

# PRAYER CALENDAR

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November/December 2024



“Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress...”

JAMES 1:27

# NOVEMBER

## Families at Christmas

### Friday, 1 November

Throughout the world, children and their families are targeted because they and their parents follow Jesus. The holidays are an extremely difficult time. Over the next two weeks, let's pray for peace for the youngest voices and their families.

### Saturday, 2 November

Often, school is a difficult place. Pray for true friends for 9-year-old Moryom\* (pictured on cover) in Bangladesh, who is often bullied in school.

### Sunday, 3 November

Pray for Moryom's protection as she walks two miles to and from her school. Because she is a Christian, rickshaw drivers refuse to let her ride in their vehicles.

### Monday, 4 November

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.

### Tuesday, 5 November

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

### Wednesday, 6 November

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.

### Thursday, 7 November

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 and comfort.

### Friday, 8 November

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

*Pray with Rumana\* in Bangladesh.*



## **Saturday, 9 November**

Our partners ask us to pray with Julie, a young Christian girl living in a poor and unsafe neighborhood in Cairo. Being bullied at school often leads to depression.

## **Sunday, 10 November**

Through counselling, Julie is learning to navigate her challenges. Pray she will always know her value in God's eyes.

## **Monday, 11 November**

Pray for the growth (both deep and wide) of Open Doors' Children's Center in Colombia. Pray that the Church would be moved to support this vital ministry.

## **Tuesday, 12 November**

Open Doors' partners work closely with children of the persecuted church. They provide trauma counselling and healing camps. Pray the Holy Spirit's healing power will be at work.

## **Wednesday, 13 November**

Pray with Rumana\* for protection. She is a 9-year-old Christian girl in Bangladesh and because she follows Jesus, she is bullied, abused and isolated at school. Pray for her resilience as she follows Jesus in a hostile place.

## **Thursday, 14 November**

Rumana's family home was burned to the ground by neighbors who were angry they were Christians. Pray for their strength and protection over their makeshift house.

# | Central Asia

## **Friday, 15 November**

Pray for Ginura\* who is the only believer in her family. She was recently baptized during a secret house church meeting (we can't disclose the country for her protection). Pray she can regularly attend a church.

## **Saturday, 16 November**

Ginura's family doesn't know about her decision to follow Jesus and would not be pleased that their daughter has left Islam. Pray for guidance and protection.

*Ginura's secret baptism.*



## **Sunday, 17 November**

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

## Monday, 18 November

Thank God that a court case against a believer, Sergei Orlov, was dismissed in Kazakhstan because there was “no evidence of illegal missionary activities.” Pray that his faith and trust in Jesus will continue to mature.

## Tuesday, 19 November

Pray against proposed legislation in Uzbekistan that would punish parents who allow their children to receive “illegal” religious education before age 18. Ask God to intervene and give parents both discernment and faith as they navigate these hurdles.

## | Indonesia

### Wednesday, 20 November

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.

### Thursday, 21 November

Thanks to Open Doors supporters like you, 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.

*Kandi, survivor of Indonesia attack*



## Friday, 22 November

Pray that trauma survivors can recuperate completely. Ask God to bring ongoing counselling and give them His comfort, strength and peace as they struggle to rebuild their lives and community.

## Saturday, 23 November

Pray that God would watch over this vulnerable area (Central Sulawesi province of Indonesia) and church from further violent attacks, as well as earthquakes that are common in the region.

## | Tunisia

### Sunday, 24 November

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

### Monday, 25 November

The couple’s families even threatened to file a police report against them. Pray that God would heal Maha and Abdo’s wounds and future scars. Thank Him for the couples’ courage as they stand firm in their faith and face rejection.

### Tuesday, 26 November

Praise God that Maha and Abdo continue to cling to their newfound faith and follow Him despite these challenges. Praise Him that they have been strengthened by their local Christian community in Tunisia.

## Wednesday, 27 November

Pray that God would strengthen and bless Maha and Abdo's marriage as they continue to follow Him. Ask God to give them a hunger for His Word.

## Thursday, 28 November

Pray for believers throughout North Africa today who have followed Jesus out of Islam. Ask God to bring them Christian community they can pray with regularly.

## | Turkmenistan

### Friday, 29 November

A Turkmen pastor imprisoned for four years in a labor camp for his faith recently died only two years after his release. Pray for comfort and provision for Pastor Ilmurad Nurliev's wife, children and grandchildren.

