

SECRET BELIEVERS

1. Pray for perseverance for Iraqi believers from a Muslim background like Yasin*. He has led his family to Jesus, but his community has beaten him and firebombed his home for his decision to leave Islam.
2. “When I read the Bible for the first time, I cried because of the beautiful words in it,” Yasin says. Pray that Scripture would be life-giving in the midst of secret believers’ isolation and persecution.
3. Yasin asks you to pray that God gives him the strength to share the gospel with “as many people as possible,” he says. “I have hope that they will all be saved,” he says.
4. Bitā met Jesus in a secret house church in Iran. She hides her Bible and whispers her prayers in secret, but her faith remains steadfast. Pray for unwavering courage and perseverance for women like Bitā.
5. Pray for children forced to learn Muslim beliefs—even when Islam is not their faith. Not only must they deal with their daily homework, they must also navigate their hostile culture.
6. Often, Middle Eastern Christians tell us that Jesus revealed Himself to them in a dream. Pray that God would bring more dreams and visions to Muslims.
7. For pastors in the Middle East, working with believers from a Muslim background is a risk. Thank God for pastors who take this risk. Pray for pastors who dare to meet with new believers.
8. When Somayeh* first heard about Jesus in her native country of Iran, she had one goal: prove that Christianity wasn’t true and Islam was. But that was before she stepped into a local church, at a friend’s invitation. Ask God to embolden Christians to invite Muslims to worship.

9. Somayeh started a secret house church that grew to 50 people and became a place of healing and transformation. Pray that God would raise up more believers to multiply His Church.

10. Somayeh now leads an online ministry, serving secret Christians in Iran. Outside her native country, she attends training sessions organized by Open Doors. “The trainings have deepened my understanding of God’s Word,” she says. Ask God to expand her ministry.

11. Pray with Adam and Dina, an Egyptian couple who followed Jesus out of Islam. When Adam’s father discovered their conversion, he threatened their lives. Ask God to give them grace and courage.

12. Through the support of an Open Doors partner church, Adam received a motorized freight trike to earn a living, and the couple found a safe place to stay. Pray that this couple will grow in their faith.

13. Pray with 5-year-old Salim today. When his parents revealed their Christian faith, he came home from school with bruises and torn clothes—bullied by his Muslim classmates. Pray for children whose faith puts them at risk.

14. Pray for peace for Salim’s parents who enrolled their son in a school without mentioning their Christian faith—at the suggestion of Open Doors local partners. “For now, it’s the only option to protect our child,” Salim’s father says.



In photo: Somayeh, Christian from Iran

EGYPT

15. Pray with Mariam, an 18-year-old girl who lives in a poor home in a slum village where Christians face severe persecution. Growing up, Mariam struggled with her self-worth.

16. Mariam started going out with a Muslim man who gave her the attention she longed for. Over time, he manipulated her and began pressuring her to convert to Islam and marry him. Pray for her healing and restoration.

17. Mariam had no idea she had become prey to a tactic of Islamic groups that lure young vulnerable Christian girls. Ask God to shield Mariam from future dangers and pressures.

18. Pray for peace and comfort for all vulnerable Christian women throughout the world. God, we ask You to be our sisters’ refuge and source of hope.

BANGLADESH

19. Ask God to provide for your brother Raju and his family. When Raju chose Jesus, his employer said it was his faith or his job. Ask God to help Raju find alternative ways to earn an income.

20. Pray that through Raju’s situation, God will make him and his family stronger and they will find their hope in Him.

SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

21. Pray for 9-year-old Ehsan who followed Jesus out of Islam. He’s facing intense pressure at school for his faith, as he refuses to wear a kopiah (Muslim headwear). He was punished and isolated by his teacher.

22. Pray that God would strengthen Ehsan to withstand the bullying and isolation. “I feel sad and scared when they tell me to wear the kopiah. My friends laugh at me when they move me to the back of the class,” he says.

23. Ask God to strengthen Ehsan’s faith to stand firm in Christ. He feels alone in his faith, with little support beyond his praying parents.

Pray that God would reveal tangible examples of His love and care.

24. Pray for Ehsan’s teachers and classmates ... that God would soften their hearts and provide opportunities to share the love of Christ with them.

25. Ehsan refuses to conform due to his love for Jesus. Pray for Christians who followed Jesus out of Islam. Ask Him to protect and encourage them when they stand for Him.

SYRIA

26. Since the fall of the Asaad regime in late 2024, Christians don’t know what to expect from the new authorities. Pray for believers ... that the Lord will help them grow into His witnesses.

27. Pray for churches that opened their doors for converts from a Muslim or Druze background in the past years. Pray for church leaders’ wisdom and insight in this new political situation.

28. Thank God that in the past years, many Kurdish Muslims in northeast Syria became followers of Jesus. Pray that the Lord will give them what they need to grow in their faith.

