



PRAYER CALENDAR

MAY

| India

May 1

Pray for India's general elections. The outcomes this month are crucial and will indicate if the situation for Christians will intensify or help create better conditions.

May 2

Pray the election outcomes would be favorable to religious freedom. If a pro-Hindu government wins, it's likely a national anti-conversion law will pass, which could put Christians in difficult situations and even greater danger.

May 3

Pray for a fair and peaceful election process and that people would not be swayed by propaganda. Pray that India's estimated 60 million Christians would be bold enough to exercise their right to vote.

May 4

Pray that India's elections would not be used as manipulative platforms to discredit Christianity and accuse believers. Ask God to place His hand over these elections.

May 5

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

May 6

Pray for courage, strength and favor for pastors and leaders who are ready to preach the gospel undeterred by the election results.

May 7

Ask God to be with the 11 million election workers who must ensure that a polling station is 2 kilometers from every habitation, often meaning dangerous treks to ensure every eligible Indian can vote.

May 8

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

May 9

This month is the one-year anniversary of the violence that erupted in Manipur State between the Kuki and Meitei tribes. Pray for comfort for the families of the Christians killed in the attacks.

May 10

Pray with 50,000 Manipur Christians forced to flee their homes when the attacks began. Many remain displaced. Pray they would sense us praying for and with them.

May 11

Pray for Christian house church leaders who face beatings, false accusations and destruction of their homes. Ask God to strengthen their faith.

May 12

This Mother's Day, pray for mothers in India and throughout the world who are often targeted for their faith—and the critical role they play in the family and community.

May 13

Pray for strength for families of house church leaders who are arrested on false charges because of their faith. When these leaders suffer, their families do too.

May 14

Pray for churches closed down by Hindu extremists. Pray these congregations can one day gather again and in the meantime, that God would lead these believers to new faith communities.

| Arabian Peninsula

May 15

Pray for one of our partners who desires to grow more discipleship leaders in different provinces of Yemen. Ask God to give him wisdom as he chooses potential leaders.

May 16

Pray for unity among Yemeni Christian leaders. Our partners tell us the different Christian networks lack trust and cooperation, and ministering feels like a competition sometimes.

May 17

Pray specifically that these Christian networks would see the strengths in working together. Pray for maturity and awareness to help them understand the consequences of their discord.

May 18

One of our partnering networks in Yemen rejoices over 100 baptisms in 2023—50% more than in 2022. “Please continue to pray for the Yemeni church,” the leader asks.

May 19

Ask God to continue to protect the religious freedom of expatriate Christians and local believers in Bahrain. Pray that the government would not be swayed by neighboring countries' restrictive actions.

May 20

Pray that the Bahraini people would come to know and experience Jesus. Pray we would see a discipleship movement in this island nation.

May 21

Persecution is increasing in Oman. In the last few weeks, a disciple maker was stopped at the border and was banned from entering the country again. Pray Proverbs 3:5-6 over this leader's life.

May 22

Pray for the local church in Oman; they have been losing their mentors. Our partners ask us to pray for the Omani believers who live under pressure from their families and government.

May 23

In Saudi Arabia, Christians find it difficult to trust Muslim converts, especially those who used to persecute the church. Please pray for discernment and forgiveness.

| Central Asia

May 24

Pray with 16-year-old Gulmira*. Her father, a devoted Muslim, kicked her out of the house when he found out she secretly went to church and became a Christian.

May 25

Church members have taken Gulmira into their homes. Pray that our sister would find healing for the wounds left by her father's rejection.



May 26

Pray for Gulmira's 13-year-old brother, who has also trusted Jesus. He is afraid to tell his father about his faith. Pray for God to intervene in unimaginable ways in this difficult situation.

May 27

Ask God to show Gulmira's father that he is hurting his family. Pray that Jesus would speak to this hardened man in his dreams.

May 28

Pray with Muneshia* who at four months pregnant was beaten by her husband, when he discovered she had been secretly going to church and had become a Christian several years ago.

May 29

Muneshia ran away with her three young children to her husband's sister and mother, who are also Christians. They gave her temporary shelter. Please pray for restoration.

