



PRAYER CALENDAR

Mar/Apr 2023

“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry.”

PSALM 34:15

MARCH

Persecuted Christian Women

Wednesday March 1

Sahar is a Christian woman in Iran who converted from Islam. Praise God for Sahar's transformation through the Gospel. Thank God for the belonging and acceptance Sahar now knows in her new-found identity as a child of God.

Thursday March 2

Pray for Sahar as she seeks to serve and disciple other women. Pray that Christian converts will be drawn to her, and that through Sahar's witness, many more women will come to know Christ.

Friday March 3

Life for converts in Iran is not plain sailing. Sahar faced the threat of divorce and losing access to her children. Pray that her husband's heart will become softer toward Sahar and her Christian faith. Pray for abundant love within their family.

Saturday March 4

Nadia* is a recent convert in the Arabian Peninsula. She asks for prayer to become

stronger in her walk, and for clarity on where God wants to take her. Please pray for strength and direction for Nadia.

Sunday March 5

Pray for the work that Open Doors partners continue to do with Christian women from a Muslim background all over the world. Pray that the training, media and counseling on female-specific topics will be a blessing and a fortifying resource for Christian women.

Monday March 6

Azizah* suffered rejection and injustice when she became a Christian in a predominantly Muslim region in North Africa. Thank God for her selfless service to other women who experience similar struggles for their faith.

Tuesday March 7

Despite her personal challenges, Azizah still confronts oppression when she sees it. Pray that her courage will be contagious and that more people will stand up for equality and change the culture of female subordination.



Sahar now ministers to other women like her

International Women's Day

Wednesday March 8

On International Women's Day, Open Doors releases its gender report, highlighting the unique ways men and women experience persecution. Persecution for Christian women is usually hidden, violent and complex. Please pray for these women to know God's peace, comfort, and healing presence.

Persecuted Christian Women

Thursday March 9

Naasima* explains that in North Africa women are coerced by their fathers to leave education early and marry instead. Pray for a seismic shift in the way women are viewed in

these predominantly Muslim countries.

Friday March 10

In Muslim countries, God is working through visions. Rania* in Egypt describes the miraculous healing of her son, who said *"I saw the Christ looking at me. He called me, saying: child arise."* Pray for more supernatural encounters.

Saturday March 11

Praise God that Open Doors seminars are helping women to overcome long-established trauma. Pray for more supernatural breakthrough in the health and healing of Christian converts.

Azerbaijan

Sunday March 12

Christians in Azerbaijan are few and they are often marginalized for their faith. Please pray for those that have lost their jobs. Pray that God will open up a way for them to make ends meet.

Uzbekistan

Monday March 13

Christians in Uzbekistan face discrimination, so many believers practice their faith in secret. Pray that these Christians will feel part of a wider fellowship, despite their frequent isolation. Pray that they will know the love of God powerfully in their quiet times.

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Sahar faced intense persecution for her faith



Central Asia

Tuesday March 14

Thank God for his divine intervention in the life of Brother Yunus* in Central Asia. Recently, a security officer's heart was suddenly transformed during a short conversation, and he helped Brother Yunus cross the border.

Wednesday March 15

In Central Asia Christians are closely monitored. Believers gather to worship covertly in very small groups of two or three people. Please pray for their safety and pray that their worship will be full of hope, despite their limited numbers.



Thursday March 16

Pray urgently for more wells in Central Asia. Christians are marginalized and have little access to basic amenities. More wells will save lives.

Bangladesh

Friday March 17

Christian students of converted families suffer at school. In the face of persecution, pray that God helps these young Christians talk to others with wisdom, love and respect. May their actions be a powerful witness for Christ.

Saturday March 18

Pray for a change in the hearts and minds of the non-Christian teachers and the students. Pray that they will accept the Christian students so that all children enjoy equal rights and facilities at school.

Brunei

Sunday March 19

There are only a handful of churches in Brunei, and they are stronger together. Pray for secure inter-church relationships and pray for unity among Christians from different denominations.



