



PRAYER CALENDAR

January/February 2025



“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.”

JOHN 1:5 (NLT)

JANUARY

NORTH KOREA

Wednesday, 1 January

It can be difficult to see where God is at work in North Korea. In this new year, pray that God will give Christians (inside and outside the country) eyes to see His light in the midst of the darkness. *Lord, we ask You to continue to answer prayers and speak to North Korean believers in seen and unseen ways.*

Thursday, 2 January

Pray for the 400,000 secret believers in North Korea. Ask God to give your brothers and sisters a chance to gather, read the Bible and worship with other Christians—and to do so safely.

Friday, 3 January

Thank God for our safe house ministry in China where North Koreans like Joo Min* can meet Jesus and be discipled, supported and strengthened to take the gospel back to their home country.

Pray with Somali believers targeted for their faith.



SOMALIA

Saturday, 4 January

Somalia can be an incredibly dangerous place to follow Jesus. Ask God to walk with Somali Christians (both inside and outside the country) and give them hope, even when things seem hopeless.

Sunday, 5 January

Pray that God would watch over Somali Christians who face violent attacks from Islamic extremist group Al Shabab. Ask Him to be their “place of safety” (2 Sam. 22:3).

Monday, 6 January

Pray for Somali secret believers who are parents and need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and to follow Him. Pray for the future of the secret church in Somalia.

Tuesday, 7 January

Somali secret Christians often feel targeted, alone and fearful. Ask God to show them that millions of Christians around the world are praying for them.

LIBYA

Wednesday, 8 January

Libya remains a country divided, with two groups grappling for control. Pray this tension won't boil into war that would further endanger believers.

Thursday, 9 January

Christian migrant workers in Libya live at risk from extremist groups. Ask God to protect and walk with these believers, particularly in those areas where there is no real rule of law.

Friday, 10 January

There are few churches in Libya, and converts from Islam are forced to follow Jesus in secret. Ask God to open doors for believers to find life-giving community and grow in their personal walk with Christ.

ERITREA

Saturday, 11 January

This year saw yet another mass arrest of Eritrean Christians. Pray these believers—and others like them—will be kept from all harm and ultimately, freed.

Sunday, 12 January

Pray for Eritrean believers who are forced into military service against their will. Ask God to protect and help them to live out their faith. Pray they would realize that God is their refuge.

Monday, 13 January

Pray for the families of Christians whose loved ones

have been arrested and imprisoned. Children grow up without knowing their mother or father. Pray that God will provide for them in all their daily needs.

Tuesday, 14 January

Eritrea has one of the most notorious prison networks in the world. Pray for imprisoned believers ... that they would be released and not lose hope in these trials.

YEMEN

Wednesday, 15 January

It seems there's never an end to violence in Yemen. Pray that God would bring peace and justice to Yemen, and that the cries of His people would not be forgotten.

Thursday, 16 January

Pray for Yemeni women's ministry leader Zahra* who often talks to women who don't yet know Christ. “This is the riskiest part of my ministry,” she says. “It's why Yemeni women coming to Christ is really a miracle.”

Pray with Yemeni women's ministry leader Zahra.



Friday, 17 January

Zahra is enrolled in a two-year leadership coaching journey with an Open Doors' coaching school. Ask God to protect all involved in this ministry, especially those living in places where they could be attacked by Islamic extremists.

| NIGERIA

Saturday, 18 January

Once again, Nigeria is one of the most violent places in the world for Christians. Pray for those whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.

Sunday, 19 January

Pray that God would work in the hearts of Nigerian government leaders—that they would be convicted and challenged to work to protect Christian citizens and communities.

Monday, 20 January

Pray for the millions of Nigerians who have been displaced by violence like Pastor Barnabas (*pictured below*). Pray that God would guide him as he leads Christians in the camp where he and his family have lived for four years.

Displaced in Nigeria—pray for Pastor Barnabas.



Tuesday, 21 January

Pray for unity among Christians in Nigeria ... that there wouldn't be a divide between north and south, and that all believers would learn to serve God together.

| PAKISTAN

Wednesday, 22 January

Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws continue to be used to falsely accuse and target Christians. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of decision-makers in Pakistan to overturn these unjust laws.

Thursday, 23 January

Pakistani Christians know they are second-class citizens—many work in dangerous jobs considered unfit for Muslims. Pray they will find joy in their daily lives.

Friday, 24 January

Ask God to protect and preserve Christian women in Pakistan who are often kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslims.

| SUDAN

Saturday, 25 January

Christians have been caught in the crossfire of Sudan's civil war. Pray for peace and that believers would find relief from the violence of civil war.

Sunday, 26 January

Thank God for Sudanese Christians who continue to serve the vulnerable. Pray that He would preserve their brave witness.

Monday, 27 January

Ask God to be close with believers displaced from their homes by the violence. Pray that He would hear the cries of the suffering and deliver them from this conflict.

| CHINA

Tuesday, 28 January

Every year, pressure seems to increase for Chinese Christians. Pray that believers would experience growth in their faith, even as persecution rises.

Wednesday, 29 January

Church leaders are often monitored and regarded with suspicion by Chinese authorities. Today on the Chinese New Year, pray these leaders would feel the presence of Christ.

Pray with the underground church in China.



| MALDIVES

Thursday, 30 January

In Maldives, it's illegal to print or import Bibles in the country's native language of Divehi. Pray that God would make a way for our Christian

family to gain access to God's Word. Currently, only 25 books of the Bible have been translated into Divehi.

Friday, 31 January

Public worship is outlawed in the Maldives. Ask God to allow Christians—both natives and the many foreign workers living in the country—the chance to find fellowship.

