

October 2025

Prayer Calendar

MEN IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA:

1. Pray with Jemal*, an Ethiopian believer whose successful woodworking and steel businesses were destroyed in Islamic extremist mob attacks. “Pray for [Christians to regain] influence in our community,” he says.
2. Where Jemal lives, Muslims have isolated the Christians. It’s difficult, even dangerous, for children to go to school by themselves. He asks us to pray: *“In every place I go, pray for God to give me boldness.”*
3. Pray that God will strengthen Pastor Zumai* in Nigeria. He is walking daily with his wife through the trauma she suffered in militant captivity.
4. Pray for men throughout sub-Saharan Africa whose families are displaced from their homes due to violence. Extremists know that men struggle with feeling inferior and weak when their families must depend on others to survive.
5. Praise God for His provision. Pastor Barnabas in Nigeria shared a thank you message. While his family still lives in an IDP camp, his children are now back in school “because of the support I received from the ministry,” he says.
6. Pray for God’s strength for Christian men in Cameroon’s Far North, a region terrorized by Boko Haram. Men carry the weight of providing for and protecting their family from attack and kidnapping.
7. Adam and his family of six are also displaced from their home in Far North Cameroon. He has been kidnapped twice. Pray with him that the nightmares will stop.
8. Praise God with us for Adam’s escape from captivity. He escaped when the men guarding him fell into a deep sleep—the night before he was to be executed.
9. Adam leads his local Christian community.

Pray for protection. “We keep fleeing because there is no peace,” he says. “Pray with us that God will make a way.”

10. Pray with pastors throughout sub-Saharan Africa who are often targets of persecution. Thank God for pastors who take this risk to lead and disciple the church.

11. Pastor Sore shared an update: His Muslim father has come to live with him on the land Soré’s family settled on after his family was displaced. “Pray for the conversion of my father and his family,” Soré asks.



In photo: Pastor Soré

12. Speak Bishop Wilfred Anagbe’s name today. And pray for his village in Nigeria’s Benue State. His testimony before the US Congress drew threats by both Islamic extremist groups and the Nigerian government.

13. Pray that God would use Bishop Wilfred’s testimony to wake up world leaders to the violence against God’s people in Nigeria and throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Pray for conviction and urgent action.

14. Pray for Father Solomon Atongo in Benue State who was shot in the leg returning from a memorial service. His two companions were abducted. Pray for his comfort and perseverance.

15. Pray for fathers in Gwer West in Benue State, where a string of armed attacks left more than 40 people dead. God, we pray right now for the fathers who are hurting and feel emasculated. Please bolster them with Your strength and peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

16. Kidnapped women who escape captivity often come home with children born in captivity. Some return pregnant. Pray for the men who are struggling to accept these children or pregnancies. Extremists use rape as a weapon against both women and men.

WOMEN IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

17. Rifkatu* was kidnapped four weeks after her wedding. She endured unimaginable violence at the hands of her captors. Praise God for her release and pray for continuous healing.

18. Terrible nightmares of Fulani militants chasing her continue to plague Rifkatu. Pray that the Prince of Peace will take away these nightmares and give her much-needed rest.

19. Rifkatu desperately wants to relocate for her family’s safety. “Pray that God will change the area where I live,” she asks. “I have a strong desire for God to change it.”

20. Today, pray with Hakuri*, a widow in Niger. “Pray for peace in our region; pray against insecurity,” she asks. “We are afraid of what is happening. Every day we hear guns shoot.”

21. Pray with widows who often ask for faithful resilience. Hakuri says: “I beg Christians around the world to pray for us—we need peace; pray so that God will make our faith to be strong in Christ to endure persecution.”

22. Pray that widows would be economically resilient and not susceptible to lures and schemes. Poverty can often result in desperation and surrender.

23. Pray with widows who are also mothers and must protect and care for their children as single parents. One widowed mother shared with us: “Every day, I pray for peace and the health of my children.”

24. Pray for women in sub-Saharan Africa today who are waking up in tears, grieving for their husbands, children and those they have lost to Islamic extremist attacks on their villages.

25. Pray that God would protect women in sub-Saharan Africa who have suffered sexual violence for their faith—restoring them in every area.

26. Rifkatu found healing at Open Doors’ trauma care center in northern Nigeria. Ask God to bless the Shalom Center and its workers abundantly.



In photo: Rifkatu

27. Ask God to raise up more trauma care workers. Pray for workers’ emotional and spiritual well-being as they listen to repeated accounts of sexual violence.

28. Pray that women who have suffered so much for their faith would be reminded in unimaginable ways that through their faith, they are daughters of God (Gal. 3:26) and co-heirs with Christ.

29. Pray with female captives who are physically enslaved to their captors. Pray they will remember that because of Christ’s work on the cross, they are no longer spiritually enslaved.

30. Pray for women in sub-Saharan Africa—the torchbearers for the next generation, the hand holders, the tear catchers. Ask God to give them special blessing.

