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“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”
 – James 1:27

May 22 | TUNISIA

Maysam* has had to relocate to another city due to severe persecution from her family. Pray that she will be able to settle in and find spiritual family in a local church.

May 23 | ETHIOPIA

Pray for the widow of a martyred evangelist who was killed by a mob last August. She has pneumonia and cannot care for her eight children without assistance.

May 24 | TAJIKISTAN

Kamila* left her Muslim village and family nine years ago to prevent her family from being persecuted for her faith in Christ. Pray that God would give her steadfast trust in Him.



Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work.
 – Titus 3:1

May 25 | BHUTAN

When someone leaves Buddhism to follow Jesus Christ, they leave their Buddhist name behind. Pray that this outward statement would reflect a true internal change.

May 26 | MEXICO

Pray for a volunteer who is holding classes for children from a displaced Christian community. Pray for both her and the children to see and recognize God’s provision for them.

May 27 | MAURITANIA

Pray for the few Pulaar minority believers in southern Mauritania, that they would be brought out of isolation into fellowship with Christians from other ethnic groups.

May 28 | QATAR

Pray that the few Qataris who call Jesus Lord would share the gospel with those to whom God has shown the emptiness of their wealth.

May 29 | BAHRAIN

Praise God for the Christian hospitals, churches and bookstores in Bahrain that openly share the Good News with those from all over the Arabian Peninsula!

May 30 | LAOS

Pray for 17 teenagers who were kicked out of their homes by their parents for their faith in Jesus. Pray that they would find comfort and refuge in Him.

May 31 | Vietnam

Pray for La*, who is in the sixth grade and loves sharing stories from her children’s Bible with friends, most of whom are not allowed to accept her invitation to church.

Praying Through the World Watch List

May 1st - 7th: Iran #9

+ Pray for the dozens of Christians imprisoned for practicing their faith to be lights for Christ to guards and fellow prisoners.

May 8th - 14th: Libya #10

+ Pray for the many people coming to Christianity out of Islam, especially those who are isolated from other believers.

May 15th - 21st: Yemen #11

+ Pray for Islamic extremist militants to be exposed and changed by the truth of the gospel.

May 22nd - 31st: Nigeria #12

+ Pray that Christians who have lost homes, friends and family to persecution would be able to testify to God’s faithfulness.



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PRAYER FORCE ALERT

Prayer request bulletin for persecuted Christians worldwide



YES, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

(2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

*Representative names and photos used to protect identity.

Pastors



He must hold firm to the trustworthy Word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. – Titus 1:9

May 1 | PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Praise God for Pastor Abedini and other Christians who have been released from Iranian prisons. Pray that those who remain imprisoned will find strength in Christ daily and be released soon.

May 2 | BRUNEI

Pray for pastors and church leaders involved in youth ministry in Brunei, as the law prohibits them from exposing children to religions other than Islam.

May 3 | COLOMBIA

Pray for peace and wisdom for Pastor Javier* and his family as they continue to receive death threats from a criminal gang, despite having moved several times.

May 4 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray that Jamshut*, pastor of a Protestant church, would be able to leave on an exit visa.

May 5 | NIGERIA

“Definitely, I am telling you, it is by your prayer, with the power of your prayer that we are surviving.” - Nigerian pastor who has lost his daughter and home to Boko Haram

Refugees



For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. – Philippians 3:20

May 6 | YEMEN

Praise God that, despite the war, the gospel continues to spread as people who have left the country stay in contact with the friends they have had to leave behind.

May 7 | CAMEROON

Ask God for fruitful ministry to refugees and the internally displaced who have fled from Boko Haram.

May 8 | MYANMAR

Pray for Chin and Kachin Christians who have escaped across the border into China, that they would bring their anxiety to God and find peace and rest in Him.

May 9 | IRAQ

Pray that Iraqi Christians would be able to witness to God's steadfast love and provision even when all has been lost by worldly standards.

Discipleship



Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” – John 8:12

May 10 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Pray for God's protection over a group of students that secretly meets for fellowship on their campus in soundproofed rooms.

May 11 | MALDIVES

“As long as there is no Bible in my [Divehi] language, there is no hope for my people.” Pray for a complete Divehi translation, and spiritual growth through the portions already completed.

May 12 | SYRIA

Praise God for the new believers in churches all over Syria! Pray that His Holy Spirit would continue to work deep within their hearts.

May 13 | SRI LANKA

Pray that Bibles, discipleship materials, classes, conferences, practical aid and persecution-preparedness trainings would all serve to strengthen God's people in Sri Lanka.

May 14 | INDONESIA

Pray that Standing Strong Through the Storm seminars would be used by God to prepare His own for persecution, should it come their way.

Churches



He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. – Revelation 2:7

May 15 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Praise God that Christians did not react violently to the burning of an Evangelical church, as was the hope of the Muslim extremist who set the blaze to create an opportunity for reprisal from Muslims.

May 16 | ALGERIA

Pray that church members and leaders will have wisdom and welcome for the Algerians who knock on their doors with questions about Christianity.

May 17 | BANGLADESH

As murders and death threats linked to radical Islam continue, pray that the Church in Bangladesh would have compassion towards their persecutors and show them Christ's love.

May 18 | MALAYSIA

Pray that churches would feel convicted and called to reach out to vulnerable secret believers, despite the risk in doing so.

May 19 | NIGERIA

Pray for the Church in Maiduguri, located in battle-weary northeastern Nigeria. Pray that the gospel would be their anchor in a storm of physical hardship and spiritual struggle.

May 20 | SAUDI ARABIA

Praise God that His Church in Saudi Arabia is growing! Pray that they will be able to meet freely and safely.

May 21 | Libya

Pray for migrant churches that are salt and light to Libyans, especially as they are the only ones allowed to officially gather for worship.