



November/December 2023

PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

| Morocco

November 1

Pray for Christians in Marrakech who lost loved ones and their homes in September's devastating earthquake. Pray for divine strength, comfort and peace in the days ahead.

November 2

There is a small but hidden church in Morocco. Pray for believers who are ministering to victims, that their witness might shine in the darkness and bring many to Christ.

November 3

Believers ask for prayer as they struggle through the devastation—while seeking to serve their communities with the love of Jesus.

November 4

Father, I ask you to be with those who are hurting and restore what was lost. I pray that my Moroccan family would see your hand both in and over their lives.

| Malaysia

November 5

Malay Christians ask us to pray for their newly elected state leaders. Pray they will govern with integrity and work to foster religious freedom.

November 6

Pray today for the court hearing surrounding Pastor Raymond Koh's February 2017 abduction. His son, Jonathan, asks: "Please continue to uphold us."

November 7

Pray for our partners' youth hostel program, created to help Christian students strengthen their identity in Christ. Pray it impacts many young people.

November 8

Pray for these students as they build Christ-centered friendships that remind them they're not alone in their journey.

November 9

Pray for the workshop leaders. Ask God to give them both insight and the words to reach these students.

| Indonesia

November 10

In Indonesia, some Muslim parents teach their children to hate Christians. Pray that Christian parents can help kids stay grounded in their faith.

November 11

Pray for those children who grow up hating Christians, that they will experience the love of Jesus through the very people they are taught to despise.

November 12

Pray for strength for 6-year-old Adi who's bullied by neighborhood kids. "They told me, 'Let's stay away from this Christian. Bye-bye, Christian kid.'"

November 13

Pray for new believers like Hasan* who can't find a church that accepts them. Many churches are afraid of being accused of converting people.

A mentor prays with an Indonesian student at a youth camp



November 14

Praise God for a recent retreat where Hasan met other Christians who left Islam to follow Jesus. For the first time, he says, he does not feel alone and discouraged in his faith.

November 15

Pray that God will bring more believers like Hasan to Open Doors retreats where they can find community, read God's Word and grow in their faith.

| Central Asia

November 16

Pray for Murat and Mira who lead a secret house church (we can't name the country for their protection). Open Doors supported them through micro-loans to open a shop.

Elnura, young girl who is supported by Open Doors' work among deaf Christians in Central Asia.*



November 17

Pray their shop will flourish, as they help other believers by giving them jobs in it.

November 18

Praise God for a successful Open Doors-supported Bible study seminar where five students delved deep into Scripture.

November 19

Pray for Andrew, one of the participants. As a pastor, he must be diligent about protecting his church while encouraging them in their faith.

November 20

Pray for Asel* whose family kicked her out of their house when they discovered she was a Christian.

November 21

Pray that Asel would find permanent housing (she is currently staying in her local house church).

November 22

Pray for her emotional health. She is feeling discouraged. Pray also that her family would accept her faith.

| Bangladesh

November 23

Pray for the attendees of three persecution preparedness trainings, that what they learned would take root.

November 24

Pray for the facilitators as they prepare to lead more sessions and make their way to the various locations.

November 25

Pray for local church leaders, that they would encourage their churches to attend these trainings.

November 26

Pray for protection during the trainings. Ask God to confuse the plans of those who might want to disrupt the meetings (Psalm 55:19).

November 27

Pray these sessions will strengthen and equip believers to serve their local churches.

| North Korea

November 28

Due to COVID 19, our secret route to distribute listening devices and essentials for North Korean believers became limited. Pray that God will make a new way.

November 29

Yoon-Seo* is a member of an Open Doors' safe house in a neighboring country. But her family lives in North Korea. She asks us to pray for her parents' health.

November 30

Recently she found out her brother broke his arm, and the medical service fee is too much. Pray for healing and provision to pay his expenses.

DECEMBER

| Iran

December 1

As Christmas approaches, pray for protection for Iranian house churches. The government often cracks down on Christians during this time.

December 2

Pray for families whose loved ones are imprisoned for their faith. *Father, surround these families with your peace—give them signs of your hope.*

December 3

Darya* is a house church leader. Pray for protection and discernment for leaders like her, that this month, they would be even more vigilant in their actions.

December 4

Praise God for the release of Joseph Shahbazian from Tehran's Evin Prison, jailed for his faith in Christ! Our family in Iran asks us to pray for his recovery and protection.

December 5

Shahin and her husband want to adopt a child but Iran's laws prohibit non-Muslims from adopting. "I will tell the truth, I'm a Christian," she says, "please pray God would help us and add a new member to our family."

| Brunei

December 6

Pray for provision for Bruneians who feel pressured to convert to Islam. Muslims receive more financial support than people from other religions, and the cost of following Jesus is real.

December 7

Please pray for this situation, where economic inequality has pushed people to do whatever they can to survive.

December 8

Pray for strength and resilience for Christians in Brunei. May they feel God's presence and His all-consuming love for them.

December 9

Sexual abuse is a growing concern. Pray for young women exploited by family members. Ask God to give them the strength to report this abuse.

December 10

Pray the authorities will not ignore these reports and will work to bring justice and prevent these incidents, and stop this heinous trend.

December 11

Pray for traumatized victims. Ask God to be ever-close to them and to place people in their path who will support them.

December 12

Pray that families will be vigilant and create a safe space for their young ones.



| Sri Lanka

December 13

Pray for Shehan*, an 80-year-old believer in the Trincomalee district. He is isolated from his family because of his faith in Jesus.

December 14

Pray for provision. His family doesn't look after him. Shehan lives in a rural village and must hunt animals to eat.

December 15

Pray that God would encourage Shehan's faith. The long journey from his home to the church makes it difficult for him to attend.

December 16

Pray for Shehan's resilience. Despite his circumstances, he stands firm. Pray he will continue to hold on to Jesus.

December 17

Shehan asks us to pray for his family, that their hearts will be changed to see the love of Christ for them.

December 18

Last year, drug-related arrests increased by 39% in Sri Lanka. Pray for church leaders who say they find it more challenging to reach youth.

December 19

Pray that more young people will come to the Lord and be empowered to resist using drugs. Sri Lanka's youth need our prayers.

December 20

Pray for those suffering from addictions, that they would find the help they so desperately need.

| Myanmar

December 21

The family of one of our local partners, Brother Sam*, is battling serious illnesses. Pray for healing.

December 22

Pray for access to treatments and medicines. And pray for strength and protection of his family's caregivers.

December 23

Pray for Myanmar believers who attended persecution preparedness trainings. Pray they would be emboldened to stand strong in their faith.

December 24

Pray that participants would be both encouraged and empowered by what they learned and understand that they are not alone.

December 25

Praise God for the birth of His Son! Pray for our persecuted family around the world as they follow Jesus no matter what.

| Turkmenistan

December 26

Please pray for the churches in Turkmenistan where Christians make up only 1.1% of the population. Pray for resilience and boldness.

December 27

Pray for unity. The small Christian community in Turkmenistan is weak due to divisions between various denominations.

December 28

Pray for peace among church leaders. A Central Asia partner shared: "What the church really needs right now is to be one. And it must start with the leaders."

| Armenia and Azerbaijan

December 29

The hatred between these warring countries is so strong it has also impacted believers. Pray that God would bring His peace and healing.

December 30

Pray for the small communities of believers in Azerbaijan and Armenia, that they will continue to share Christ with their Muslim neighbors.

December 31

Pray for the few Kurdish believers—pray they will share Christ within their Kurdish communities.

**Names changed for security reasons*