### Saturday, 30 November

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

*Pray with believers in North Africa.*



# DECEMBER

## | Egypt

### Sunday, 1 December

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

### Monday, 2 December

When the family went to the police in their torn clothes (from the attack) to file a report, they were mistreated and insulted. Pray for justice and protection for Christian families facing persecution in Upper Egypt.

### Tuesday, 3 December

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

### Wednesday, 4 December

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

## | Laos

### Thursday, 5 December

Pray for Dam\*, a believer in his 20s in north Laos. After he helped a neighbor take her sick uncle to the hospital, the neighbor's husband falsely accused him of having an affair with his wife.



### **Friday, 6 December**

The neighbor, who dislikes Christians, spread rumors about Dam. Though the case was dismissed for lack of evidence, Dam now faces continued harassment from his neighbor's husband. Please pray for peace and reconciliation.

### **Saturday, 7 December**

Please pray for peace in Dam's community and that his neighbors would understand that his good deeds are an expression of his faith.

### **Sunday, 8 December**

Pray for unity between believers and non-believers in Dam's village ... that villagers would recognize the grace of Christians through their actions toward them.

### **Monday, 9 December**

Our partners ask us to pray for a mother forced to leave her home. Since Wan\* converted, she has received constant warnings to renounce her faith.

### **Tuesday, 10 December**

Wan was in her home with her children when a mob ordered her to leave her house. She reluctantly left. Pray for healing from this trauma..

### **Wednesday, 11 December**

The family is temporarily living at a rice farm. Pray that God would strengthen and provide for them.

## **Sub-Saharan Africa**

### **Thursday, 12 December**

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

### **Friday, 13 December**

Often, Christian boys must take up financial and parental responsibilities at a young age in their father's absence. Pray they will know and trust their heavenly Father.

## **Saturday, 14 December**

Chibok families ask us: “Please do not stop praying for us, for our children. Pray we will be reunited with them again in this life.” Pray this prayer with these families today as they head into another Christmas without their daughters.

## **Sunday, 15 December**

Pray Luke 4:18 ... that God would set the captives free. Hundreds of thousands of Christians are imprisoned and held in captivity for their decision to follow Jesus.

## **Monday, 16 December**

Attacks typically increase at Christmas, as extremists target Christians and attack church gatherings. Pray that God would thwart and confuse their plans—and that our family in Africa could celebrate in peace.

*Pray with Pastor Mohan’s church.*



## **| Sri Lanka**

### **Tuesday, 17 December**

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

## **Wednesday, 18 December**

As Amila works to provide for herself and her daughters, she says she often feels weary both physically and spiritually. Ask God to give her fierce courage and bold resilience to stay strong in her faith.”

## **Thursday, 19 December**

Pray for all single mothers like Amila who must be mother, father and provider because they chose Jesus. Ask God to comfort and guide them and be their kinsman redeemer (Psalm 106:10).

## **| Nepal**

### **Friday, 20 December**

Our field tells us that attacks against Christians in Nepal are getting worse every day. The Madhesh province has become a persecution hotspot. Pray for believers’ resilience in Madhesh.

### **Saturday, 21 December**

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

### **Sunday, 22 December**

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

### **Monday, 23 December**

The 80 members of his church are scared, Mohan

says. Pray that church members would realize the importance of fellowship.

### **Tuesday, 24 December**

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

### **Wednesday, 25 December**

*For unto us a child is born ... And He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).* Pray that our brothers and sisters would experience Jesus' birth anew.

## **Nicaragua**

### **Thursday, 26 December**

In Nicaragua, the government continues to monitor churches and church leaders. Pray with Pastor Wilbur, who continues to risk arrest. *"It is time to share the good news, and we cannot remain silent,"* he says.

### **Friday, 27 December**

Pray the church in Nicaragua would continue to persevere, finding ways to meet together in small groups.

### **Saturday, 28 December**

Pray for church leaders like Wilbur who walk in



faithfulness. Pray for courage and wisdom as they continue to look for ways to advance the gospel.

### **Sunday, 29 December**

Pray that the current crackdown on the church would strengthen and empower church leaders and believers, maturing them in their faith.

### **Monday, 30 December**

Pray for change and peace in the nation as its people, especially the church, faces a totalitarian government that punishes anyone who dares to express opposition and allegiance to Christ.

### **Tuesday, 31 December**

As 2025 approaches, millions of Christians living in more than 70 countries will face the new year, knowing that nothing has really changed for them. They are still not able to worship freely. Pray that throughout the world, suffering believers would put their hope and trust in God, knowing that He is making all things new. Thank you for praying for this year.

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