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### June 19 | SYRIA

Pastor Edward in Damascus says: “We thank you for your prayers, and we ask you to continue to pray for the church ... Ask the Lord to give us the wisdom for how to deal with grief and how to deal with the emotional wounds we face every day.”

### June 20 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray that Mubina\* finds fellowship with other believers. When her parents discovered she had left Islam to follow Jesus, they turned their backs on her. But Mubina didn't bend. “I just couldn't leave Jesus,” she says, her voice trembling.

## Women



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

### June 21 | EAST AFRICA

“I am sure your prayers saved my life during the [al-Shabaab] attacks!” declares Ayaan,\* a Somali believer in the Horn of Africa. Please continue to pray that Ayaan would feel the Body of Christ praying for her.

### June 22 | INDIA

After sisters Meena and Sunita were beaten and expelled from their village, Open Doors partners provided them with a shop and micro-business. Now they need to relocate to a more populated area. Please pray for their next steps.

### June 23 | EGYPT

A non-biblical view of women is severely damaging the church in what a study labeled as the “worst country in the Arab world to be a young woman.” Praise God that local girls' ministries are emerging.

### June 24 | CENTRAL ASIA

Maria's parents use threats to try to convince her to return to Islam. But when she's asked why she still believes, Maria laughs, “Because God saved me!” Pray that she experiences God's presence.

### June 25 | COLUMBIA

Christian women face danger when their religious faith

compels them not to yield to armed and criminal groups operating in the country. Pray for courage as our sisters in Christ cling to Jesus and walk in His ways.

### June 26 | SAUDI ARABIA

Assma's\* family married her to a Muslim, forcing her to live her faith in secret for fear of him taking their children. As a woman, she does not have the freedom to travel to meet with other believers. Pray for her to be comforted in her isolation.

## 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

### June 27 | MOROCCO

Deep in South Morocco, two young women frequently meet in secrecy. Both are students and followers of Jesus. Their families threatened them and think they have returned to Islam. Pray these women will continue meeting.

### June 28 | INDONESIA

Pray for more churches and believers to come forward and be willing to partner with Open Doors teams providing long-term support to the Christian victims of the devastating 7.5 earthquake near Palu.

### June 29 | MEXICO

As a coercive measure to force him to renounce his faith, villagers tied a Christian man named Marcelino to a post and left him there for three days. After the ordeal, he and his family relocated. Pray for healing.

### June 30 | NORTH KOREA

Open Doors was able to smuggle two Bibles to a secret believer who requested them after he accidentally mentioned the word “God” to an underground contact. Pray these Bibles bring hope and life to many worshippers.

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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)

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*In Nigeria (ranked #12 on the 2019 World Watch List), our brothers and sisters face increasing persecution on multiple fronts, including deadly attacks by Islamic extremists and extreme discrimination by Muslim families and communities. This month, we invite you to join us as we stand in prayer for our Nigerian family.*

### June 1 | NIGERIA

At least 27 people, including a pastor, lost their lives following attacks by Hausa-Fulani Muslim militant herdsmen on five predominantly Christian communities in northeast Nigeria. The assailants also looted and burned down homes and stole cattle. Pray for peace in this area that has seen so much bloodshed.

### June 2 | NIGERIA

Esther became pregnant with Rebecca while a captive of Boko Haram militants. She has recently participated in trauma care counseling from Open Doors. She has found healing but still has many challenges. Please pray specifically that she and her daughter will be able to attend school.

### June 3 | NIGERIA

Gyang lost his mother, father and all his siblings in an attack by Fulani militants. Pray for the Lord's comfort and Gyang's healing—that he will sense the Lord's presence with him.

### June 4 | NIGERIA

A Nigerian pastor tells us that prayer is the most pressing request for believers in his church and area. "We do not want to deviate from the truth when there is so much hardship."

### June 5 | NIGERIA

More than 6,000 people have been killed or maimed and thousands displaced in fighting between herders and farmers in Nigeria's Middle Belt in the past three years. Please pray for justice and divine intervention in the violent plans of Fulani militants.

### June 6 | NIGERIA

After a bout of violence, Rev. Mathew Ndagoso urged citizens to refrain from spreading rumors and to avoid fueling existing tensions in and between communities. Please pray that peace will prevail.

### June 7 | NIGERIA

Please pray for physical, mental and emotional healing for 23-year-old student Blessing Kogi who witnessed the massacre of her family near Jos. She survived the attack by pretending to be dead.

## Pastors



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

### June 8 | CUBA

Among those killed in a plane accident near Havana were 20 pastors and their wives returning home from a conference. The tragedy orphaned eight children between the ages of 7 and 16. Ask God to surround them with His comfort.

### June 9 | CHINA

Pray for Pastor Wang Yi who has urged Christians to peacefully resist religious regulations. He was arrested in the raid and faces up to 15 years in prison. Pray for fortitude and wisdom for the church in China.

### June 10 | COLUMBIA

Pastor Galarza was murdered, defending the message of peace he learned from Jesus. Pray for his church and family.

### June 11 | INDIA

Recently, Pastor Biswas was brutally beaten by a group of 10 Hindu extremists for leading many Hindu people to Christ. His wife requests: "We need more strength. We know we are being monitored, and our lives are constantly under threat."

## Refugees



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

### June 12 | IRAN

Pray for Esther and her family, who fled their home in Iran after being arrested for following Jesus. She and her family are now refugees in Turkey, treated as second-class citizens.

### June 13 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Five believers were killed when militants attacked a church compound and destroyed homes near Beni. As a result, many have fled to other parts of the country or Uganda. Pray for comfort and provision for these families.

### June 14 | IRAQ

Thousands of Christian Iraqi families have returned to their burned-out homes once occupied by ISIS forces. Pray for continued healing and that a strong, loving community would rise from the ashes.

## 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

### June 15 | INDONESIA

Pray for Diva,\* Raisa\* and other young Christian women who have converted from Islam and are now attending discipleship classes offered by Open Doors. Pray for strength and determination for these disciple makers.

### June 16 | SYRIA

Open Doors regularly organizes retreats for Syrian Christians. Despite the war, churches grew, and many Muslims and Druze found Christ. At the retreats, they learn more about following Jesus. Pray that the newfound faith of these brothers and sisters would flourish.

### June 17 | MYANMAR

Pray for ongoing discipleship trainings for youth leaders. Ask Jesus to guide and use them. Pray that these youth continue growing in their faith and make other disciples when they return to their communities.

## Churches



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

### June 18 | EGYPT

Egypt is home to the largest Christian community in the Middle East. But while there is freedom of religion by law, dozens of churches in Upper Egypt have been closed by authorities. Please pray for justice.