

**IRAN**

1. Thank God for the openness of Iranians to the gospel and thank Him for His presence in the lives of so many. Even though persecution is fierce, new believers keep on being added to the family of Christ in the country.

2. Thank God for the people finding him in other parts of the Muslim world as well. Pray for more disciple makers: the need for follow-up with seekers and new believers is higher than the capacity workers have.

3. Pray for the Christians currently imprisoned for their faith in Iran. Some are spending time in isolation cells or face other forms of torture.

4. Pray for those who have been released, but still bear the emotional consequences of their time in jail.

5. 22-year-old Mary (Fatemeh) Mohammadi\* from Iran openly advocates for the rights of Christians. She has already spent 6 months in prison, was kicked out of university and lost her job due to her activities.

6. Remember to pray for female believers that have been cut off from any communication with the outside world when their family discovered their faith.

7. Pray that the Christian believers would know they are not alone.

8. Authorities want to take 2-year-old Lydia\* in Iran away from her adoptive parents Sam\* and Maryam\* because they are Christians. Pray for her and her family.

9. Pray for a change of heart for the judge who upheld the 1-year prison sentence against Sam\*, with a subsequent two-year exile.

10. Sam\* is expected to be summoned to prison soon. Pray that God would turn this around.

11. Thank God for the support Lydia and her parents receive from within the Iranian society and pray for the hearts and minds of those in charge to be touched as well.

12. Some have been believing on their own for so long that they started to create their own theology and ways of believing. Pray for an openness among them to learn from other believers.

13. Pray that fellow Christians find each other and sharpen each other. Pray for secret believers to find other believers to have fellowship with so that they do not have to carry their burden on their own.

14. Pray for those who have lost their jobs because their employer found out about their faith.

15. Many online fellowships are currently taking place. Pray that despite the limitations of the digital world they will be able to learn from each other and grow in faith.

**NORTH KOREA**

16. Secret North Korean Christian worship and prayer meetings. Pray for their protection.

17. Please pray for God's protection on the field ministry. Despite travel restrictions and the dangers of the disease spreading, North Korea ministry field workers never stop reaching out to those North Korean believers in need.

18. Please pray that God will especially pour His wisdom to the field workers that they will be able to listen to His voice for the most detailed instructions, that they will meet the right people in the right time.

19. Please pray that field workers and local partners will experience His guidance and preparation wherever they go and in whatever they do.

**VIETNAM**

20. A small group of Christian tribal believers in central Vietnam was formed by Dep\* and her 10 daughters a few years after their conversion. On January 30, 2021, Dep's neighbor, reported them to the local authorities while they were having a Bible study. Pray for God's direction and protection for Dep, her daughters, and the other believers.

21. Now Dep\* and her daughters are attending an online church service hosted by a church in the city. Pray that even through this virtual gathering their faith will be nurtured.

22. With the pandemic still going on, many believers in rural areas, especially tribal, struggle to provide for their families. Pray that the Lord will provide for their needs and that there will be opportunities for them to better their economic well-being.

**LAOS**

23. Pray that the Lord will open the hearts of the conservative Communist officials in Laos even more, and that the true message of the Gospel will reach their hearts.

24. Pray also that they will seek to understand more the situation of Christians in the country and give them fair treatment.

25. An OD-supported project in Laos crossed Vietnam: 2,000 Sunday School Manuals now ready for distribution. Pray that this material will be used fully for the glory of God and for the expansion of His Kingdom.

26. Pray for the trained Sunday School teachers – old and new, in both countries. Pray that they will be able to apply the learnings and strategies from the trainings they attended.

**BANGLADESH**

27. Pray for fruitful training for believers aimed to strengthen them in their faith as they face day to day persecution.

28. Christians often face discrimination at work. They are vulnerable to be exploited by their employers, some face discrimination by their employers because of their faith in Christ. Pray for these believers to stand strong!

**BRUNEI**

29. Pray for believers in the armed forces, that they will be His salt and light in that community.

30. Pray also for more of them to be active in contributing to nation building, so that they can influence the Sultan of Brunei and other governmental leaders - just as God used Joseph to influence the Pharaoh of Egypt.

**INDONESIA**

31. Pray for all the believers in Indonesia that, despite persecution, they will continue to set their eyes on what is unseen and eternal, and live out their faith as a token of gratitude for His salvation. Pray that they will spread His Word, far and wide, among their Muslim neighbors and friends.

## Same Faith. Different Persecution

Across the world, Christian Men and Women are persecuted differently for their faith. You can see the global rankings of Pressure Points by gender in each country on the World Watch List.