May 30

Praise God that a new brother, Muhit*, has found Christ. He was recently baptized. Pray for his strength and wisdom as he risks his life to follow Jesus.

May 31

Today, pray with the small Christian community that led Muhit to Christ. They meet weekly in secret. Pray for their protection and boldness.

JUNE

| Egypt

June 1

Praise God! An Egyptian believer who left Islam to follow Jesus several years ago shared, "After attending your leadership training, I am now capable of leading a home church."

June 2

Pray for this new leader as he grows in his knowledge of the Bible and love for Jesus. Pray that he would be encouraged and his ministry would multiply.

June 3

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

June 4

Pray for Open Doors as we work to find ways to significantly raise worldwide awareness against kidnapping and forcible marriages of Christian girls to Muslims.

June 5

Pray for girls in Egypt who must constantly fight to see their value. Where they live, the restrictions of the prevailing Islamic culture marginalize and devalue women.

June 6

Pray for Christian women to intervene and disciple young females to know and reclaim their inherent value as daughters of Christ. May they see themselves as He sees them.

June 7

Ask God to strengthen all Christian leaders who risked so much to leave Islam. Pray they would see that their decision to become "fishers of men" is worth everything.

June 8

Our partners ask us to pray for a Christian leader and his wife who are struggling with illness. Pray for their healing—body, mind and spirit.

| Holy Land

June 9

Pray for lasting peace and justice in the Holy Land. Pray for comfort and strength for those who lost loved ones or are still missing family members.

June 10

Gaza is home to a small Christian community who fled the violence. Pray that they would feel God's presence surrounding them. Many lost their homes.

June 11

Ask God to provide food and shelter for our Christian family in both Israel and the Palestinian territories ... that they would know He is strengthening them to be salt and light.

| Syria

June 12

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

June 13

Ask God to guide these students and help them absorb the knowledge they will use to make a difference in their hurting nation.

June 14

Due to the increasing emigration rate in Syria, the Center of Hope in the port city of Latakia needs staff. Pray that God would bring teachers.

June 15

Pray that as the search for teachers continues, students would recognize the need for learning and be diligent in their studies.

June 16

Today, pray with us for Christian fathers who face persecution and discrimination for their faith. Pray they would be spiritual leaders in their families, churches and communities.

June 17

Pray for the selection of applicants who will lead the new project Trauma Healing for Children. Pray it will be fruitful.

June 18

Our local partner in Syria continues to run ministry training for 100+ students. Pray for their good health and persistence as they complete their training.

| Sub-Saharan Africa

June 19

Pray for perseverance for families in Chad who remain displaced from their homes after extremist attacks killed more than 30 Christians last year in April and May.

June 20

Today is World Refugee Day. Pray with our Christian family who have been forced to flee their homes and countries

June 21

Pray with our family in northeast Burkina Faso traumatized by a suspected Islamic extremist attack during their church's worship service.

**Names are changed to protect identity.*

June 22

Burkinabe Christians ask us to pray with them for their attackers: "Pray they will meet Jesus and repent of these wicked attacks."

June 23

Pray for encouragement for church leaders in sub-Saharan Africa forced to flee their communities. Pray specifically for the Lord's peace and guidance.

June 24

Ask God to confuse persecutors' plans. *Father, I am brokenhearted for Your grieving people. Right now, I pray that you would protect my African family from these attacks and place Your angels at the gates of their villages.*

June 25

Pray with Pastor Zachariah in northern Nigeria who lost his wife, a son and home in an extremist attack. He continues to disciple believers—pray for blessing over his life.

| Iraq

June 26

Praise God for sufficient rainfall this winter. In the country's northern region, the rain filled the water storage, providing water to a city and the surrounding villages.

June 27

Pray for Iraqi Christians who have converted from a Muslim background. Pray they continue to hold firm to Christ's promises.

June 28

Pray for the security situation in Iraq. Ask God to give strength to leaders and citizens as they navigate these challenges.

June 29

Our local partners ask us to pray with Iraqi Christians ... that they will hold on to hope and continue to look for a brighter future.

June 30

Several Iraqi church leaders ask us to pray for believers' perseverance and also thank you for your constant prayers, saying, "We are also praying for you."