

# **OCTOBER**

#### 01 Afghanistan

Pray for protection and perseverance for secret Christians, as the Taliban's strict adherence to Islamic law poses daily threats to their lives.

#### 02 Mali

Secret Christians desperately require protection, guidance, and abundant prayers. Choosing Jesus often leads to brutal persecution.

#### 03 Yemen

Pray for opportunities for these believers to receive biblical education, discipleship, and spiritual nourishment to mature in their faith.

#### 04 Algeria

Almost all Christian places of worship have been sealed or closed under threats and pressure. Pray for persistence in these believers' faith.

#### 05 Sri Lanka

Pray for Suranjith. Construction for his home halted when he refused to keep a Buddhist statue in his yard. Now, his family doesn't have a home.

#### 06 Central Asia

Emir and his family converted from Islam, and now he leads a house church. Pray for courage and strength as he and his family face daily threats.

#### 07 Iran

Pray for Laleh, a Christian convert who returned home to Iran see her elderly parents and now faces two years in prison for her faith in Jesus.

# 08 North Korea

A North Korean Christian recently shared with us: "Our ministry is difficult, but God has given us this task." Pray for God's strength in their lives.

# 09 Cameroon

Pray for Lambram, a Christian village that has been attacked by Boko Haram for a second time this year. Pray for hope in this hopeless situation.

#### 10 Vietnam

Pray for Pastor Chien Thang and his family's safety. Pray that, through them, God's Word will spread like wildfire, bringing revival to this region.

# 11 Nigeria

Pray for the estimated 106 Chibok girls who were kidnapped and are still missing. Ask God to heal them and fill them with His supernatural hope.

# 12 Bangladesh

Pray for Alam who is asking us to pray for him and his family. He received an anonymous note on his doorstep threatening his life because of his faith.

# 13 Egypt

Raef and his wife, Sawsan, had to flee their village after his father, a Muslim imam, discovered their faith in Jesus. Pray for their perseverance.

# 14 Mexico

Pray for our family in Chiapas state who face increasing violence from organised crime. Pray for peace that passes human understanding.

# 15 Colombia

Pray for Pastor William in the Amazon who is limited in his ministry because of the presence of armed gangs in the area. Pray for his protection.

#### 16 Myanmar

Amidst the unrest, believers attend persecution preparedness training to help them stand strong in faith. Pray they encounter God in a mighty way.

#### 17 Laos

When believers convert to Christianity, they are ostracised from their villages. Pray that Jesus will remove the spirit of fear around finding faith.

# 18 Indonesia

Pray that Christian parents are equipped to disciple their children, helping them stay grounded in their faith despite the persecution they face.

#### 19 India

Conservative Hindu ideology is becoming stronger, and Christians in India are suffering. Pray for freedom of religion and safety for Christians.

#### 20 Yemen

Pray for one of our partners who desires to grow more discipleship leaders in different provinces of Yemen. Pray that he receives God's wisdom.

# 21 Bahrain

Pray that God continues to protect the freedom of expatriate Christians and local believers so they can worship God together in community.

# 22 Oman

Our partners ask us to pray for the Omani believers who live under pressure from their families and government. Pray they are strengthened in faith.

# 23 Saudi Arabia

In Saudi Arabia, Christians find it difficult to trust Muslim converts due to previous negative experiences. Please pray for love and discernment.

# 24 Central Asia

Pray for 16-year-old Gulmira<sup>\*</sup>. Her father, a devoted Muslim, kicked her out of home when he found out she secretly became a Christian.

# **25 Palestinian Territories**

Pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land, an end to the violence, and comfort for those who lost loved ones or are still missing family members.

# 26 Syria

Thank God for the 36 students in the Open Doors-supported counselling school in Syria. They hope to help the Christian community heal from their wounds.

# 27 Burkina Faso

Pray for our sisters and brothers in northeastern Burkina Faso traumatised by a suspected Islamic extremist attack during their church worship service.

# 28 Nigeria

Pray with Pastor Zachariah in northern Nigeria who lost his wife, a son, and home in an extremist attack. Pray for healing over his life.

# 29 Egypt

Pray for Christians to disciple young females in knowing their inherent value, recognising themselves as equals to men in a society that does not.

# 30 Mexico

Pray for the harmony of Guadalupe and Leticia's community, that God will work in the hearts of the leaders and residents to see the truth of the Bible.

