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October 19 | LAOS

Give thanks to the Lord for the many tribal churches in the country that initiate nationwide prayer gatherings and fellowship of tribal believers.

October 20 | BRUNEI

The Sultan's push to implement Sharia Law has resulted in churches working only within the safety of its walls. Pray for the church to learn new ways to impact their community.

October 21 | TURKMENISTAN

Pray for a secret home church. During their last prayer meeting, police broke in and searched everything. Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are now under "double pressure" from police and Muslim relatives.



Women

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

October 22 | CHINA

Pray for Nazar, a believer whose Muslim husband divorced her because of her newfound faith in Jesus. She asks us to pray for her son, as the divorce deeply affected him. Please ask God to heal and comfort her son.

October 23 | HORN OF AFRICA

Jesus and hardship came into Ayaan's life simultaneously. But the Lord provided for her by linking her to an Open Doors-facilitated fellowship. "Thank you for providing a place where I can feel the love and warmth of a family."

October 24 | YEMEN

Pray for Abdel Nur's* wife to take the step of faith. This is his desire, and he has been praying for this for a long time, but she is under tremendous pressure from her family.

October 25 | CHINA

Spring is a young believer among the Qiang groups. She has a burden to serve full time in the church. However, her husband is strongly against it. Please pray that her husband's life will change.

October 26 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Pray for Jen-jen, a young believer who experienced persecution from her classmates and teacher. Pray that she will hold to her principles and will not succumb to pressure from the Muslim community. Pray for her family's provision.

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

October 27 | NEPAL

Nepali Christians are being falsely accused of planning a conspiracy to assassinate Hindus. Pray that Christians would still meet and show love to their Hindu neighbors.

October 28 | VIETNAM

Pray for Open Doors field workers and their families—that they will continue to find rest and comfort in the Lord despite hearing and witnessing traumatic stories of believers in Vietnam.

October 29 | MALDIVES

Pray for secret believers, asking God to continue to fix their eyes on Him amidst the current political chaos in the country. Ask God to guide His church to develop effective discipleship.

October 30 | ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Pray for daily life in Gaza, where the handful of believers struggle to survive. There is limited electricity available, water is not drinkable and temperatures are high. Pray for the people, including our brothers and sisters, who suffer.

October 31 | ARABIAN PENINSULA

Pray for believers to find ways to reach out to Muslims who have never heard the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that Islam will lose its grip over the region and that new believers will be added to the Kingdom of God.

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

(2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

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Praying for North Korea

For the last 17 years, North Korea has been #1 on the World Watch List as the most dangerous place in the world for Christians. Yet the North Korean church, an estimated 300,000 members strong, continues to persevere. Throughout October, join us we pray for and encourage our persecuted family living in the face of oppression.

October 1 | NORTH KOREA

Earlier this year in April, three U.S. citizens, including two Christians, were released. They were held for alleged subversion, espionage and other unspecified hostile acts. Pray that this would be just the beginning of freedom work in North Korea.

October 2 | NORTH KOREA

An estimated 50,000 Christians are currently held in North Korea's inhumane prison system, with many starving to death. Pray for believers who are enduring these conditions for their faith.

October 3 | NORTH KOREA

The nation's official ideology is Juche, a fusion of Marxism and Korean nationalism. Pray for North Koreans to see the emptiness of this ideology and that their search would lead them to Christ.

October 4 | NORTH KOREA

In North Korea, if your family member's faith is discovered, you're "guilty by association." Entire families are often imprisoned. Pray for Christians in North Korea, that despite this reality, their faith would persevere.

October 5 | NORTH KOREA

Human rights violations in North Korea are systemic and shocking. Pray God would miraculously work to transform the hearts of North Korean leaders.

October 6 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for North Korean Christian parents as they raise their children, unable to share with them their faith. Ask God to show them ways they could safely impart their love for Jesus.

October 7 | NORTH KOREA

Please pray for dictator Kim Jong Un—that he would come to know the one true God. Pray for change within the regime and that the power of darkness in this country would be broken.

Pastors



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

October 8 | INDIA

Pray for the ministry of a pastor who has been continually maligned and despised by the Hindu extremists in Odisha. Believers there live in poverty, making them vulnerable victims to public insult and restriction.

October 9 | MYANMAR

Many pastors and church leaders coming from remote villages of the country travel more than a day by motorcycles and hired vehicles to attend a training for lay leaders. Pray for their safety.

October 10 | SRI LANKA

Pray for Christians in Sri Lanka, especially pastors attacked by Buddhist mobs. Pray that they will continue to stand in the truth despite these attacks, pressing on in serving the Lord.

October 11 | KAZAKHSTAN

Pastor Savat's* car was stolen. After inspecting the scene, police officers insist that this was revenge related to Savat's pastoral activities. Pray for the safety of Savat, his church and family.

Refugees



But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
— Philippians 3:20

October 12 | ERITREA

Matthew* was a secret Christian in Eritrea. When his faith was discovered, he was imprisoned in a military camp. Once released, he made the decision to flee Eritrea. He's now a leader of a refugee church. Pray for God's grace to all those who serve refugee communities.

October 13 | SYRIA

A believer in the Middle East says: "My favorite singer sings: 'It's always darkest before dawn,' and for the sake of the

people in Syria, I pray and hope that this will be true." Remember to pray for Syria's refugees.

October 14 | LEBANON

Pray for native Lebanese, that they will be filled with love for refugees. Today, almost 40 percent of the people living in this tiny country are not Lebanese by origin—a big challenge for a small country like Lebanon.

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

October 15 | BHUTAN

Open Doors partners with leadership institutions in South Asia that help multiply committed servants of the Lord. In March, 16 students graduated from one of the schools. Praise the Lord for the successful graduation.

October 16 | PHILIPPINES

In the first quarter of this year, Open Doors was able to host literacy classes for at least 239 children, youth and adult Christians. The hope is that the participants will learn to read, understand and apply Scripture.

October 17 | BANGLADESH

"The believers in my discipleship classes are growing in faith together. They have put their faith to action by praying for healing for those who are sick. They also share the gospel message with their neighbors and friends," says trainer Sister Monjuri. Praise God!

October 18 | MALI

Yoro* is a 20-year-old Fulani man who came to know Christ. Yoro received death threats and faced daily pressure. Eventually, he fled and found refuge at a church. Please pray for the Lord's continued grace and provision.

Churches



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