### PRESSURE POINTS BY GENDER

#### MEN

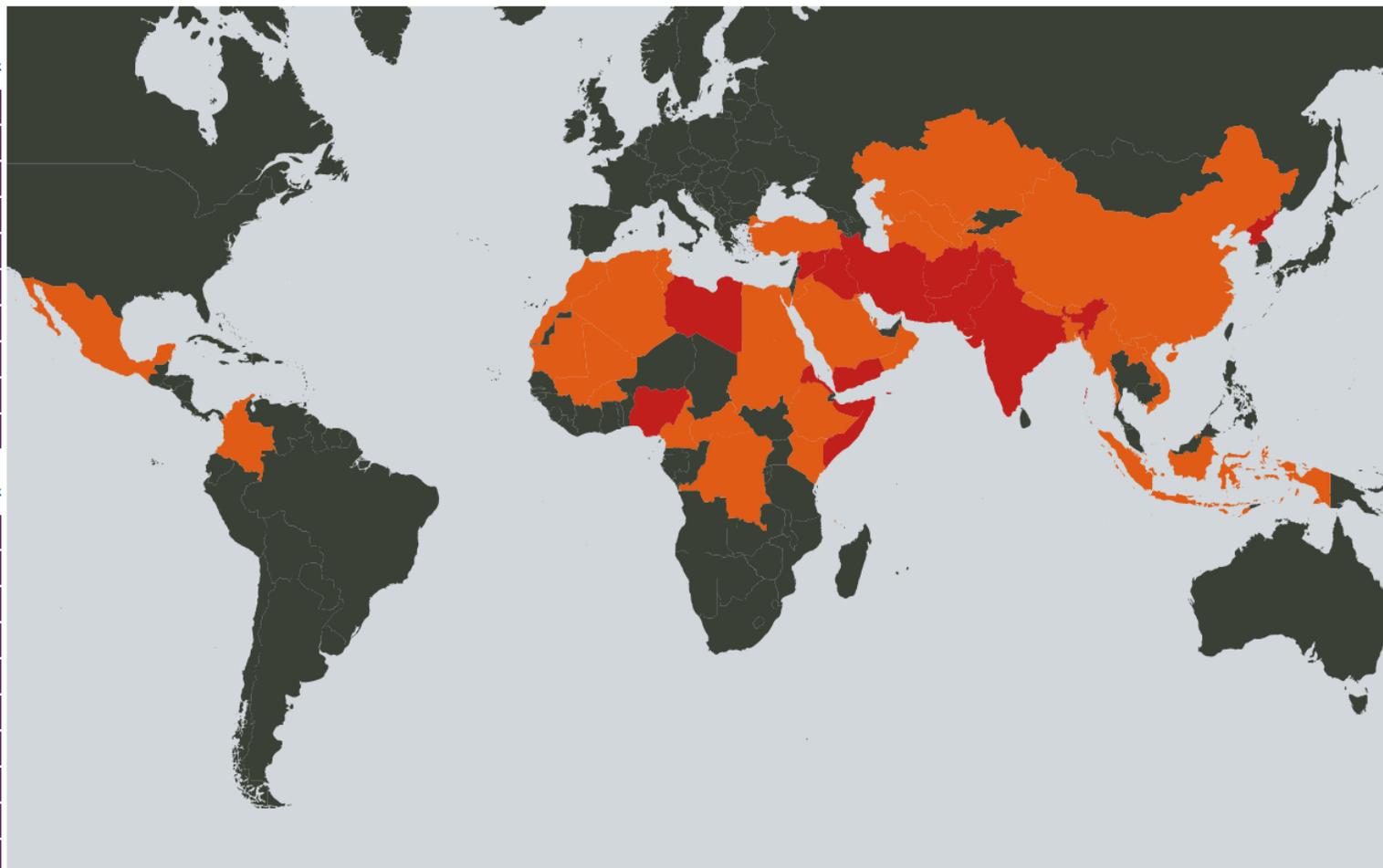
Rank

Physical violence	1
Economic harassment via work	2
Imprisonment by government	2
Psychological violence	4
Military/militia conscription	5
Death	6
Verbal attack	7
Forced out of home - expulsion	8
Discrimination via education	8
Forced to flee town/country	8

#### WOMEN

Rank

Forced marriage	1
Sexual violence	2
Physical violence	3
Psychological violence	4
Forced divorce	5
Incarceration by family	6
Abduction	7
Verbal attack	8
Denied access to social community and networks	9
Denied custody of children	10



# June 2021 prayer calendar

## MALAYSIA

1. Pray for Open Doors local partners who labor tirelessly to serve the Church in Malaysia. Pray that God will give them wisdom, strength, and peace. Pray that they will continue to have a heart to serve and to walk in the way of the Lord.

2. Pray also for the believers during this time, that they will continue to be salt and light in every season.

## MALDIVES

3. Maldives is a predominantly Muslim-country. Please pray for those believers who live there—the expats from Sri Lanka and India that they can point Muslims to the one who can bring true peace to their lives, Jesus Christ!

## SRI LANKA

4. Pastor Jeba\* is pastoring a church in Central Sri Lanka amidst opposition from local religious leaders and some of the villagers. A group of people who oppose them opened a business next to the church, where they use loud machines to saw wood and make cement blocks disrupting church service. Please pray for these business owners that they would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior also.

5. Pray that God would intervene so that these believers can worship and listen to God's Word together in peace.

## SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

6. Youth discipleship training for believers from different tribes is continuing, even during the pandemic. The training is mainly taking place online, with some meetings face-to-face in small groups. Pray for these

young believers.

7. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for youth leaders to know how best to do this, as many of the young people live in remote areas that do not have internet. Pray for God to provide what is needed so that the training can be done.