# 31 Iraq

Pray for Iraqi Christians who have converted from a Muslim background. Pray they remain strong in their faith and continue to hold firm to Jesus.

# NOVEMBER

# 01 Chad

Pray for perseverance for families who are displaced from their homes after extremist attacks on their villages killed more than 30 Christians.

# 02 India

Many Christians are frightened to return to church after experiencing violent attacks on their churches. Pray for peace, courage, and safety.

# 03 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

As the global Church, let's join in prayer for our persecuted family. Pray for strength (Eph. 3:16-19), provision (Phil. 4:19), and for the gospel to advance (Phil. 1:9-11).

# 04 North Korea

Pray for Christians who are serving in hard labour camps as punishment for their faith. Ask God to strengthen them and give them comfort.

# 05 Cameroon

Pray for the family of Mogozo Tehawa, a Christian killed in an attack. Pray for his wife and five children as they grieve and face life without him.

# 06 Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pray for the strength and faith of Christians who have lost loved ones and are now internally displaced. May God comfort and provide for them.

# 07 Algeria

Pray for a church recently raided during a worship service, and the authorities forced church leaders to end the service and cease meeting.

# 08 Pakistan

Pray that God grants comfort and peace to families who are in deep distress after unjust imprisonments. May He strengthen them in their time of need.

# 09 Iran

Pray with Simin, a former house church leader before she fled for her life to another country. Ask God to provide for her family and guide them.

# 10 Oman

Church persecution is increasing. Pray Proverbs 3:5-6 over the lives of Christians, that in all their ways, they will submit to God and trust Him.

# 11 Iraq

Many people feel anxious due to security risks in the region. Ask God to give strength to leaders and citizens as they navigate these challenging times.

# 12 Niger

Hundreds of Christians are displaced due to Sharia (Islamic) law being imposed. May God provide for our displaced brothers and sisters.

# 13 Myanmar

Armed conflict and rising surveillance make life for Christians challenging. Ask God to grace His people and comfort them through His Spirit.

# 14 Sudan

Home to the world's largest displacement of nearly 9 million people, Sudan also faces a hunger crisis. Pray for God to miraculously intervene.

#### 15 Mexico

There is a team who work tirelessly for the rights of persecuted Christians. Pray that God guides each member, giving them His wisdom and strength.

# 16 China

Churches are regularly fined for religious reasons. Pray for provision over those who have been fined, especially those who struggle financially.

# 17 Bangladesh

Ask God to soften and transform the hearts of those who persecute Christians so that they become champions of the gospel, bringing others to Him.

# 18 Central Asia

Pray with Muneshia\* who was beaten by her husband when he discovered she secretly became a Christian several years ago. Her ribs are broken.

# 19 Bhutan

National debt is rising every month. Pray the government plans for alternatives to reduce the debt so the country doesn't go into economic crisis.

#### 20 Indonesia

Ask God to change church leaders' hearts to serve beyond their comfort zones and take on the challenge of discipling Muslim background believers.

# 21 Palestinian Territories

Gaza is home to a small Christian community who fled the violence. Pray our brothers and sisters feel God's presence surrounding them.

#### 22 Laos

Local partners teach Christian children who are not allowed at public schools. Pray for endurance for the teachers and understanding for the children.

# 23 Malaysia

Ask God to help students taking part in biblical foundation training, that they will dedicate themselves to Jesus as a result of this project.

# 24 Nepal

Sunita\* is subjected to physical and mental persecution by her husband due to her faith in Christ. Pray that God gives her strength and comforts her.

#### 25 India

Pray for God to change the hearts of Hindu extremists so they will know the hope of Jesus and spread the love of God instead of hatred.

# 26 Yemen

Pray for unity, trust, and cooperation among the Yemeni Christian leaders so that, together, they can spread the love of Jesus and not be divided.

#### 27 Colombia

Pray for the collaborators in the field and their families, that the Lord will keep them in their work for the persecuted church.

#### 28 Mexico

Pray for Christians who are fleeing their communities throughout the country due to increased violence. Ask God to protect and provide for them.

# 29 North Korea

Christians are considered to be enemies of the state. Pray they do not lose heart in following Jesus but that they hold tightly to Him and His Word.

#### 30 Vietnam

In recent months, authorities have controlled and persecuted churches, prohibiting their activities. Pray for encouragement for the people.

# DECEMBER

#### 01 Advent

As we enter the season of Advent, pray that the hearts and minds of Christians around the world will be prepared to encounter Jesus anew this Christmas.

