

1. Pray for African countries where Christians are targeted by extremists for their faith in Jesus. The violent situation continues to grow, increasing insecurity at an alarming rate. Our brothers and sisters are calling us to pray.

2. Throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, Christians are victims of attacks on their lives and villages. Pray that God would raise up desperately needed qualified trauma care workers to work with survivors.

3. Pray with Mafulul, a Nigerian believer who lost his wife in an extremist attack. His experience at our trauma center underscores the need for more workers: "In the few days that I have spent here, I am healing inside," he says.

4. After a brutal attack in Nigeria, Pastor Elisha learned to forgive his enemies in Open Doors trauma care. "Honestly, when I forgave, I felt happy," he shared. "I also started praying for their repentance." Pray for our trauma center.

5. Pray that Fulani militants and other extremists will have encounters with Jesus. Pray for Saul-to-Paul experiences. Lord, as Jesus commanded us to do, we pray for those who persecute (Matt. 5:44).

6. Against a backdrop of fear and insecurity, Christian families often find it difficult to work their farms. Please pray for the Lord's provision. Pray for alternative, sustainable ways to provide for their families.

7. Christians in the Democratic Republic of Congo ask us to pray after a violent killing spree that claimed at least 80 Christians. Several were killed working in their fields. "This is a persecution of a great level," a local DRC pastor shared. "We ask all Christians to intercede."



Mafulul, Nigerian believer

8. Pray with families who have lost loved ones to extremist violence. Pray for widowed mothers, specifically for encouragement and provision as they care for their children and home without their husband.

9. By the end of 2022, a staggering 16.2 million Christians across sub-Saharan Africa had been forcibly displaced from their homes due to attacks and insecurity. Please pray for the Lord's strength, provision and hope.

10. Often, Internally Displaced Persons camps are overcrowded, with poor hygiene conditions and little access to food. Pray the camps would be places of safety and unity. Ask God to protect His people from sickness.

11. Pray with our brother Jerome* who lives with his family in an IDP camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They fled when extremists killed his son. "The situation is very bad," he says. "If life goes on like this ... it's hard to live."

12. Pastor Barnabas (on the cover) pastors thousands of Christians in one of northern Nigeria's many IDP camps. He and his family were attacked by Fulani militants. Pray for Barnabas' ministry and perseverance.

13. Believers face danger every day in the camp—but Pastor Barnabas remains confident in God's goodness and His provision. Ask God to answer his prayer for restoration.

14. A brother named Abraham is chairman of a displacement camp in northern Nigeria. His family of five has been there for three years, ever since Fulani militants devastated their v

village. Ask the Holy Spirit to sustain Abraham as he leads with purpose.

15. "I do believe that we are displaced, but Jesus is not and will never be displaced from our lives. He is always with us," says Pastor Soré. His family fled their homes in Burkina Faso. He asks us to pray for all Burkinabe believers to stand firm.

CHINA

16. Pray with a 60-year-old couple in southwest China. Fifteen years ago, they left Buddhism to follow Jesus and have led a church community for 10 years. They left Buddhism to follow Jesus and for 10 years have led a church community. Authorities seized their church building.

17. The couple continues to host a congregation of more than 30 believers in their home. Praise God for their courage and pray for their protection. Ask God to multiply their ministry.

18. Pray for a brother in this region who for the last two years has been making plans to gather more believers to serve in 10 locations. Pray the gospel would spread like wildfire.

19. No one is intended to live alone. Pray for believers in this area, that they could join a spiritual community and grow together (Rom. 12:4-5).

VIETNAM

20. Pray for peace for four women we recently met who are the only Christians in their family and endure physical and emotional abuse for their faith.

21. Pray for Lan*. After her husband died from COVID, her in-laws continue to taunt her and blame her faith for his death. Lan asks us to pray that she could lead her grandchildren to Christ.

22. Pray for Tram* whose husband trashes her Christian material when he sees it, including her Bible. *Father, we ask You to begin to soften Tram's husband's heart as he sees her live for You.*

23. Pray with Kha Han* whose husband often beats her when she comes home from church. *God, we are heartbroken for our sister—please protect her body, mind and heart.*

NEPAL

24. Praise God for our local partners who offered persecution preparedness training in Madhesh and prayed with frightened believers. Your support provides these opportunities.

25. Pray for those who participated in the training. Ask God to help them remember what they've learned, especially in difficult situations. And pray they would have a voracious hunger for the Word.

26. Christian persecution has skyrocketed as Hindu groups demand to reinstate Nepal as a Hindu country. Pray for perseverance.

27. Recently, police arrested four Christians in Madhesh province, as they were sharing the gospel. In the same area, extremists burned Bibles. Pray for protection and courage.

NORTH KOREA

28. North Korea uses its inhumane prison camps to strike fear in people. An estimated 250,000 Christians are imprisoned for their faith. Ask God to give them hope.

29. Pray for at least 10 North Korean Christians who were recently sent to political prison camps. Pray they would know God's heart for them. God, we pray for your Spirit to rain down.

