



*Pastor Zachariah in
Mangu village, Nigeria*

January/February 2024

PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY

| North Korea

January 1

Pray for the new year to be a blessing for the persecuted body of Christ in North Korea and throughout the world.

January 2

The Kim family has ruled North Korea for more than 70 years. Pray that God would change the heart of the current leader, Kim Jong Un.

January 3

Pray for Open Doors' radio ministry that reaches thousands of secret believers in North Korea. Ask God to keep His hand over it.

January 4

North Korea only officially sells radios tuned to state frequencies, so Christians must find radios on the black market. Pray that God would make a way.

January 5

Pray for Open Doors' secret networks in China. Pray that more North Koreans will find their way to these networks and be discipled.

January 6

North Korean Christians want to be equipped to share the gospel when the country opens up—pray that God would raise up leaders.

| Afghanistan

January 7

"When the Taliban took control, it was everything we feared," says Saad*, an Afghan secret believer. Today, pray against fear for Afghan Christians.

January 8

"We feel disoriented and alone," Saad says. Pray that Afghan Christians like Saad would find comfort in God's nearness (Psalm 73:28).

January 9

Afghan Christian girls and women fear being kidnapped. Ask God to protect our Christian sisters and give them courage.

January 10

Reports of people randomly disappearing continue. Afghan believers say there are people they still can't reach. Pray for the safe return of missing believers.

January 11

Christians fearing for their lives have fled Afghanistan. Pray Psalm 18:35–36 over them, asking for provision and favor in their journeys.

January 12

Pray for the remnant of Afghan Christians who have stayed to build the church. Ask God to strengthen their faith as they risk their lives to live for Him.

| Somalia

January 13

Pray for believers who risk everything to follow Jesus, that they would have the perseverance to continue to live for Christ in such a hard place.

January 14

Ask God to protect Christians who are at risk from the Islamic militant group al-Shabab. When a Christian's faith is discovered, they become a target.

January 15

Pray for Open Doors' work in the Horn of Africa—that through it, secret Christians would know they aren't alone.

| Libya

January 16

The most dangerous activity in Libya for Christians is evangelism. Sharing your faith is illegal in Libya. Ask God to protect believers who tell others about Jesus.

January 17

Pray for Christians imprisoned for their faith. In early 2023, six Libyan Christians were arrested for converting from Islam to Christianity.

January 18

As these Christians' case spread on social media, Libyans became curious about Christianity. Pray that many eyes would be opened to the Truth.



January 19

In Libya, significant energy is spent trying to make people return to Islam. Pray for Christians there. Ask God to daily renew their strength (Isa. 40:31).

January 20

Christianity seems impossible in Libya. But God is at work there. Pray that He would pour out His Spirit on Libya.

| Yemen

Pray for Saleh as he disciples Yemeni believers.



January 21

Yemenis have lived through years of brutal war and humanitarian crisis. Ask God to bring about peace and a breakthrough in Yemen.

January 22

Pray for Yemeni Christians who live under death threats. Yemeni believer Saleh* received frequent warnings to stop his ministry.

January 23

Saleh frequently travels into Yemen to pastor and disciple believers. Currently, he's serving 70 Christian families. Pray for his safety and discernment.

January 24

With the help of Open Doors partners, Saleh trains leaders and helps set up trauma and discipleship trainings. Ask God to encourage Saleh as he serves.

January 25

The church in Yemen is growing even in harsh conditions, Saleh says. Pray that God would raise up more leaders like him.

January 26

Pray Saleh's prayer for Yemen: "I hope that soon there will be Christians in every corner who go out to share the gospel in word and deed."

January 27

Saleh dreams of the church spreading past Yemen's borders. Pray that the church would expand to "parts of Africa and the rest of the Arabian Peninsula."

| Eritrea

January 28

Pray for Eritrean President Afwerki—that God would change his heart and He would let Christians follow Jesus freely.

January 29

Eritrea uses the fear of inhumane prisons to discourage any evangelism. Pray for all Eritrean Christians imprisoned for their faith.

