Falsely accused for His name

In India, Christians are often accused of following a “foreign faith” and blamed for bad luck in their communities. Another frequent accusation claims Christians pay or lure people into conversion. However, false accusations are not isolated to India. Jesus told us to expect injustice in Matthew 5:11: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”

July 21
Cuban Pastor Parra Rosabal was falsely accused of “hoarding” and arrested because he had tools to repair bicycles to supplement his income. Pray that what was meant for harm would bring glory to God instead.

July 22
Pray for fortitude for Chinese Pastor Juncai, who was falsely accused of “obstructing government administration” after he objected to the removal of the cross on the church building.

July 23
Pray believers who are falsely accused would keep their eyes fixed on the Author and Perfector of their faith (Heb. 12:2).

July 24
Pray God would be a shield (Prov. 30:5) for Christian South Koreans Kim Jong-Wook, Kim Kook-Kie, Choi Chun-Kil, Ko Hyon-Chol and Kim Won-Ho—all falsely accused and imprisoned in North Korea.

July 25
Pray for justice for Ebrahim Firouzi, who is serving his exile in Iran after spending years in prison for “actions against national security.”

July 26
Pray for peace and fellowship for three families in Korwa, India, whose community accused them of luring people to Christ.

Hope for the Middle East

Open Doors has a seven-year plan 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.

July 27
Thank God for all of our brothers and sisters who are falsely accused and remain faithful to the gospel.

July 28
Pray the witness of believers would shine bright in north Syria, as they comfort many who are traumatized by war or lack food and resources.

July 29
Pray for a breakthrough in Iraq and an end to waves of violence. Ask the Lord to give His peace to believers.

July 30
Pray for the Word of God to saturate Syria—that those who read it will find joy, strength and hope anew.

July 31
Praise God for amazing opportunities to share the gospel. Pray for a holy thirst and hunger among the people of Iraq.

Get up-to-date requests from persecuted Christians around the world through our free Prayer App. Text PRAYER to 32500 to download the app now!
Under constant pressure in India

If you’re Indian, you’re Hindu. This is the overarching premise that drives Hindu extremists in India to attack and discriminate against Christians and other religious minorities—especially converts from Hinduism. The pressure to return to Hinduism is constant. If Christians don’t renounce their faith, they may be boycotted by their village, depriving them of community resources such as access to water and food.

July 1
Pray for a Christian family who was dragged out of their home, beaten with clubs and robbed by their village. Ask God to provide for all their needs.

July 2
After extremists burned down their home, Brother Rana* and his family are living in great distress. Pray that God would be ever close to this family, bringing them both comfort and strength.

July 3
Pray for Christians whose villages have socially boycotted them. Thank God for His provision of living water (John 4:10) and ask for His provision of physical water.

July 4
Ravi*, his family and church were attacked by a Hindu extremist group following through on their threats if the church continued to hold services. Ask Christ to embolden this church.

July 5
Pray fervently for God to transform the hearts of Hindu extremists, turning them to Himself.

July 6
Nagesh* and Parimal* lost their only source of income when Hindu extremists set fire to their paddy field. Pray that God will provide them with another income.

Heartbroken in Central Asia

Concerned about their reputations, Chalpona’s* two adult sons stormed into her home, demanding their mother renounce her faith in Jesus and stop sharing the gospel in their community. Though it broke her heart, Chalpona told her sons that if they were that worried about what other people say, they should disown her. At this, her sons left, smashing some of her possessions on their way out.

July 7
Pray with our brother Roman* as he works to finish construction on his church’s building despite violent threats.

July 8
Pray Chalpona would be protected as she boldly chooses to follow Christ, despite great cost.

July 9
Pray with millions of other believers who, like Chalpona, are the only Christian in their family. Pray they would find fellowship with other believers.

July 10
Pray Chalpona is strengthened in the power of God’s might (Eph. 6:10) and that she would experience His comfort.

July 11
Pray Chalpona’s sons will not persecute her but, instead, remember their love for their mother and her love for them.

July 12
Pray the gospel would continue to spread across Central Asia and that many Muslims or non-believers would be drawn to Christ.

July 13–14
Pray Chalpona’s sons would accept her faith decision and would hear Christ’s invitation to come to Him and rest (Matt. 11:28).

Strengthened by the Word

When believers face persecution, one of their greatest spiritual weapons is the Bible. But in East Malaysia, many Christians have a nominal faith; young people often know little about Scripture. So, Open Doors’ local partners recently hosted a training with teenage Christians in Malaysia, teaching them how to read the Bible and lean into the Word.

July 15
Pray these Malaysian youth will continue to grow in their faith and develop a deep trust in Christ.

July 16
Thank God for how Open Doors’ local partners have invested in these teens. Pray for continued wisdom, energy and creativity to teach them well.

July 17
Ask God to bring scriptures to the minds of believers who are imprisoned for their faith in places like North Korea, Iran, Eritrea and China.

July 18
Pray for the work toward audio Bibles in diverse Chinese dialects. Pray that hearing the Word of God in their own language will greatly encourage believers.

July 19
Ask God to reveal Himself as our partners teach literacy classes using the Bible in countries like Bangladesh and Nepal.

July 20
Pray believers will intentionally learn to pray and read the Bible, growing deeper with Christ as they face times of trial and testing.