



July/August 2024

# PRAYER CALENDAR

## JULY

### | Secret Believers

#### July 1

In Afghanistan, pray for protection and perseverance for believers whose faith must remain secret as the Taliban poses threats to their lives.

#### July 2

Pray for Afghans turning to Jesus for hope and salvation, that He will meet them in their needs as they trust Him.

#### July 3

Pray with Khada\* today, an Afghan woman still inside the country. She has chosen to follow Jesus.

#### July 4

Today, pray for all of our persecuted sisters and brothers around the world who share our faith but not our freedom to worship Jesus.

#### July 5

Pray that Khada's children will grow up knowing Jesus. Pray that they will develop a love for God's Word like she has.

#### July 6

Ask God to protect Khada and her children from harm as she seeks to follow Jesus.

#### July 7

Pray for our local partners who serve Afghan believers like Khada. *Lord, give them discernment to make the right connections in their world.*

#### July 8

Pray with secret believers in North Africa. They desperately require protection, guidance and abundant prayers. Choosing Jesus often leads to brutal persecution.

#### July 9

Pray with secret believers for resources and opportunities.

#### July 10

Pray with your sister Zahra\* who comes from a devout Muslim family. She embraced Christianity through a YouTube channel.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” 1 JOHN 5:14



### July 11

Zahra's family doesn't know about her new faith. Discovering her decision would "certainly displease them," she says. Pray for her safety.

### July 12

Pray that Zahra would remain steadfast in her faith and that she would find strength and courage on her faith journey.

### July 13

Zahra asks us to pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus and that she would be a vessel of Christ's compassion and grace.

### July 14

Pray specifically with Zahra that God would begin to soften her family's hearts and that He would use her testimony to awaken them.

### July 15

Pray for the millions of secret believers who aren't able to gather for fellowship and worship.

## | Algeria

### July 16

Our family in Algeria is asking us to pray. Almost all Christian places of worship have been sealed or closed under threats and pressure. Pray for believers' persistence in their faith.

### July 17

Pray with a church recently raided during a worship service. Authorities forced church leaders to cease all weekly worship gatherings. Pray for these traumatized believers.

### July 18

Pray that the Algerian government would enact a law that upholds religious freedom, allowing non-Muslim Algerians to practice their faith without fear.

### July 19

Pray for protection, courage and resilience for Algeria's Christian communities. Pray they would learn to divide into small fellowship groups and gather in homes.

## | Central Asia

### July 20

Pray with us today for Emir\*, a frightened underground house church leader in Central Asia. He and his family converted from Islam, started a church and now they're receiving threats.

### July 21

Emir's neighbors have created an online message group focused on expelling Christians from their village. Pray that people would realize the injustice of their ways and disband the group.

### July 22

The situation is so serious that Emir went to the local police to ask them to defend his family. Pray for protection over Emir's life, family and home.

### July 23

Pray for reconciliation and that Emir could continue to lead his ministry. Ask God to give him both boldness and discernment for sharing the gospel he loves.

## | Sri Lanka

### July 24

Pray with your brother Suranjith, forced to choose between his faith and putting a roof over his family's head. Construction on their new home was halted because he refused to keep a Buddhist statue in his yard.

### July 25

Praise God for his obedience. His family of five lives in a one-room house. "My whole family agreed to tell them we want to please the Lord and not others," Suranjith says.

### July 26

Pray that others would see their witness and come to faith. Ask God to provide for the family's needs and make a way to finish the construction.

## | Iran

### July 27

Pray with Laleh Saati, an Iranian Christian convert who was baptized in Malaysia while she was awaiting asylum. After returning to Iran to see her elderly parents, she was sentenced to two years in prison.

### July 28

During Laleh's interrogation, photos of her baptism in Malaysia were submitted as evidence of her



“crime.” Ask God to protect Iranian Christians who have fled to other countries.

### July 29

Pray with Laleh and her family. She was taken to Ward 209 of Iran’s notoriously inhumane

Evin Prison. *God, keep Laleh from harm and reveal Yourself to her in unimaginable ways.*

### July 30

Pray with our sister Simin, a former house church leader in Iran before she fled for her life to another country. Ask God to guide their lives.

### July 31

Simin participated in Open Doors’ discipleship training. Now she teaches the Bible to women in Iran online, preparing them to lead house churches. Pray that God would increase her impact.