Monday March 20

Please pray for the elders and leaders in Brunei's churches. Ask that God will fill them with knowledge and spiritual wisdom to lead the church well and fulfill God's purposes in the country.

Indonesia

Tuesday March 21

Open Doors has recently established a new base in Sumatera. Praise the Lord for His provision of this new office and pray blessings over the new employees. Pray that this new base spreads God's love in the region.

Wednesday March 22

Even though persecution is frequent, few people are aware that it happens. Please pray that the Indonesian body of Christ will be more aware of persecution and ready to support victims when it happens.

Syria

Thursday March 23

Syria is a war-torn country, with few resources now. Pray that followers of Jesus seek him in their situation and thrive in the land after

years of not having enough.

Friday March 24

Unfortunately, there are growing cases of cholera in Syria. Nine governates out of fourteen have registered cases, and there are almost six thousand cases in total. Pray the spread of this virus stops and for wisdom for the Syrian government to contain it.

Arabian Peninsula

Saturday March 25

"Even though it can be difficult, walking with the Lord is worth everything." Thank God for Nadia's* faith as she seeks to encourage other young believers in the Arabian Peninsula.

Sunday March 26

People in the Arabian Peninsula are curious about faith and mysticism. However, their curiosity often leads them to the occult. Pray for their protection from any demonic spirits and practices and pray that they find Jesus.

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Monday March 27

The Church has grown wonderfully in the Arabian Peninsula. Thank God for all these new believers, and thank Him for Christians who continue to reach people with the Word of God in the media and through conversations.

Tuesday March 28

While social media can help spread the Word of God, it can also be a source of misinformation. Pray for seekers and believers in the Gulf countries to be able to discern truth from lies.

Wednesday March 29

Recently, several believers from a Muslim background have been imprisoned in one of the Gulf countries. Pray that these people will be comforted and protected in prison and strengthened in their suffering by Christ.

Thursday 30 March

God is building His church in the countries of the Arabian Peninsula. Pray for the Lord to raise up mature leaders who will love and lead like Jesus.

Kazakhstan

Friday March 31

Please pray for a very specific situation in Kazakhstan. A legally registered

Protestant Church has been denied access to banking services since 2017 and it cannot pay taxes and staff. Please pray for breakthrough in this deadlock.

APRIL

Persecuted Christian Women

Saturday April 1

In an Islamic society, it is common for Christian women from a Muslim background to feel inferior to men. Pray for the renewing of their minds and new confidence in their status as a daughter of God.

Sunday April 2

Open Doors runs a program called 'Restorations' which teaches the Biblical view on women. It is a long, difficult process for women to accept a new point of view. Pray for perseverance in these sessions.

Monday April 3

Azizah* says, *"Despite what you hear from the*

Word, you hear the whole day other messages that still make you feel worthless. That creates a great inner conflict." Pray for more edifying messages to be spoken over women in Muslim countries.

Tuesday April 4

Belief systems about the role and status of women are handed down from generation to generation. Pray

that courageous women will break that chain and the next generation of girls will live with more freedom and more equality.

Wednesday April 5

"Before believing in Christ, and during the first few years of my faith, I had low self-confidence, and I couldn't give my opinion with courage. I now know my identity in God." Praise God for His wonderful intervention in Azizah's* life.

Thursday April 6

Pray that secret believers in Muslim countries will find each other and support each other with Bible groups, fellowship and discipleship.

Easter

Good Friday April 7

While we remember Jesus' suffering on this day, pray for those believers around the world that are imprisoned and suffer for their faith. Pray that they will remain strong in their faith and draw close to Jesus today.

Saturday April 8

Pray for the secret believers who celebrate Easter by themselves, or in very small groups. Pray that they will find fellow believers to encourage one another.

Easter Sunday April 9

Rejoice today for the Risen King! Thank God for the living hope that Jesus brings and pray that Christians in chains for their faith can spread the Gospel today.

