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### May 23 | TAJIKISTAN

Pray for Sitora. The 17-year-old was found after being beaten and held captive. However, she is still unable to attend church or read her Bible as she lives with her strict Muslim brother.

### May 24 | KOREA

Pray for Sister Hwa-Young and her ministry helping trafficked women in North Korea.

## 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

### May 25 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for 10 believers who were arrested during a secret prayer meeting. They are facing heavy fines if sentenced.

### May 26 | NIGERIA

Pray for believers in southern Kaduna. The atmosphere there remains tense as violence by Fulani herdsmen persists despite the presence of security forces.

### May 27 | IRAN

Pray for Iranian Christian converts in Rasht facing various charges for their faith.

### May 28 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for believers in North Korea whose government enslaves and kills people who dispute the policies of leader Kim Jong-un.

### May 29 | ERITREA

Pray that the Lord will give Christians imprisoned for their faith in Eritrea hope in the midst of their suffering and enable them to live out the gospel toward their persecutors.

### May 30 | MEXICO

Pray for believers from Jalisco who were driven to the outskirts of town and abandoned because local authorities decided this was the best way to prevent these families from spreading the gospel to other communities.

### May 31 | ALGERIA

Pray for a Christian man who was sentenced to one year of imprisonment for a post he made on Facebook regarding his faith.

*Names changed for security reasons.*

## Praying Through the World Watch List

### May 1 - 7: Turkmenistan #19

+ Pray for Christians being wiretapped to exercise discretion in their communications and for Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) who are pressured to return to Islam.

### May 8 - 14: Qatar #20

+ Pray that Qataris would be drawn to Christ by whatever means God deems necessary.

### May 15 - 21: Egypt #21

+ Pray for Christians slighted in social, political and legal affairs to entrust their situation to God.

### May 22 - 31: Ethiopia #22

+ Pray for God to reveal the Truth to Ethiopian government officials.

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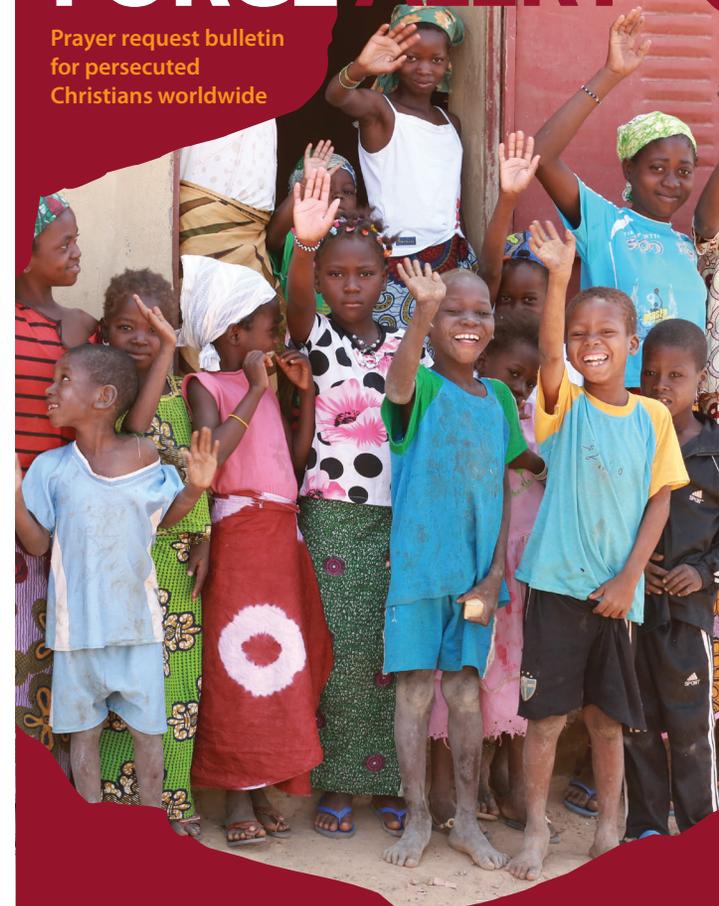


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# PRAYER FORCE ALERT

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 photo used to protect identity.*

## Pastors



*“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”*  
– Jeremiah 3:15

### May 1 | LIBYA

Pray for Pastor Appiah Maxwell. He is still recovering from being in the hands of militia for three months.

### May 2 | MAURITANIA

Pray for those who are secretly ministering to the small Mauritanian church.

### May 3 | SRI LANKA

Pray for a pastor who has received death threats from Buddhist monks and had his church building destroyed.

### May 4 | INDIA

Pray for the pastors of India as they administer God’s Word.

### May 5 | SUDAN

Pray for 3 pastors as they face sentencing for crimes they did not commit.

## 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 | JORDAN

Pray that the refugee crisis would provide an opportunity for many to hear the gospel.

### May 7 | TURKEY

Pray that those who have fled to Turkey from Syria would find rest in Christ.

### May 8 | LIBYA

Pray for daily protection for migrant believers. They remain under threat of being kidnapped at any moment because of their vulnerable position.

### May 9 | KENYA

Pray that Kenyan refugees find safety and opportunities to begin anew.

## 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

### May 10 | MIDDLE EAST

Pray for social media projects being used in this region to communicate God’s love online in new and innovative ways.

### May 11 | PAKISTAN

Pray for the protection and growth of new believers, especially those from Muslim backgrounds.

### May 12 | LIBYA

Bible studies are being held with new believers in the country. Pray for growth and protection for everyone involved.

### May 13 | EASTERN AFRICA

Pray for Gabriel as he works on his farm and runs a church ministry as an example to believers on how to balance work and ministry.

### May 14 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray that teachers like Raikhan will be able to use their gifts to bring others to Christ and help their communities.

## Churches



*“And He is the head of the body, the church...”*  
– Colossians 1:18a

### May 15 | PHILIPPINES

Pray for Christian converts from Islam. After the murder of 8 Christian fishermen, they are fearful of violent attacks.

### May 16 | NIGERIA

Pray for churches in Jigawa that are being demolished due to being unable to secure permits. Believers see this as a way to drive Christians out of Jigawa.

### May 17 | SUDAN

Pray that government measures to curb Christianity will fail to intimidate the church in Sudan.

### May 18 | SRI LANKA

Pray for a newly established church that was burned down by a mob led by a Buddhist monk.

### May 19 | CENTRAL AFRICA

Pray for a ministry that allows women to participate in re-building their church community. The money they earn allows them to offer more balanced diets for their children and pay for schooling.

### May 20 | NIGERIA

Pray that the Lord will provide for the needs of our brothers and sisters across the Northeast of Nigeria who are suffering much under the humanitarian emergency the insurgency created.

### May 21 | LAOS

As the disappearances of believers are on the rise in Laos, pray for their safety.

## Women



*“My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

– Psalm 73:26

### May 22 | LIBYA

Pray for a group of female secret believers. Pray they will be wise in sharing their faith.