



November/December 2024

PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

| Children of the persecuted church

November 1

Throughout the world, children are targeted because they and their parents follow Jesus. This week, let's pray for the youngest voices facing persecution.

November 2

For millions of Christian children, school is a difficult place. Pray for a young girl, Moryom (pictured on cover) in Bangladesh, who is often bullied in school. Pray for true friends.

November 3

Pray for Moryom's protection as she walks two miles to and from school. Because she's a Christian, her Muslim classmates won't let her ride in the rickshaw with them.

November 4

Moryom dreams of being a teacher. Pray she can study well at school and ask God to give her the opportunity to teach others about Jesus.

November 5

Our local partner tells us that when children are discriminated against at school, they can be at risk of dropping out or renouncing their faith in Jesus. Pray 2 Timothy 1:7 over them.

November 6

Some Muslim parents have taught their children to hate Christians from a young age. Pray that children who grew up hating Christians would experience the love of Jesus.

November 7

Christian children can be used as pawns to target their families. In Bangladesh, a Muslim neighbor poured hot water on a boy because his parents left Islam. Pray for healing.

November 8

Persecutors know that if they can damage the children of Christian families, they can destroy the next generation of Christians. Today, pray for the future of the Church.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” MATTHEW 19:14

November 9

Our partners ask us to pray with Julie, a young Christian girl who's bullied at school for her faith.

November 10

Through counseling and a supportive community, Julie is learning to navigate her challenges. Pray she will always know her value in God's eyes.

November 11

Pray for the growth of Open Doors' Children's Center in Colombia. Pray that Christians worldwide would be moved to support this vital ministry.

November 12

Open Doors' partners provide trauma counseling and healing camps. Pray the Holy Spirit's healing power will be at work.

November 13

Pray with Rumana for her protection. She is a young Christian girl in Bangladesh. People have thrown bricks at her on the way to Sunday school.

November 14

Rumana's family home was burned down by neighbors who were angry they were Christians. Pray protection over their new house.

| CENTRAL ASIA

November 15

Pray for Ginura*. She was recently baptized during a secret house church meeting. Pray she can regularly attend a church.

November 16

Ginura's family doesn't know about her faith and would not be pleased that she has left Islam. Pray for her protection.

November 17

Church leaders in Central Asia are asking us to pray for all believers as raids on churches increase. "Pray that our faith becomes stronger so that we serve with our heads held high."



Ginura*'s secret baptism

November 18

Thank God that a court case against a believer, Sergei Orlov, was dismissed in Kazakhstan because there was no evidence of illegal missionary activities against him.

November 19

Pray against proposed legislation in Uzbekistan that would punish parents who allow their children to receive "illegal" religious education before age 18.

| INDONESIA

Kandi, survivor of Indonesia attack

November 20

Today marks the three-year anniversary of the attack on Indonesia's Lewuno village in which four people were killed and the local church was burned down. Pray with them as they grieve this day.



November 21

Thanks to Open Doors supporters, a new church building has recently opened and has become a beacon of hope for the village. Praise God for how He remembers His people.

November 22

Pray that trauma victims can recuperate completely. Ask God to bring His peace.

November 23

Pray that God would protect the area from further attacks, as well as earthquakes that are common in the region.

| TUNISIA

November 24

Maha* and Abdo* are a Christian couple in Tunisia. When their faith was discovered, they were rejected by their family. Pray that God would bring reconciliation.

November 25

The couple's families even threatened to file a police report against them. Pray that God would heal their wounds.

November 26

Praise God, the couple continues to follow Jesus—and have been strengthened by their Christian community in Tunisia.

November 27

Pray for believers in North Africa who have followed Jesus out of Islam. Ask God to bring them Christian community who will disciple them.

November 28

This Thanksgiving, praise God for how He's working in seen and unseen ways to bring people to Himself.

TURKMENISTAN**November 29**

A pastor imprisoned for his faith for four years recently died. Pray for comfort and peace for Pastor Ilmurad Nurliev's wife, children and grandchildren.

November 30

Thank God for Pastor Ilmurad's legacy. Many Turkmen Christians were saved and accepted Christ because of his passion to share the gospel.