Easter Monday April 10

Pray for believers that have been estranged from their families because of their belief in Jesus. Pray that there will be reconciliation in these broken families and that love and peace will bring loved ones back together.

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Young believers learning from the Bible in Malaysia

| Iran

Tuesday April 11

The Iranian people have suffered many months of turmoil. Protests continue despite the risk of arrest, or even torture and execution. Pray that God comforts the hearts of those who have lost loved ones during this period of upheaval.

Wednesday April 12

Pray that imprisoned people in Iran will be spared the torture and will soon be set free.

Thursday April 13

Shockingly, some prisoners have been issued with death sentences without a valid reason, or even a proper trial. Please pray that justice will prevail and they will be granted a fair trial and saved from death row.

Friday April 14

Young people in Iran are especially fired up to fight for their freedom. Pray for unity and wisdom as they continue to protest.

Saturday April 15

Please pray that the international community will

rally around the protesters. With more cooperation from around the globe and greater pressure from human rights organizations, the injustice and violence may end sooner rather than later.

Sunday April 16

Pastor Abdolreza* and his wife Anahita* were arrested in North Iran in December. Please pray for their safety in prison, and pray for the protection of their teenage daughter who fends for herself now her parents are detained.

Monday April 17

The protests and activities in Iran are peaceful, but the authorities continue to criminalize them. Pray for a change in the law to allow the right to peaceful protest.

| Turkmenistan

Tuesday April 18

Travel between Turkey and Turkmenistan has become restricted. Turkmen citizens who live in Turkey see this as an attempt to curb the presence of Turkmen human-rights activists in the country.

Pray for tensions between Turkey and Turkmenistan to subside.

Wednesday April 19

While Turkmenistan's economic situation worsens, many people are unable to afford food and medical services. Please pray that the newly-elected President Berdymukhammedov will put policy in place that takes care of his people.

| Malaysia

Thursday April 20

In Malaysia sadly more than 10% of indigenous children have dropped out of school. Pray that God will change attitudes towards education in the villages. Pray that He stirs the hearts of young people to engage with their studies.

Friday April 21

In response to poor literacy rates, Open Doors local partners have started a reading program for indigenous children. Praise God for the opportunity to children to learn to read and engage with the Bible.

| Lebanon

Saturday April 22

Lebanon has been plundered by poor leadership. Pray that leaders will find Jesus, who is gentle, humble and refreshes their lives.

Sunday April 23

Despite the hardships, the Word of God has spread through Lebanon. Praise God for the opportunities to share Christ through TV-channels, radio-stations and the church. Thank God for the amazing people working to present topical programs that bless the viewers.

| Iraq

Monday April 24

Iraqi Christians reminisce about days gone by when family members and neighbors were still in Iraq. With so much change and uncertainty over the past decade, people no longer know where they belong. Please pray that faithful followers of Christ will find hope in Jesus.

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Tuesday 25 April

Please pray for secret believers in remote places. They desperately need fellowship with other believers to know that they are not alone. Pray that they will feel God's presence even more keenly when they feel isolated.

| Libya

Wednesday 26 April

It's a risk for people in Libya to reach out to help persecuted believers. Please pray for the protection of kind souls who try to help.

Thursday 27 April

Pray for believers who are struggling to live a normal life after they have become believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Pray for them to persevere despite persecution.

| Morocco

Friday 28 April

As a predominantly Muslim country, many Moroccans have never heard the Good

News about Jesus. Sami* however is a believer, boldly sharing the Gospel with people. Please pray for the fruits of his work and pray that he is protected.

Saturday 29 April

Please pray for Laila* who recently found faith in Jesus, but at the cost of losing her husband through divorce. Laila is now a single mother, struggling to make ends meet financially. Pray for financial blessings in Laila's life.

| Sri Lanka

Sunday 30 April

Please pray for the persecuted believers and pastors that are living in various parts of Sri Lanka. Many have been isolated by their communities, and schoolchildren face persecution in their schools. Pray that God will strengthen the persecuted community in Sri Lanka.

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Thank you for
your prayers!

