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### July 19 | MIDDLE EAST

Akeem\* was selected to attend a youth leadership program from a house church in a strict Muslim setting. Pray for Akeem and others like him who are being trained to be the future leaders in the underground church.

### July 20 | CENTRAL ASIA

An illegal (non-registered) church is submitting their application to become an officially registered church after working on it for years. Mahit,\* the pastor of the church, is requesting prayer for the situation.

## Women



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

### July 21 | INDIA

Pray for Saree\* whose parents forced her to choose between Jesus and them. Unable to make that choice, Saree was thrown out of the house by her father.

### July 22 | MIDDLE EAST

Pray for Farideh.\* She is from a Muslim background but since finding Christ, wants to help others process the trauma of persecution and life as an underground Christian.

### July 23 | COLOMBIA

Pray for comfort and provision for the widow of murdered Colombian pastor Hector Galarza.\* Fearing for her family's safety, she fled their home with her children and grandchildren.

### July 24 | EGYPT

Wherever Christian girls go, they are vulnerable to their employers and are often victims of extortion and sexual harassment. Pray for Open Doors' growing girls' ministry to have great impact on these daughters of God.

### July 25 | MALAYSIA

Muslims who convert to Christianity are punished by their families and may be forcibly divorced, beaten, locked up or banished. Pray for strength and community for women who have chosen to risk it all and follow Jesus.

### July 26 | SYRIA

During the war, women couldn't leave their homes as frequently as men and often set aside their well-being. Pray for success of programs such as medical-awareness lectures.

## 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

### July 27 | ALGERIA

Pray there would be just laws and greater societal tolerance toward Christians in Algeria. It's not uncommon for North African Christian believers from Muslim backgrounds to be arrested and charged with proselytizing and blasphemy.

### July 28 | INDONESIA

Pray for God's provision for the families of Agung\* and Bagus\* as they boldly live out their faith as the only two Christian families in their Hindu village. Pray for God to soften the hearts of the other villagers toward Christ.

### July 29 | INDIA

"I want to leave Him [Christ]. But I can't. There's something there ... I think about the fellowship we have on Sundays. Whenever I feel depressed, I think about fellowship." Pray for isolated believers like Sunita\*.

### July 30 | EGYPT

Pray for the 20 Christian families still living in Dahia, the neighborhood with El-Arish's only functioning church. In El-Arish, the threat to Christians by ISIS militants is so high that the military and police must protect the neighborhood 24/7.

### July 31 | IRAQ

Pray that believers in Iraq will be strengthened in their faith when they suffer persecution because of their belief in Christ. Pray that they would be a clear and strong testimony of Christ, bringing Him glory.

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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.

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (Psalm 119:105). For thousands of believers, reading the Bible is a rare occurrence. Please pray with us this month that God’s Word would find its way into the hands and hearts of His disciples.*

### July 1 | PHILIPPINES

“I thank God for the Bible literacy training. Before, I didn’t know how to read the Bible.” Please pray for trainings like the one Deborah\* attended. They are provided by local churches through the support of Open Doors.

### July 2 | NORTH KOREA

Open Doors supports North Korean women who have been trafficked into China with pastoral care and Bible studies. Many are becoming believers. Pray with these future female leaders of the church as they grow in their knowledge of the Word.

### July 3 | SOUTH ASIA

“They have had so much time in their suffering and loneliness ... Many are tempted to walk away from Jesus. Then suddenly ... they are given their own Bible.” Pray for Open Doors partners working to bring His hope to Christian converts in this region.

### July 4 | NEPAL

Recently an organization involved in Bible printing was targeted and accused of producing material for conversion—which is now legally punishable in Nepal. Pray that believers and seekers here will have access to Bibles.

### July 5 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for modern-day Bible smugglers such as Viktor,\* who encountered Christ by reading the Gospel of John. Pray that Viktor’s testimony and others like his would bring many people to Christ.

### July 6 | BHUTAN

Pray for the success of literacy work with women. Bidya\* shares, “After attending this training, I learned so many new skills of reading the Bible, meditating upon God’s Word and how a woman of God can teach others.”

### July 7 | MUSLIM WORLD

Open Doors’ partners on the ground in Muslim-majority territories report that countless Muslims are risking everything to turn from Islam to follow Jesus. And the one thing these new believers pray for the most is a copy of the Bible.

## Refugees



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

### July 8 | INDIA

Pray for around 13 Christian families in East India who were recently forced to leave their villages. A local partner of Open Doors shares, “The Hindu extremists ... are polluting the minds of the villagers and instilling hatred against the Christians.”

### July 9 | BANGLADESH

Pray for church planters Nasima and Azgar who are now in hiding with their family after their home was destroyed by neighbors shouting, “Drive the Christians away!”

### July 10 | IRAQ

The education of many Iraqi Christian children was disrupted when their parents left their homes to seek asylum. Many asylum seekers are still waiting in Turkey, Jordan or Lebanon. Pray for this generation of children.

## Praise



*“Rejoice with those who rejoice...”*  
– Romans 12:15a

### July 11 | UZBEKISTAN

Eight believers who were arrested and had their phones and Christian books confiscated received a smaller fine than normal and their belongings were returned. Thank God for the positive outcome of the trial for these faithful Christians.

### July 12 | IRAN

The strict Islamic government in Iran is trying to root out Iranian believers but is having little success. Praise God for underground church leaders who are risking everything to share the gospel.

### July 13 | SYRIA

Great work is being done at the 15 Centers of Hope that are run by churches in various gathering spaces in communities

across Syria. Thank God for these Centers of Hope that are bringing life back to weary Christians!

## 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

### July 14 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for North Korean defectors who are being discipled in secret. Pray they would grow in their faith and knowledge of Him. Pray they would understand God as their loving heavenly father and grow in their trust in Him.

### July 15 | IRAN

New secret believer Nava\* (21) from Iran rejoices, “God has called me to be His daughter—how amazing is that?” Pray that new believers in Iran receive the discipleship they need to mature and grow in their faith.

### July 16 | LAOS

Pray for Beun’s\* discipleship center/house church. Pray that through it, many more in northern Laos will be fed and nurtured by God’s Word.

### July 17 | NORTH KOREA

Recently, some North Korean Christians sent some Bibles hidden so long that the ancient script is no longer used. Your support and prayers enabled our secret workers to exchange them for new Bibles and materials.

## Pastors



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

### July 18 | ALGERIA

“We see signs of a new revival. Muslims are coming to us; they are tired, and some clearly and openly say, ‘We want to know Christ,’” shares Muslih,\* a pastor who has been following Christ for decades. Thank God the church in Algeria is growing.