January 30

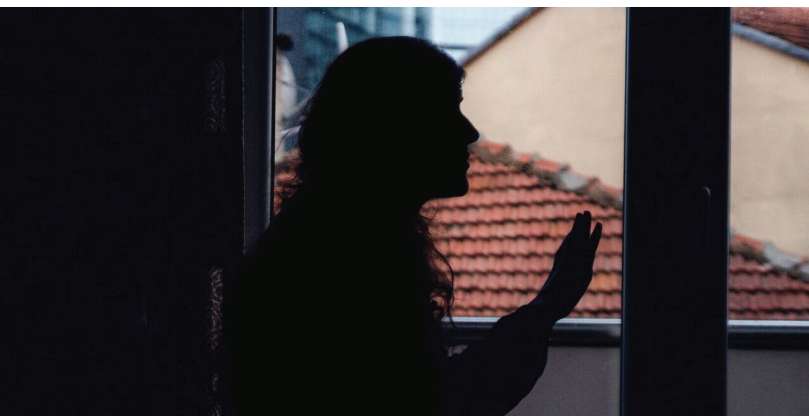
After meeting Jesus, Abdullah* relentlessly shared the gospel and was imprisoned for it. Pray that God would raise up more believers like Abdullah.

January 31

After two years in prison, Abdullah tragically died of illness. Pray that God would comfort his widow and strengthen her as she raises their seven children.

FEBRUARY

| Iran



February 1

Pray for a revival in Iran so powerful and explosive that the Iranian authorities can't deny it. Pray that many in power will find the love of Jesus.

February 2

Pray for secret converts from Islam. Pray they would find fellowship and that God would protect them from arrest.

February 3

Lift up Sanaz*, a secret believer serving her church and community. She met Jesus in a dream. Ask God to continue to reveal Himself to Iranians.

February 4

Sanaz was able to find a house church that introduced her to Scripture and worship. Pray that Iran's house churches will continue to flourish.

February 5

Sanaz hoped to flee her country but as her new faith grew, she discovered a desire to serve people in Iran. Ask God to bless her ministry.

February 6

Pray that God would continue protecting Sanaz and all the sisters and brothers who are serving inside and outside our church.

February 7

Pray Sanaz's prayer with her: "The harvest is ready," she says. "Please pray that God would bring more workers to the field."

| Nigeria

February 8

Nigeria is the most violent place in the world for Christians. Today, pray that God would comfort and strengthen those who are grieving.

February 9

Pray for the Christian community of Mangu where believers are struggling to recover from violent attacks that killed hundreds.

February 10

Pastor Zachariah leads a church in Mangu. He lost children and his wife. Pray for God's strength as he continues to shepherd those in his village.

February 11

Pray for the members of Pastor Zachariah's church. He asks us to pray that God would give them courageous faith.

February 12

Pray for believers in Pastor Zachariah's church and the wider Mangu area who are traumatized. Ask God to "bind up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

February 13

Pastor Zachariah asks: "Help me pray that God will help me to provide for our four remaining children."

Pray with Thiago as he grieves his twin brother's death.



February 14

Pray with Pastor Zachariah for his four children—
"for God to encourage them to hold on to Him and
never turn back."

| Pakistan

February 15

In Pakistan, Christians are always at risk of being
falsely accused of blasphemy. Ask God to protect
His people from these accusations.

February 16

Christians live as second-class citizens in Pakistan.
Ask God to encourage His people as they persevere
in this reality.

February 17

Pray for Rehena*. Because she is a Christian, she is
treated poorly in society. Pray that she would know
her priceless worth and value in Christ.

February 18

Rehena doesn't feel safe in the factory where
she works. She's afraid of "slipping up" and being
accused of blasphemy. Pray she would feel God's
arms holding her.

February 19

Rehena dreams of giving her son a better life and
putting him in school. Faithfully ask God to provide
the fees for his education.

| Colombia

February 20

Colombian church leaders often find themselves in
the crosshairs of illegal armed groups. Ask God to
watch over these leaders and their families.

February 21

These groups often kidnap young kids for their ranks.
Pray for families who live with these threats.

February 22

Praise God for Open Doors' Children's Center in
Colombia where children can live in safety.

February 23

Pray for 19-year-old Thiago* whose twin brother
was killed by guerrillas. Thiago grew up in the
Center while his brother stayed home.

February 24

Pray that the Children's Center would be able to
expand its facility to accept more children from
villages like Thiago's.

February 25

Ask God to open the eyes of Christians worldwide
to the work of the Center; and that they would be
moved to support this vital ministry.

February 26

Thiago asks you to pray for armed groups: "Just as
God worked in Paul's life, I know God can also do
something in the lives of those who persecute."

| India

February 27

There are several campaigns asking the government
to declare India a Hindu nation. Pray that God would
confuse these plans (Psalm 55:9).

February 28

Pray that Hindu nationalists would accept Christians
as fellow Indians and allow Indians of all faiths to
flourish.

February 29

The world was horrified by the violence in Manipur
State in mid-2023. Ask God to help bring about
healing and lasting peace there.

**Names changed for security reasons*