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January 22 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for Imara. She lives with her family who refuses to hear about Christ. Pray that she stands courageous in her faith and can win the hearts of her family for Jesus.

January 23 | MIDDLE EAST

Pray for the educational freedom of girls in the Middle East. Pray that they are able to choose their education, instead of being forced to adapt to cultural norms.

January 24 | INDIA

Pray for two sisters who were severely beaten for their faith. They are currently in counseling. Pray for emotional and physical healing.

Believers



We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
— Romans 6:4

January 25 | LAOS

Pray for a believer who was beaten by police for owning a Bible. He was on his way to an Open Doors training when police attacked him.

January 26 | SOMALIA

Pray for Somali Christians. This country has no tolerance for the Christian faith. Pray that God would heal the country of its spiritual darkness and societal division.

January 27 | PHILIPPINES

Pray for believers who survived a bombing in Davo City, Southern Philippines.

January 28 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for several believers who have been arrested for keeping religious literature in their homes.

January 29 | ALGERIA

Pray for a believer who was arrested and sentenced to five years in prison for blasphemy against Islam. The charges are related to a Christian Facebook post by the believer.

January 30 | SUDAN

Pray for the Lord's intervention in South Sudan, as the country is experiencing extreme violence following the breaking of a peace deal.

January 31 | SYRIA

Pray for a family who lost their son after he was shot in the head at church.

Praying Through the 2016 World Watch List

January 1 – 7: Kuwait #41

+ Pray for Christians who are barred from participation in community activities for their faith.

January 8 – 14: Kazakhstan #42

+ Pray that Christian leaders under surveillance would experience peace and rest in their Savior.

January 15 – 21: Indonesia #43

+ Pray for children torn between Christianity at home and Islam at school.

January 22 – 30: Mali #44

+ Pray that opposition towards Christians would not deter them from loving their neighbors.



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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



And I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
– Jeremiah 3:15

January 1 | WORLDWIDE

Pray for pastors around the world as they enter a new year of sharing God's love!

January 2 | NIGERIA

Pray for a pastor who was displaced as a result of the Boko Haram insurgency.

January 3 | BHUTAN

Pray for a pastor whose church was dismantled because its beliefs counter the community's Buddhist beliefs.

January 4 | MALI

Pray for pastors in Mali who are continually working to spread the gospel, despite turmoil in the country.

January 5 | ISRAEL

Pray for pastors whose church buildings have become the targets of graffiti and arson.

Refugees



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

January 6 | NIGERIA

Pray for the estimated 1.3 million believers who have been displaced by Boko Haram.

January 7 | PHILIPPINES

Pray for those who have fled the Philippines, and are now residing in Libya.

January 8 | Libya

Pray for foreigners in the country who have been kidnapped. Pray they are found and taken care of.

January 9 | AFGHANISTAN

Pray that refugees in Afghanistan are treated fairly and find their niche in society.

Discipleship



Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me."
– Matthew 16:24

January 10 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for Christian camps in Central Asia. It is forbidden to have camps for Muslim students. Pray for safety and wisdom for the leaders of these camps.

January 11 | MEXICO

Praise report from a mission outreach in Mexico City! Through this program, churches have united to stand with other persecuted churches within their country. Pray that this unity continues!

January 12 | COLOMBIA

Pray for the Open Doors Trauma Care Department as they meet the needs of believers in Colombia.

January 13 | LIBYA

There are young men in Libya wanting to be Christian leaders. Pray they find appropriate trainings and seminars to grow in faith and knowledge.

January 14 | COLUMBIA

Pray for Colombia's Christian schools. Teachers are being imprisoned and permits are being denied.

Churches



And He is the head of the body, the Church...
– Colossians 1:18a

January 15 | JORDAN

Pray for comfort and encouragement for the church in Jordan, as tensions rise over the death of a Jordanian writer.

January 16 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for the Christian church in Uzbekistan. Pray that government leaders would repent and stand against the persecution of Christians in the country.

January 17 | PAKISTAN

Pray for a church grieving the loss of one of their members. The member, a young man, gave his life protecting others during an attack at the Peshawar Development Authority.

January 18 | NIGERIA

Pray for the Christian community in Nigeria. Sporadic Fulani attacks continue against the Christian community of Godogodo.

January 19 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Pray for the Christian church in the DRC's north-eastern region. They have been under attack from radical Islamic violence.

January 20 | CHINA

Pray for the Chinese church, experiencing even stricter religious restrictions.

January 21 | ERITREA

Pray for the church of Eritrea as they continue to experience oppression from the government. In 2002, the government announced the closure of all churches outside of Islamic and Orthodox beliefs. Pray this will change.

Women



My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
– Psalm 73:26