## AUGUST

### | North Korea

#### August 1

We recently received messages from North Korean Christians. One believer shared: “Our ministry is difficult, but God has given us this task.” Pray for God’s strength in their lives.

#### August 2

Pray with Yun Hee\*, the leader of an Open Doors safehouse in China where North Korean refugees can stay. Pray for protection in this critical role.

#### August 3

Pray that God would lead refugees, Christians and non-Christians, to Yun Hee. Pray for her as she shows them the love of Jesus.

#### August 4

Ask God to bless her kindness. “Some guests confessed they were sent to report on me for their secret service,” she says. “But they were so grateful for me, they promised to write only good things.”

#### August 5

Yun Hee admits that sometimes the work “wears me out.” Pray for rejuvenation for our sister and all those who run our safe houses.

### | Cameroon

#### August 6

Pray with us for the Christian village of Lambram. Twice this year, Boko Haram militants attacked the village. Pray that God would bring hope to a seemingly hopeless situation.

#### August 7

Pray for the family of 45-year-old Mogoza Tehawa, the one Christian killed in the attack. Pray with his wife and five children as they grieve.

#### August 8

Fear continues to loom across this designated “red zone” in Cameroon’s Far North region—a frequent target of Boko Haram fighters. Pray that God would intervene in mighty ways.

#### August 9

“The people’s farms cannot be moved,” a local pastor shared. “So they return, hoping that God keeps them safe.” Ask God to surround their fields with His angels.

#### August 10

Pray for the local church leaders serving in these communities. *God, we ask You to pour out Your presence and power over their fear.*

### | Vietnam

#### August 11

Pray for churches in Vietnam’s remote areas. In recent months, authorities have controlled and persecuted churches, prohibiting church activities.

#### August 12

Pastor Chien Thang\* in north Vietnam says, “Some villagers shared that authorities wanted to evict the Christians.” Pray for reconciliation.

#### August 13

Pray for Pastor Chien Thang and his family’s safety and protection. Pray that through them the gospel would spread like wildfire.

### | Nigeria

#### August 14

Praise God! Another Chibok girl is free! Thank God for Lydia Simon’s return. It has been 10 years since 276 girls were kidnapped from their school.



### August 15

Lydia is a mother of three and five months pregnant. Pray that her community would accept her and her children.

### August 16

Pray with the estimated 106 girls who are still missing. Ask God to hold them close and that they would keep their eyes on Him.

### August 17

A Chibok mother shared: "Prayer is our only solution." Pray that more captives throughout sub-Saharan Africa would be freed.

## | Bangladesh

### August 18

Alam, a house church leader, received an anonymous note on his doorstep threatening his life. He is asking us pray.

### August 19

The note read: "If you want to survive, then renounce your faith and turn back to your previous faith (Islam)." Pray that Alam can stand strong in his faith.

### August 20

Brother Alam is a strong believer who openly shares the gospel. In his house church, 11 people have trusted Christ. Pray that God would increase his impact.

### August 21

Pray for the person(s) who are threatening Brother Alam. Pray that God would transform their hearts to be champions of the gospel.

## | Egypt

### August 22

Pray for Raef and his wife Sawsan who were forced to flee their village when Raef's father, a Muslim imam, discovered the couple follows Jesus.

### August 23

The couple was also forced to leave the house church they love. Pray they would find a new community of believers.

*\*Names are changed to protect identity.*

### August 24

At one point after Raef lost his job, he and Sawsan felt so lost that they questioned if their decision to follow Jesus was correct. Pray for assurance for them and millions of other believers.

### August 25

Praise God that Raef and Sawsan connected with Open Doors' partners who provided them with practical relief, counseling sessions and a discipleship group.

### August 26

Pray that the couple would grow in their faith without fear and hesitation, guiding and empowering them to face their daily struggles and share their testimony with others.

### August 27

Pray that God would give Raef and Sawsan strength—and that they would know they belong to a global family.

## | Mexico



### August 28

Pray for peace for our family in Chiapas state where organized crime is taking over their lives.

### August 29

The region is an important trafficking corridor for drug cartels who war with each other over the territory. Ask God to confuse their schemes and bring peace.

### August 30

The cartels have created an environment rife with kidnappings, massacres, forced displacements and forced payments to gangs. Pray against these atrocities.

### August 31

As unsafe roads and blockades make it increasingly difficult to deliver aid, pray that our team can establish strategic relationships with pastors who can train other leaders and will distribute relief packages.