#### 02 Sudan

Pray Psalm 23 over suffering church leaders who are overwhelmed by the need around them and struggle to take care of their own families.

#### 03 Afghanistan

Pray for Afghans turning to Jesus for hope and salvation, that He will meet them in their needs as they trust Him and experience His love.

#### 04 Colombia

Ask God to help His children remain firm in Him and faithful to His ways, being able to resist pressures in the midst of suffering and serving.

#### 05 North Korea

Pray that the body of Christ does not forget about their brothers and sisters in North Korea. May God stir His body to pray for one another.

# 06 China

Praise God for the faithfulness of church workers who serve diligently. Ask God to guard them with His love and peace which transcend understanding.

# 07 Cameroon

Fear looms across the designated "red zone" in Cameroon's Far North Region—a frequent target of Boko Haram fighters. Pray for God to intervene.

# 08 Kenya

Pray for the Christian community of a local church who have been forcefully evicted by their landlord under the influence of Muslim leaders.

# 09 Malawi

Almost every year, churches are burned down for faithrelated reasons. Pray our persecuted family do not lose heart but continue sharing the gospel.

# 10 Niger

Despite their own internal displacement, local pastors continue ministering to their community of believers. Pray God gives them grace and wisdom.

# 11 India

Pray Philippians 4:6-7 over our Indian sisters and brothers, that they will "be anxious for nothing" and experience God's comfort in times of uncertainty.

# 12 Pakistan

Pray for the Christian community left shaken by the violent attack against their fellow believers. May God's Spirit bring comfort and resilience.

# 13 Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pray for the faith of Christians and the growth of the Church amidst the chaos in the country. May God help His people, and may His works prevail.

#### 14 Togo

Tokounon\* is rejected by his family and relatives because of his faith in Jesus. Pray for the Lord to strengthen him and heal him from sickness.

#### 15 Yemen

One of our local partners in Yemen rejoices over 100 baptisms in 2023 — 50% more than in 2022. Please pray for the boldness of the Yemeni church.

# 16 Nepal

The demand for Nepal to be "more Hindu" is still prevalent. Pray that God speaks to the people in authority and helps them make wise decisions.

# 17 Central Asia

Praise God that Muhit\* found Christ in a society where Christians are persecuted. Pray for our new brother's strength and wisdom as he follows Jesus.

# 18 Mexico

Pray that God will comfort our persecuted brothers and sisters in Mexico and give them security and strength as they face severe adversity.

#### 19 Myanmar

Ask God to give Christians wisdom as they respond to the challenges of the violence around them and healing from trauma they've experienced.

# 20 Iraq

Rani\* received a microloan to help him have his own business and own all the tools he needs to do his job. Pray for his safety and success.

# 21 Afghanistan

Pray for comfort and strength for Medina<sup>\*</sup>. She and her husband met Jesus and decided to share their faith. Soon after, her husband disappeared.

# 22 Algeria

Pray for protection, courage, and resilience for Christian communities as they divide into smaller groups, which will aid their protection and growth.

# 23 Myanmar

Attacks on Christian communities are not uncommon at Christmas time. Pray that Christmas services will be peaceful and uninterrupted.

#### 24 Christmas Eve

Praise God for the joy Christmas brings to the world and particularly to persecuted Christians. Praise God for the hope of our Saviour, Jesus, God Emmanuel.

# **25 Christmas Day**

On this special day, pray for families who are separated due to persecution. May God comfort them as they suffer this pain and heartache.

# 26 China

Pray for Yun Hee\*, leader of a safe house in China. Pray that God will protect her in this critical role and our ministry to secret believers.

#### 27 Vietnam

Pray for the safety of pastors and their families, that through them, God's Word and His power will spread so that this land will see revival.

#### 28 Sudan

Christians are especially vulnerable because of their faith. Ask God to provide their basic needs, as well as safe sheltering and hiding places.

#### 29 Laos

Ask God to give wisdom and clarity to local partners conducting discipleship and leadership training in the villages. Pray for God's protection.

# **30 Maldives**

Pray for the believers, especially the youth, that they may be empowered to resist negative pressures and stand firm in their faith.

# **31 Central African Republic**

A local rebel coalition targets Christians by planting mines in their fields. Pray the government has wisdom as they work to destroy the mines.