30. Ask God to surround these courageous believers with his armies of angels and that they would know His peace that guards their hearts and minds (Phil. 4:7).

31. Pray for the brave but desperate North Korean refugees who risk their lives to cross the border into China and earn money for their families. Pray they will meet Jesus in China.

November 2024

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:

1. Christian boys in Africa can be targeted for killing by extremists. The recruitment of child soldiers—often forcibly—is a common issue. Boys can also be abducted for forced labor, or trafficked. Ask the Lord to intervene.
2. Pray for families awaiting the return of captured loved ones. As they continue to trust God, pray they would be salt and light to their community.
3. **On the International Day of Prayer:** Pray for all those in captivity for their faith. Ask God to provide daily and that they would feel His peace: *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 4:7).
4. Christian women and girls face high risks of abduction during extremist raids. Pray that God would cover them with His wings (Psalm 91:4).
5. Pray that Christian communities will proactively care for released captives, especially our sisters. Pray that each survivor will know they are seen by God and deeply loved.
6. Pray for the children in IDP camps. Pray they will grow in their faith. And pray that God would provide resources to return to school. *God, we ask You to protect the innocence and dreams of persecution’s youngest victims.*
7. Pray with Senou* and Combar*, two 13-year-old girls in Burkina Faso who fled with their families when extremists attacked their villages. Both had to drop out of school, but thanks to your support, they received the funds to return.
8. Pray that our persecuted family in IDP camps would be able to safely return to their homes and rebuild their lives and communities. Pray for protection from further attacks and an end

to the violence.

9. Pray for all those caring for the displaced, that they would find the physical and emotional strength to continue this work.

10. Pray for Open Doors’ local partners as they come alongside persecuted believers, even as they, too, face the same conditions and risks. Ask God to strengthen their faith and emotional health, equipping and guiding them.

11. Pray that national and local authorities in each region’s IDP camps will be provoked and equipped to improve living conditions in the camps and provide food for those who are displaced.

12. Praise God today for every church leader in Africa who has faithfully disciplined the local church. Pastors ask us to pray for wisdom and perseverance and that their work will bear fruit.

13. Pray that national government leaders and other global decision-makers would recognize and address the worsening crisis of violence across sub-Saharan Africa. Pray for leaders’ compassion and conviction to respond urgently.

14. Pray that God would snuff out the threat of Islamic extremism in sub-Saharan Africa. Pray Psalm 12:5’s promise: *“Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the LORD. “I will protect them from those who malign them.”*

15. Pray that the worldwide Church would be ever vigilant in prayer. God’s help is on the way—and the church in Africa is rising to meet Him: *Father, awaken us! Just as our African family are so resilient and expectant in their faith, may we be as equally committed to pray with them.*

HAITI

16. Pray against the strong wave of violence sweeping through the country. Gangs have taken over the city capital Port-au-Prince. Pray for a veil of supernatural peace.

17. Pray for the loved ones of three devoted

missionaries, Jude Montis and Natalie and Davy Lloyd, who were kidnapped in Port-au-Prince after leaving church and killed that night.

18. Ask God to free the streets of Port-au-Prince and other parts of Haiti from the influence of gangs and the violence plaguing the country.

19. Pray for the churches, pastors and missionaries who are working in Haiti—they put their lives at risk on a daily basis. Pray for wisdom and peace.



Village in Pakistan

PAKISTAN

20. Pray for Christians in Pakistan who every day live with the knowledge they or a loved one could be accused of blasphemy against Islam and attacked by enraged mobs.

21. Pray that Christians would be protected from accusations of blasphemy and mob attacks. Ask God to provide them a place of refuge (Psalms 91:4).

22. Recently, our brother Nazir Masih was falsely accused of blasphemy and fatally wounded by mob beatings. Pray for comfort and peace for his grieving family.

COLOMBIA

23. On the Colombian Pacific coast, the church is under fire. Today, pray with church leaders who are targeted and pressured by

guerilla groups that control the region.

24. Our teams recently visited the area and made the trek to the country’s most isolated church where we met with Pastor Salomón. Pray for him by name today.

25. Fearing for their lives, many people have left the area. Salomón’s church has lost many members and he lost his job cutting down trees. Ask God to give him and his family daily encouragement.

26. Salomón is thankful for support for a new income-generating project he has started. *“Thanks to God and Open Doors,”* he says. *“Pray a lot for this church. I love you very much.”*

ALGERIA

27. Pray for Algerians who have left Islam to follow Jesus. It’s considered an act of mental illness to convert to Christianity in the predominantly Muslim country.

28. Pray with Meryem, a young college student and believer whose Muslim parents discovered her Christian faith and have now placed her under house arrest. She isn’t allowed to leave, even to attend school.

29. Meryem’s mother told her that conversion is mental illness to be treated with medication. She is being medically sedated. *Lord, we cry out for Meryem and pray for her rescue.*

30. Pray that God would make a way for Meryem and the millions of Christians who live under house arrest because they made the costly decision to follow Jesus.

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