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April 19

Pray the powers blinding the authorities in Algeria would be struck down in the name of Jesus.

April 20

Pray the gospel would continue to spread in the midst of persecution.



Believers face discrimination, attack and imprisonment in Myanmar

In Myanmar, converting from Buddhism to follow Jesus can carry a hefty price. When he first started preaching in a Buddhist village, Saya Thun*, a missionary, was beaten up and his family was threatened. And yet, he persevered. Khin Htay's* husband set her on fire when she refused to make offerings to the gods. Thankfully, Saya Thun and his wife took care of her after she left the hospital. Simon*, a missionary in a Buddhist township, was denied his request to dig a well for the Christian orphanage he serves.

April 21

Pray for complete healing for Khin Htay, both physically and emotionally.

April 22

Pray for God's provision for Simon and the orphans he helps care for.

April 23–24

Pray that Open Doors, with the help of local partners, will be able to continue strengthening persecuted believers.

April 25

Ask God to protect Saya Thun and his family and strengthen their faith in the midst of constant threats on their lives.

April 26

Pray for provision for all persecuted believers in Myanmar—that they would continue to be bold in following Jesus.

**Representative name or photo used to protect identity.*

April 27

Pray for strength and provision for believers (including Saya Thun and his wife) who take care of the injured Khin Htay.



Hope for the Middle East

Open Doors is leading a seven-year campaign to pray for the church in the Middle East as Christians heal and rebuild in the years after being decimated by war and ISIS. Join our multi-year Hope for the Middle East Prayer Campaign as we lift up requests from believers in Iraq and Syria. You can also visit ODUSA.org/Pray4ME to learn more.

April 28

Pray for youth training programs led by our local partner organization in the Nineveh Plain.

April 29

Pray that church leaders in Syria will be open-minded when younger Christians come to them with new ideas for worship.

April 30

"Pray also that the government won't stop the construction work [of the church], as they've stopped us many times over the years," requests Pastor George in the Syrian border city of Qamishli.



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God's promises fulfilled in Burkina Faso

After militants killed Naomi Zoré's husband, Eli, as part of attacks on Christians in Arbinda, Burkina Faso, Naomi was forced to move to the city of Kaya with her nine children. A church there housed the large family, along with many other Christians displaced by the attacks. Naomi shares how the believers gathered to ask God to remember them and send them help. The number of displaced Christians became more than the local church could handle.

Thankfully, Open Doors was able to provide enough food to feed 560 of the most vulnerable families for two months. When she saw God's provision, Naomi rejoiced: "Today, God's promises have been fulfilled. He promised to never leave or forsake you ... I received my package of [food] and was told it was just for my family!"

April 1

Thank God for the success of the relief in Kaya.

April 2

Pray that God continues to show Himself to Naomi and the many displaced believers in Burkina Faso.

April 3

Pray for the Christians in northern Burkina Faso—that God will give them grace to stand strong in Him through their mounting challenges.

April 4

Pray for local church leaders like Pastor Daniel Zabran, that they would be equipped to share the love and hope of God with their flock.

April 5

Pray that Naomi and many others like her who have lost loved ones will experience God's comfort and peace.

April 6

Thank God for the hope that was rekindled in the hearts of many like Bamogo Philip, another recipient of food aid from Open Doors.

April 7

Pray for provision of more funds so that more persecuted believers can receive aid and encouragement.



1,000 leaders trained in India

As persecution against Christians in India continues to rise, equipping the church to stand firm in their faith is vital. Open Doors' local partners are conducting training seminars across the country to prepare church leaders for this wave of oppression—and helping them educate their churches on persecution and biblical responses to it.

In eastern India, Raj* is an Open Doors local partner who's responsible for conducting these seminars. "We plan to do at least 15 leader seminars in the country, where we'll train over 1,000 leaders," he says. "Then they will be able to effectively provide persecution preparedness trainings to their church members."

April 8

Pray for wisdom and protection for our local partners like Raj as they plan and carry out these seminars.

April 9

Pray for believers represented by each leader attending the training. Pray they would grow in wisdom, faith and courage.

April 10

Pray for church leaders like Bhavna* who are attending the trainings, that they will be strengthened and encouraged with each seminar.

April 11

Pray for participants like Punit* who have decided to continue leading their house churches despite threats by Hindu extremists. Pray they will stand firm in the courage they received at the trainings.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Pray for all the church leaders in India and churches around the world as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

April 13

Pray that church leaders will be well equipped to prepare their churches to stand firm in the fires of persecution.

April 14

Pray that pastors like Sagar* will continue to fix their eyes on Jesus as their role model—drawing their strength from Him.



Campaign against church in Algeria continues

The government continues its campaign against the church in Algeria. Police entered one of the largest churches in Algeria (about 700 members), the Full Gospel Church in Tizi Ouzou, as Pastor Salah was leading a church service. The police ordered the congregation to leave and pushed those who resisted out of the building. Authorities beat Pastor Salah and church members.

Pastor Salah shared prayer requests with us: "I ask the worldwide Church to pray that the Lord will be with us during this hardship. I hope you will pray like the prayer in Acts 4."

April 15

Pray with Pastor Salah and others like him for wisdom as they lead their churches in the midst of violence and persecution.

April 16

Pray that no weapon formed against the church in Algeria would succeed.

April 17

Pray for complete physical and emotional healing for the church members who were injured or traumatized during the raid.

April 18

Pray the Holy Spirit will give believers in Algeria the words they need when they need them (Luke 12:12).