FEBRUARY

| AFGHANISTAN

Saturday, 1 February

All believers in Afghanistan are secret Christians, risking their lives to follow Jesus and share the gospel. Ask God to protect them. It's impossible to live openly as a follower of Christ, so pray that the Lord will cover and preserve His sons and daughters.

Sunday, 2 February

Pray that even as the Taliban continue their brutal regime, God will touch their hearts and change them. Pray that these militants will see the truth of Jesus' love, strength and hope. Pray that believers in prison would be protected and released.

Monday, 3 February

Pray for Mohammad*, an Afghan believer who does online Bible translation work. He became a Christian in Afghanistan, working with various underground churches, but has since fled the country. Pray for Mohammad and his work, that it will bear fruit.



INDIA

Tuesday, 4 February

Praise God for the encouraging election results in India. Ask Him to help the new coalition government protect the rights of all Indians, including Christians.

Wednesday, 5 February

Pray for Deepak (pictured above), your brother in eastern India, who came to Christ out of Hinduism. He has been shunned by his community for his faith. As Deepak asks, pray for his parents, that they may also know Christ and be saved.

Thursday, 6 February

As an increasing number of India's states tighten anti-conversion laws, pray that house church leaders will not be attacked or imprisoned. Ask God to be their sword and shield (Ephesians 6).

MEXICO

Friday, 7 February

Parts of Mexico are under the vicious control of gangs and cartels. Many times, these groups target

Christians—especially church leaders who often serve as community leaders, as well. Pray that God will protect His people living in these regions. Pray that He would give them His comfort and strength and bring about peace that only He can provide.

Saturday, 8 February

When someone converts from a traditional religion in one of Mexico's indigenous communities, it can create persecution. Pray that God will care and provide for His people who find Him.

Sunday, 9 February

Ask God to strengthen Open Doors' work in Mexico ... that our local team and partners would be ambassadors of Jesus who spread His gospel and build His Kingdom of hope and peace.

SAUDI ARABIA

Monday, 10 February

There are no legal churches in Saudi Arabia (outside of some permitted on compounds limited to non-Saudi residents). Pray for opportunities for believers to worship together and grow in their faith.

Tuesday, 11 February

Pray for foreign-born Christians who meet secretly. Ask that God would protect their meetings and help them to live out their faith with wisdom and bold obedience.

Wednesday, 12 February

Pray for Christians who are committed to reaching

people in Saudi Arabia via online ministry, in-person work or through outlets like TV channels. Ask God to give favor to these efforts.

MALI

Thursday, 13 February

Many extremist groups are active in Mali, including those affiliated with al Qaeda and the Islamic State group. Pray that God would comfort and protect believers who are targeted and violently attacked by these groups.

Pray for the future church of Mali, at risk of extremist attacks.



Friday, 14 February

Pray specifically for Open Doors local partners in Mali as they seek to help strengthen believers who have lost loved ones and their homes in extremist attacks. *God, please give discernment and courage to our partners who risk so much to serve Your people.*

Saturday, 15 February

As the military junta remains in political power in Mali, pray that God will provide strength, hope and stability for all Malians—and that whoever is in charge will work toward religious freedom.

ALGERIA

Sunday, 16 February

Almost every Protestant church in Algeria has been forcibly closed, or fears they will be soon. Pray with church leaders that God will allow these places of worship to remain open.

Monday, 17 February

In Algeria, sharing your faith in Jesus is risky—it's illegal to "shake the faith of a Muslim." Ask God to give His people both wisdom and boldness and that they would be protected if and when they share their faith.

Tuesday, 18 February

Pray that every believer in Algeria would seek out a Christian community where they can find fellowship and grow in their faith.

IRAQ

Wednesday, 19 February

Even now, 10 years after ISIS took over parts of northern Iraq, Christians are slowly returning home. Pray for our Iraqi family as they continue to rebuild and recover.

Thursday, 20 February

When ISIS attacked, the group inflicted long-term trauma on many Iraqi Christians. That's why Open Doors supports trauma care programs in the country. Pray that God would bless this work.

Friday, 21 February

Pray for Iraqi believers who are converts from Islam. They can experience significant

pressure, wherever they live in the country.

MYANMAR

Saturday, 22 February

The 2021 coup in Myanmar continues to have long-term consequences for Christians. In 2024, churches were destroyed and church leaders were detained. Ask God to be with His people as they persevere and endure.

Sunday, 23 February

Pray for Christians like Moe Moe* caught in the conflict between the ruling military junta and rebel groups. “Every day, we must strive for our survival,” she says. She had to flee from her home and was displaced several times. Pray for peace.

Monday, 24 February

Pray for the leaders of Myanmar’s military junta. Ask that they would see Jesus in the people He places in their paths. Pray that they would see He is the true source of peace, joy and strength in their lives.

IRAN

Tuesday, 25 February

Ask God to guide Iran’s new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, that he would pursue an openness to

Pray with Myanmar Christians forced to flee from their homes.



all minorities, including Christians. Pray for him by name today.

Wednesday, 26 February

Pray for secret churches, that God would protect these networks of underground believers and give them a spirit of power, not timidity (1 Tim. 1:7).

Thursday, 27 February

Pray for Fatehmeh, an Iranian Christian who lives in constant fear due to government persecution and frequent police raids on house churches. Her husband is imprisoned and her daughter Shirin*—her greatest concern—suffers from anxiety. *Lord, we pray for Your peace for this family.*

Friday, 28 February

As the church in Iran continues to grow, pray that God would bless this Kingdom multiplication and empower it to continue.

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