

March/April 2024

PRAYER CALENDAR

MARCH

| North Korea

March 1

North Korea is in the last weeks of winter—the country's most difficult time. No heaters, little food. Pray for hidden manna for the underground church.

March 2

In North Korea, the law is not for the people, but for the ruling Kim family. Pray for justice for North Koreans, especially secret Christians who must hide their faith.

March 3

Sun-Ae*, a woman in an Open Doors safe house outside the country, requests prayer for her sisters in North Korea. She hasn't heard from them in months. Pray for peace and protection.

March 4

Through a secret network, Open Doors provides living essentials to persecuted believers in North Korea. Pray for protection over this network.

March 5

Pray for mothers in North Korea who worry how they will feed their children. Ask God for provision and peace in their hearts.

March 6

Pray for our field workers who must be alert to any sign of a problem. They ask us to pray for discernment.

March 7

North Korean believers tell us they live by God's grace and strength. Pray for their peace, joy and perseverance.

| Central Asia

March 8

Ahmad* grew up in a Muslim family and two years ago gave his life to Christ. Praise God for Ahmad's courage to trust Jesus!

March 9

Pray for Ahmad's protection. His neighbors brutally beat him for sharing the gospel. Despite ongoing threats, he continues to share Jesus.

March 10

Ahmad asks: "Pray that God would work through me to touch the hearts of my relatives, friends and neighbors."

March 11

Pray with your sister Tilana*. When her Muslim husband found her Bible, he beat her with sticks. Pray for her physical healing.

March 12

Tilana says her husband shouted at her for four hours, humiliating her with his words. Pray for her emotional healing.

March 13

Tilana's husband interrogated her, asking who led her to another faith. Pray for protection over the evangelist who shared the gospel with her.

March 14

Tilana is currently living in her parents' house, fearing for her life. Her family doesn't support her conversion—please pray for perseverance.

March 15

Praise God that our sister Mahri has begun college in another city away from her abusive Muslim aunt who refused to let her attend church.

Mahri is beginning a new life at college.



March 16

After receiving letters from Open Doors supporters, Mahri* (pictured above) shared: "Thank you for your messages of love. Pray for my safety."

March 17

Mahri also asks for community: "Pray that God will help me find sisters and brothers. I'm longing for a new family."

| The Gulf Region

March 18

Pray for the ministry in ALIVE literacy centers that helps people learn to read and write and spend time in God's Word.

March 19

Pray for resilience for ALIVE teachers who are targeted and threatened to stay away from those working for area drug lords.

March 20

Pray for safety for ALIVE teachers Anam* and Raida*. Illiteracy keeps Christians from knowing their worth. The two sisters are risking their lives.

| Laos

March 21

Persecution has risen sharply in Laos. Pray with our local partners as they respond to increasing incidents of violence.

March 22

In southern Laos, police tried to stop construction on a building for a growing house church. Pray for church leaders' wisdom as they navigate this difficult opposition.

March 23

Pray with us that God would continue to bless and protect this resilient church. We know the gates of hell will not prevail.

March 24

Pray with the sons of a pastor who were detained by police for leading a Bible study. Ask God to embolden them to continue to visit believers.

March 25

Pray that God would watch over the believers who opened their home for the Bible study. They could face oppression from villagers.

| Iran

March 26

Pray right now that our God would confuse any plans and schemes for Easter attacks on house churches in Iran.

March 27

Praise God! In 2023, at least nine Christians serving long prison sentences because of their faith were paroled and released.

March 28

Pray with four Iranian Christians who were arrested in a raid on a house-church gathering. Pray for safe and expedient release.

March 29

One of the believers arrested is a refugee from Afghanistan. Pray that God would bring comfort in unexpected ways to this believer far from home.

March 30

Pray by name for Esmail Narimanpour, a new convert. After being forced into “re-education” sessions with an Islamic cleric, he was arrested during a raid on his house.

March 31

This Easter Sunday, pray that the world’s 365+ million persecuted Christians would grasp the hope and peace of Christ’s resurrection.