# JANUARY

#### 01 Niger

Pray for the repentance of persecutors who seek to violently harm Christians. Ask God to transform their hearts and minds as they turn to Christ.

#### 02 China

Pray for married couples who serve together in local ministry. Ask God to restore and mend any brokenness they may carry so they may be unified.

#### 03 Egypt

Pray we find ways to significantly raise worldwide awareness against the systematic kidnapping attempts and forcible marriages of Christian girls.

#### 04 Mexico

"Pray that we will continue to follow God's Word and not lose hope, that our hearts will be strong and that the church will grow." Lazaro, persecuted believer.

#### 05 Burkina Faso

Christians are targets of violent persecution from Islamic extremist groups. Ask God to heal their trauma and help them to remain strong in Him.

#### 06 North Korea

Ask God to lead refugees, Christians, and non-Christians to safe houses and for bold discernment for the house leaders as they share Jesus' love.

# 07 Eritrea

Followers of Jesus face indefinite imprisonment, conscription, and abuse. Ask that God will intervene to bring freedom for all His people.

#### 08 Cameroon

Ask God to surround the fields of Christians, keeping them safe. They have few livelihood options and cannot leave their crops behind.

# 09 Cuba

Praise God that the church in Cuba is growing despite severe restrictions. Pray they continue to have courage to stand up for their convictions.

#### **10 Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Pray for the emotional healing of all Christians that have been traumatically impacted by recent attacks in the eastern part of the country.

#### 11 Morocco

Ask God to give His people opportunities and ingenuity to share their faith with others and that He will increasingly reveal Himself through dreams.

#### 12 India

Pray specifically that the elected government would work for the welfare of the people, especially Christians who are treated unjustly.

#### 13 Laos

Illiteracy leads to many believers following false teachings, eventually leaving Christianity. Ask God to prepare their hearts to receive His Word.

#### 14 Uzbekistan

Churches are often raided with attendees being threatened, arrested, or fined. Pray that believers continue to worship despite the violent raids.

#### 15 Nigeria

Pray that more captives throughout Sub-Saharan Africa will be freed and reunited with their families. May God heal them from their trauma.

#### 16 Nicaragua

Church leaders are labelled as terrorists; pray for their hearts and faith to be strengthened in Jesus as they have the courage to minister.

#### 17 Ethiopia

Ask God to protect converts from Islam from the abuse and violence of their communities, that they may have peace amidst the pressure they face.

#### 18 Algeria

Pray that the government will enact a law upholding religious freedom, allowing non-Muslim Algerians to practice their faith without fear.

#### **19 Mozambique**

Pray for Christians facing pressure for their faith today. Ask God to help them hold onto Jesus and have courageous faith to share the gospel.

#### 20 Myanmar

Ask God to transform the ruling military party of Myanmar and to bring justice and freedom for all people. May He heal and comfort our brothers and sisters.

#### 21 Tunisia

Almost all Christians come from a Muslim background and make up a tiny minority. Pray that these isolated converts can connect with other believers.

#### 22 Qatar

Pray for the two categories of Christian communities — expatriates and converts from Islam. They are separate and must be careful when interacting.

# 23 Tajikistan

No religious activities beyond state-run and controlled institutions are allowed. Pray the government eases their tight grip on religious freedom.

# 24 Jordan

Converting from Islam or sharing your faith can have severe consequences. Ask God to make His presence known to Christians who are afraid and alone.

# 25 Cameroon

Ask God to pour out His presence and power over church leaders dealing with fear, and ask Him to give them persistence to continue ministering.

# 26 Mexico

Pray for the lawyers working on cases of persecuted believers. Together, let's believe that God will give them wisdom and guide every word they use.

# 27 Sudan

Pray that relief aid will safely reach people who desperately need it and that Christians will be able to benefit from these distributions.

# 28 Turkey

Pressure is intensifying due to rising religious nationalism and Islamic values. Pray for boldness, wisdom, and protection over the believers.

# 29 Kazakhstan

Ask God to protect Christians who convert from Islam. Pray for safety over the church leaders and that more believers will have access to Bibles.

#### 30 India

Pray for God to change the hearts of Hindu extremists so they are transformed by the love of Jesus and receive Him as their Saviour.

#### 31 Egypt

Pray for young Egyptian Christian women who live with the risk of being kidnapped by Islamic extremists and forcefully married to their kidnappers.

# All prayer points have been sent in from persecuted believers around the world. Thank you for praying for them.

\*Names changed for security purposes.