YEMEN

29. Pray with the church in Yemen that’s suffering amid bombings, hunger and the severe lack of medical care and educational opportunities. Pray they will “run and not be weary, walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

30. A Yemeni Christian shared his prayer request: “Pray that God would provide so that we’ll be able to continue to stand with the church in the coming year.”

31. Christians in Yemen are bold. Pray for those who are courageous enough to bring people to their houses to worship. Pray for their protection and discernment.

September 2025

Prayer Calendar

CENTRAL ASIA

1. Pray for Karim's perseverance. Because there are several Christians in his village, Karim continues to stay to support them. Pray also for his deteriorating hearing.
2. Praise God for summer youth camps offered by Open Doors local partners. These gatherings bring together young people facing opposition for their faith. Camp participant Emma shares: "A lot has changed in me. I carry the love of Christ in my heart."
3. Praise God for a ministry couple who used an Open Doors micro credit to buy and run a car parts shop as a ministry to help young people learn a profession.

LAOS

4. Pray for strength for four Christian house church leaders arrested in northern Laos. After their community reported them, authorities barged into a worship service.
5. Pray for local church leaders in the area and for wisdom for Open Doors partners, as they visit the families and provide counsel and encouragement.



In photo: Believer from Laos, worshipping

6. Pray for the 19 believers in the village where these church leaders were arrested. They are living in constant fear, as villagers and authorities watch believers' every move. Pray they will seek God despite the risk.

COLOMBIA

7. Pray with your Colombian brothers and sisters in the indigenous department of Chocó, where an armed strike has created fear among church leaders.
8. Pastors in the region ask: "Pray that God would take control of this situation and help the church to understand His vision in the midst of the conflict."
9. Praise God today for a women's ministry that has impacted more than 500 women. The ministry was born out of a persecution preparedness training organized by Open Doors partners.

10. The ministry is the result of seven women who attended the training and worked to get their church to understand the necessity to prepare for persecution. Pray blessings over these women.

11. Pray with your sister Auristine who leads the ministry. The group has planted groups in 12 communities. "I am able to see the women fulfilled and ready to face persecution," she says.

NICARAGUA

12. Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Nicaragua where 50,000 men and women were asked to join the country's security forces.
13. Pray for the local church, that the Lord will help it stay strong and protected. Ask God to shield vulnerable families and communities in the face of increased repression.
14. Pray for wisdom and courage for religious leaders to continue to guide God's people with faith and hope. And pray for government officials ... that the Lord would touch the hearts of those in power, bringing repentance and a

change in the country's direction.

NEPAL

15. Pray with your sister Tara*. Her husband Ramesh* threatened to divorce her if she did not renounce her faith and stop attending church.
16. Ramesh attempted to burn Tara's Bible and has now hidden it from her. He has threatened to throw her out of the house. Pray that God grants His strength to Tara.
17. Ramesh has restricted her from attending church and associating with other Christians. Pray for encouragement and comfort in Tara's emotional and mental distress.
18. Pray that Tara experiences God's presence intimately in this time of loneliness and finds encouragement to grow spiritually.

SRI LANKA

19. Pray for comfort and trauma care for our sister Sasha. She has endured vicious death threats for her faith. Her father, a devout Hindu, threatened to burn her alive.
20. Pray the opposition from Sasha's father will stop and she can go to church without fear. Pray that Sasha's father will also come to know the Lord.
21. Ask God to strengthen Sasha, as she shares the gospel; pray she will have more divine encounters with others who need to hear Christ's hope.

OPEN DOORS' LOCAL PARTNERS

22. Pray for our local partners as they cultivate strong leaders for churches of believers from a Muslim background who will disciple new believers.
23. As soon as Open Doors partners are in contact with a new believer, they attempt to connect them to a local (underground) church. The work is risky. Pray for guidance.

24. Our staff in the Middle East need your prayers. When they visit secret believers, they often must travel to isolated areas. Pray the Lord will "blind" the eyes of persecutors.

25. Pray for stamina for our local partners. Ask God to revive them when they're weary and strengthen them when they're weak. Pray especially for good physical and emotional health.

NIGERIA

26. Pray for strength with your sister Grace, who witnessed the brutal murder of her husband, Joshua, because he was a pastor.
27. Pray with Pastor Elam, one of many church leaders in Nigeria's Taraba State, who is participating in leadership training led by Open Doors local partners. Thank you for making this training possible.
28. Pastor Elam asks Open Doors supporters to pray: "Pray for unity in the church. Traditional beliefs have also caused many problems. Pray for God's wisdom on how to speak to our sheep."
29. Pastor Elam asks: "Pray that God grants us wisdom on how to become credible leaders before those we lead and serve."
30. With the support of Open Doors partners, Grace received trauma care at our Shalom Center, where she found comfort and the will to forgive her husband's killers. "Here, I was finally able to let go," she says. Pray for her continued healing.

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