## INDIA

8. Pray for believers facing persecution in the midst of the pandemic. Church buildings are attacked, demolished and vandalized, and pastors and believers are beaten, threatened, excluded by their communities, and even killed.

9. Please pray that the believers will continue to stand strong in their faith in spite of all these challenges.

10. In the state of Uttar Pradesh, persecution is increasing rapidly due to the implementation of anti-conversion laws. Pray for the believers living this state.

11. Sister Manisha\* and her siblings are being excluded and isolated by their village because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for all the Christians who are socially boycotted in their villages. Please pray for God's provision for these believers, and that He will soften the hearts of their communities.

## NEPAL

12. Pray for Christians living under anti-conversion laws. Please pray for the Christians in Nepal are harassed and targeted through anti-conversion laws. Recently a few Korean missionaries were deported after being found guilty of proselytizing. wisdom to know how to do this safely.

13. Pray that God will give believers courage to continue sharing their faith, and wisdom to know how to do this safely.

# How can I help my persecuted family?



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**“WHILE PETER  
WAS IN PRISON,  
THE CHURCH PRAYED  
VERY EARNESTLY  
FOR HIM.”**

ACTS 12:5

### PLEASE PRAY

- For Christians currently imprisoned for their faith in Iran. Some might spend time in isolation cells or face other forms of torture.
- For those who have been released but still bear the emotional consequences of their time and experience in jail.
- For those who expect to be summoned to prison soon. That they know they are not alone.

To find more details of those imprisoned for their faith, go to the Article 18 website: [articleeighteen.com/prisoners-list](http://articleeighteen.com/prisoners-list)

### BHUTAN

14. Travel restrictions due to covid-19 makes conducting programs difficult in the country as those who are against Christians often falsely accuse them of breaking the covid-19 rules. Pray for wisdom for our partners to know how best to support persecuted believers during this challenging time and pray for their protection.

### CHINA

15. In China, more and more of their youth are increasingly attracted to the true light—Jesus. Please ask the Holy Spirit to fill China’s youth leaders with wisdom and faith.

16. Brother Yusup\* had planned to reconnect with young believers he had led to Jesus before the crackdowns and arrests began in Northeast China. But now he couldn’t do so because of Covid-19 restrictions. He received reports that these believers had been taken in for questioning by authorities and pressured to name the person who led them to faith in Jesus. Pray for this young group of believers for the Holy Spirit to empower them to stand firm during this tough time.

17. Brother Marcus\*, a believer from a Buddhist background, has been released from prison and returned to his family. Praise God for this good news! Continue to pray for his recovery together with his family.

### KAZAKHSTAN

18. Please pray for the Shanyrak church in Astana, which has gotten into trouble with the Kazakh authorities. Some members of the congregation are accused of insulting the feelings of Muslims.

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19. Pray for wisdom for the lawyer who is helping the church, so he will know how to act and what to do. Pray For strength, courage and comfort for this church and its leaders.

### CENTRAL ASIA

20. Chalpona\* is a believer from a Muslim background, the only Christian in her family. Her two sons are against it and told her to renounce her faith in Jesus, and not to reach out to others with the Gospel. Please pray for strength and protection for Chalpona.

21. A year ago, Diliana\* came to faith after hearing the gospel through an evangelist, supported by Open Doors. When her husband saw the Bible and Christian materials from OD, he became angry and beat Diliana very badly. Because of the beating she had three days of headaches and was wounded. He forbade her from going to the hospital. Please pray for her.

### ETHIOPIA

22. Pray for Haman\*(76) who recently converted to Christianity and was baptized this year. Men from his village were angered by his abandonment of their traditional religion. The angry mob went to his house, destroyed his crops, took his livestock and threatened to kill him and his family if he would not renounce his faith.

23. Pray that Haman’s obedience to follow Christ is a testimony to those who persecute him and that they too will choose to follow Jesus.

24. Hubba\* the eldest daughter of the only

Christian family in their village was raped last year. The young man has now been arrested and is awaiting trial. Pray for the Lord’s continued healing work in Hubba’s life. Pray that she may come to know Him as the God who is near to the broken hearted.

25. Pray for Open Doors partners providing legal and emotional support to Hubba, who is still on the road to recovery. Pray for wisdom and favor upon them as they fight for justice.

### CAMEROON

26. Pray that God will give strength for believers to continue running the race and may enjoy my eternal life with the Lord. “Pray for us, that our faith may not falter,” asks a believer named Bernard.

27. Things are hard for the young widows in the country. Pray that they will not lose faith and that they put their trust in God who will help them raise their children.

### SOMALIA

28. Pray for Ub\*, a mother of nine children who converted to Christianity last year. Her husband divorced her. In one instance, her ex-husband and a relative attacked her and the children. The attack has left the family deep emotional scars.

29. Pray for wisdom and discernment for all Christians in Somalia who must hide their faith and meet in secret.

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

30. Democratic Forces (ADF) militants continue to attack and kill defenseless villagers anywhere and anytime of the day in the North Kivu and Ituri provinces. Please pray for grace for the displaced and bereaved.

*\*Names changed for security reasons*