31. Pray for the widows, whose husbands were specifically and especially targeted and killed by militants for their leadership roles in churches and ministries.

November 2025

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MYANMAR

1. Give thanks for Pastor Yang and his incredible resilience. Ask for God's protection over him and his family. Pray Pastor Yang will keep following Jesus, no matter what.

2. IDOP Sunday: Pray for the displaced believers in Myanmar, that they will be reached with food, shelter and practical help. Pray for perseverance in faith.

3. For Christians affected by the devastating earthquake that hit Myanmar last March. Pray that aid will reach those who need it, and for hope to be restored. Pray for the rebuilding effort.

4. Lift up the church in Myanmar. Pray that faith will survive persecution, war and crisis, and ask God to strengthen Christians to shine as a light in their communities.

5. For Christians all over the world who've been forced from their homes by violence and persecution. Pray they will know and feel they are not alone.

SYRIA

6. Pray with Razzouk Al-Akhras, a worker in the Alliance Church in Homs, Syria. He shared his prayer for the church as Syria's new government takes power: *"I pray the coming time is for Lord's glory, and that this government will support the church in its mission."*

7. Razzouk also asks us to raise prayers with him to ask God to bring lost people to the glory of the Lord and strengthen the church. *"I am present here because this is my calling. The Lord called me to glorify His name."*

8. Also in Homs, Pastor Edward Mossa helps lead a home for youth. He hopes you'll pray with him: *"We pray for each other in all circumstances. We call upon you to pray for*

us, that these times may pass as peacefully as possible."

NORTH KOREA

9. In North Korea, a small number of believers have access to hidden Bibles—buried in the ground and concealed in walls. Pray that hidden Bibles will be protected, preserved and used to build up and empower the Body of Christ.

10. Ask that Christians who no longer have access to a Bible will remember Scripture they once knew and receive encouragement through it.

11. Pray for believers who have access to portions of the Bible to share these scriptures and discern when and how to share their testimonies and teach others.

12. Pray for brave Christians who share the gospel in the most dangerous circumstances. Pray for comfort and spiritual encouragement for those imprisoned or suffering due to their courageous testimony.

13. Pray for opportunities and divine appointments so that even in secret, the message of hope continues to spread in North Korea.

CENTRAL ASIA

14. Pray by name today for your 65-year-old brother, Pastor Pavel Schreider in Kyrgyzstan. He's facing five to seven years in jail. Pray Psalm 91 over him and ask Him to bring scriptures to his mind.

15. Pray for Yildan* and his daughter. The secret police picked him up and interrogated him about distributing Christian literature. The court fined him a hefty \$625. Pray for his family's provision.

16. During the interrogation, Yildan courageously explained he wanted people to know about the true and living God. Now his family is living under authorities' scrutiny. Pray for their perseverance as they suffer under

surveillance.

17. Pray for a church who was deceived by a man who attended a church meeting, feigning interest in Christianity. He was a spy. Police raided the church and detained them for two days without food. Pray for recovery; the group is traumatized.

VIETNAM

18. In the northern region, authorities banned 17 Hmong Christian families from attending church and stripped them of their government benefits. Ask God to keep His hand on them and provide.

19. Despite the hardship they face, these 17 families continue to seek ways to worship in secret. Pray their faith remains strong during this difficult time.

20. Pray that God makes a way for all Vietnamese believers to attend church services without fear. *"God, please be ever-close to our sisters and brothers today."*

21. Praise God for a local partners' satellite Bible school program that reaches people from rural areas who can't afford to travel to pursue full-time training.

22. By the end of the course, students earn a certificate, making them eligible to serve in local churches and plant churches. Pray that word would spread.

ARABIAN PENINSULA

23. A group of disciple makers and their friends are asking us to pray, as Christians in the Arabian Peninsula are asked to leave their respective countries. Pray for believers and church plants ... that they will withstand this pressure.

24. Pray for our brothers and sisters to abide in Christ, praying daily and leaning into His Word. Pray they will not succumb to fear and worries (Phil. 4:6).

25. Pray for leaders in power, for both

softened hearts and open minds. Ask God to give His people favor with authorities—the same favor we see in Scripture.

26. Ask God to order their steps and that His people would hear His voice and obey Him. *Father, we pray that You would be so pleased with them that even their enemies will treat them well.*

CHINA

27. The senior leader of a house church in West China was taken from his home by police officers and unjustly accused. Our field partner shares: *"Your urgent prayers are needed to support the church and its members who are suffering for their faith."*

28. Police also summoned other key members and staff of the West China house church for questioning. The church has a positive reputation across all of China. Pray that God would loose these chains.

IRAN

29. Pray with your brother Hakob Gochumiyan, an Armenian Christian serving a 10-year sentence in Iran. Hakob has described severe mistreatment, including death threats. Ask God to intervene.

30. Pray for all imprisoned Christians in Iran—may they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, be strengthened in hope, and remain steadfast in truth.

*names changed for security reasons