APRIL

| The Maldives

April 1

This island nation declares itself to be 100% Muslim. Anyone who leaves Islam must keep their faith secret. Pray for their peace.

April 2

Pray this would be the year that secret believers could access the Bible in their own language.

April 3

Pray by name for the country’s new President Mohamed Muizzu. Pray he will embrace freedom for religious minorities.

April 4

Pray that Christians in the Maldives will be encouraged, knowing they’re part of a global, praying family.

| Myanmar

April 5

Pray with Cho*, an Open Doors partner who often travels 10 to 12 hours to serve believers. Pray for protection and perseverance.

April 6

Every mile, Cho encounters military or rebel check-points. Pray that he would have favor with the guards.

April 7

“Your prayers are our protection,” Cho says. “Prayers back us up and push us during the journey.” Pray that we would remember our brother Cho.



Rahman in Bangladesh

| Bangladesh

April 8

Pray for strength for your brother Rahman*, an ex-Iman. Since trusting Christ, he has lost his job at the mosque and is struggling to survive.

April 9

Rahman’s family is struggling, waking up wondering if they will eat that day. Pray fervently for food on their table.

April 10

Pray for Rahman’s wife who cares for their four young children at home. Ask God to give her His wisdom and courage when she is alone with them.

April 11

Ask God to protect their children and make a way for them where they can learn the words of God and grow spiritually.

April 12

“I do not have a Christian community. This is a difficult life,” Rahman says. Pray that God would bring other believers to this family.

April 13

Ask God to help those in Bangladesh who have left Islam to follow Him. Pray that He would raise them up to lead the next generation.

| Nigeria

April 14

Today marks 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok. Pray for grieving parents of the estimated 112 women who remain missing.

April 15

Pray for our family in Mangu Local Government Area (LGA) who suffered a nearly daily wave of jihadist violence at this time last year.

April 16

Pray for the loved ones of the 300 Christians killed in the LGA attacks. Many remain in internal displacement camps.

April 17

Pray for Magdalene whose young daughter was killed in the Christmas eve attacks in Plateau State. Pray she would feel God holding her.

Mary Abdullahi shares a photo of her daughter Bilki, one of the Chibok believers still missing.



April 18

In Nigeria, a Christian dies every two hours, on average. Pray that God would “protect the paths of justice and guard the way of those who are loyal to Him” (Prov. 2:8).

April 19

Pray bold prayers that God would raise up Bible studies and churches in Nigeria’s IDP camps.

April 20

Pray for the resilience of our family in Nigeria and throughout sub-Saharan Africa ... that they “would walk and not grow weary” (Isaiah 40:31).

| Sri Lanka

April 21

Five years ago today, Islamic extremists bombed three churches. Pray with those who lost loved ones in the Easter Sunday attacks. This is an especially difficult day.

April 22

Pray by name for Zion Church Pastor Kumaran and his wife Sarantha, who lost their 12-year-old son Malkiya in the attack on their church.

April 23

Pray for Kuweni whose youngest son Kevin was killed in the Zion bombing. Pray for her mother’s heart today and that she would know God’s love for her.

April 24

Pray for Praba, a Sunday school teacher at Zion Church who lost her eight-year-old son Peter in the attack. “People who had never seen us were praying for us when we could not,” she says. “Because of their prayers, we have been able to stay strong in our faith.”

| China

April 25

Pray with church leaders in south China. Jiang*, Fei* and Zhen* were arrested last year, and our partners are unsure of their whereabouts.

April 26

Recently, Jiang’s wife posted an open letter online sharing how his arrest has devastated their family. Pray for their perseverance.

April 27

“I feel alone. Every morning, I wake up with tears.” Pray for the emotional state of Jiang’s wife ... that she would know the Church is praying for her.

April 28

Pray for their son who is away at school and is struggling in his studies. Ask God to place people in his path to encourage him.

April 29

Pray for all those imprisoned for the gospel. “Remember the prisoners as though you were in prison with them ...” (Heb. 13:3).

April 30

Pray that families and friends would remain a strong support and encouragement for prisoners in their time of confusion and helplessness.

**Names changed for security reasons*