DECEMBER**EGYPT****December 1**

Pray with a Christian family in Upper Egypt who were attacked by radical Muslims. Pray especially for the 14-year-old daughter who was assaulted.

December 2

When the family went to the police to file a report, they were mistreated. Pray for justice for Christian families facing persecution in Upper Egypt.

December 3

At the police station, they were detained. Their daughter was released late that night, though not before being verbally abused. Pray for healing.

December 4

After repeated threats from their Muslim neighbors, the family has fled their home. Ask God to make a way for them to safely return to their home.



Grieving Egyptian believer after attack

SYRIA**December 5**

Pray for a new group of 35 students who are studying to become counselors for Syrian churches. Pray for them as they travel from various cities for a multi-day training every three months.

**December 6**

The school's goal is to support traumatized Syrians and help people regain hope and mental health. Pray that God would use these students to reach these goals.

December 7

Praise God that our partner's social media initiative which reaches Syrian teenagers is growing. The staff asks you to pray for "right words" as they connect with youth.

December 8

Pray for this social media team that is "working hard to teach youth about God's love for us," our partner shares. Ask God to guide this team to the right issues to focus on in their posts.

December 9

Finally, pray for the teenagers who follow the page ... that as they look for answers, they would discover their identity in Christ.

December 10

Pray for a church of believers from a Muslim background who are under pressure from authorities. Pray legal issues would be resolved.

December 11

Pray for the marriage of a couple from the church. They have been alienated by family and denied access to stores because they are converts. Pray their marriage will survive the pressure.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**December 12**

Pray for Christian boys in sub-Saharan Africa who are growing up without a father due to extremist attacks. Pray that they will be supported by faithful men in the church.

December 13

Often, Christian boys must take up financial and parental responsibilities at a young age. Pray they will know their Father who is always with them.

December 14

Praise God that 331 people, mostly women and children, were rescued from Boko Haram in Nigeria. This is an answer to your ongoing prayers.

December 15

One of the women rescued is a Chibok girl, now 27. She and her three children walked four days before reaching a military checkpoint. Pray for her healing and her children's future.

December 16

Chibok families ask us: *"Please do not stop praying for us, for our children."* Pray this prayer with these families today.

December 17

Pray Luke 4:18 ... that God would continue to set the captives free. Hundreds of thousands of Christians are imprisoned and held captive for their faith.

December 18

Extremist attacks typically increase at Christmas, as extremists target Christians and attack church gatherings. Pray against attacks.

| SRI LANKA

December 19

Pray with Amila*, a single Christian mother, and her two daughters. When Amila left Buddhism to follow Jesus, her husband left and her family continues to ridicule her. Pray for strength.

December 20

As Amila works to provide for herself and her daughters, she often feels weary. Ask God to give Amila the resilience to stay strong in her faith.

December 21

Amila is planning to move somewhere else, away from her mother and sister. Pray that the Lord will be with her and guide her in these decisions.

December 22

Pray for Amila's two daughters as Christmas approaches. They don't feel loved by their grandmother. Pray they will grow closer to the Lord and be strengthened in Him.

December 23

Pray for all single mothers like Amila who must be mother, father and provider. Ask God to guide them and be their strength in the difficult moments.

| NEPAL

December 24

Today, pray for Christians in Nepal and throughout the world as they prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Pray for protection as they gather.

December 25

And He shall be called Immanuel, Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father. Pray that our brothers and sisters worldwide experience Jesus' birth anew.

December 26

In Nepal, the Madhesh province has become a persecution hotspot. Pray for believers' resilience.

December 27

Pray for Pastor Mohan* whose church in Madhesh was attacked. The extremists assaulted Mohan, threatened church members and seized Bibles.

December 28

Authorities asked Mohan to put church services on hold until the situation calms down. But Mohan refused and continues to hold services on the second floor of his house. Pray for peace for Mohan and this church.

December 29

The 70-80 church members are scared, Mohan says. Pray for courage to continue gathering and that church members would realize the importance of fellowship.

December 30

The situation is still tense. The extremist group continues to be a threat to Pastor Mohan. He asks for prayer for safety as he takes the risk of holding regular church services.

December 31

Pastor Mohan asks us to pray that his attackers would receive salvation. As you pray with him, pray that Jesus would show you how to love your enemies and start 2025 anew.