

February 19

UCA News reports that the military in Myanmar placed landmines around a church in Shan State and occupied the church. "It's so sad to see, and it's, like, destroying our hearts," said one layperson. Pray for believers in Myanmar and ask God to grant them peace.

Praise Reports

In the midst of broken lives and terrible persecution around the world, there are bright spots that lift our hearts and help us renew our commitment to prayer and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Rejoice this week in the good that is happening in the Body of Christ.

February 20

Praise God for Christians like Berik*, who dreamed about the "Man in White" (as told to Open Doors Australia)! God reaches His people by any means necessary. Ask Him to bless more with dreams and visions of Jesus.

February 21

Amidst the flooding in Pakistan last fall, Christians were able to stand strong in Jesus. As reported by Fides, Bishop Shukardin of Hyderabad said that "despite the challenges that people are facing, spirituality and faith are alive." Praise God!

February 22

After years of ignoring vicious attacks on Christians by Hindus in India, the Supreme Court called for a report to show what steps are being taken to respond to such incidents and protect believers there. Thank God for opening the eyes of these judges.

February 23

Barnabas Aid reports on several new developments that suggest Indonesia's national government is more seriously confronting persecution. Pray for Indonesian Christians as these developments unfold, and thank God for His care.

February 24

Even in parts of Syria that are controlled by Islamic extremists, God is at work. A church in Idlib, a city still controlled by Muslim radicals, was allowed to reopen and publicly worship, as reported by Fides. Praise God for His provision!

February 25

Four men were charged with apostasy in Sudan after a raid on their church, according to CSW. They were mistreated and finally had the charges dismissed, but their church remains closed due to danger from people around them. Praise God for their freedom, and ask Him to restore their congregations.



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Pray for the Middle East

We have 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 Prayer Campaign as we lift up requests from believers in Iraq and Syria.

February 26

Lebanon has announced that it will begin to send Syrian refugees back to Syria. Pray for those who are returning and still fear for their lives, and specifically for God to protect and preserve His people.

February 27

Pray for believers in northern Iraq—the health care system and basic sanitation facilities are still lacking. There was a cholera outbreak in mid-2022, showing the vulnerability of these parts of the country.

February 28

Ongoing violence and uncertainty make life in northern Iraq difficult for Christians. A car bomb recently exploded in the city of Erbil, showing that security is never guaranteed. Pray for believers here as they try to rebuild their lives.

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Bold for Jesus

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33) People stand for Jesus all over the world because they know He is the victor. Take courage from their examples this week, and know that God will get the last word.

February 1

Last fall, protests raged in Iran over the death of Mahsa Amini, who died in police custody under suspicious circumstances. According to Article 18, more than 300 Iranian believers signed a statement of support for the protests. Ask God to reward their courage and use their voices to bring about hope in Iran.

February 2

ChinaAid reports that Wang Shunping, a pastor in Yunnan province, was arrested for “organizing and sponsoring illegal gatherings.” He said he does not feel shame for participating in Christian gatherings. Please pray for our brother in China.

February 3

Lift up a congregation of believers in Belarus who were evicted from their church building by authorities (per Forum 18). They continue to gather and worship in the open air of the parking lot, for all the city to see.

February 4

Praise God that two Christians in Pakistan who were accused of blasphemy were released on bail, according to Morning Star News. Pray for those still awaiting trial, and for those accused of blasphemy.

February 5

A young man in Libya gave his heart to Jesus four years ago, and has already been arrested several times and told to recant. Now he’s been sentenced to death, using laws that were canceled years ago. Pray for his continuing strength.

February 6

Despite extremist violence and a coup in Burkina Faso, Christians are standing strong. “Our response to the Kalashnikov is prayer,” said Cardinal Philippe Nakellentuba Ouédraogo, according to Fides. Praise God for this example!

Partners in His Suffering

Suffering for faith in Christ is nothing new. And it is not without meaning. “But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.” (1 Peter 4:13) Join your heart with those who have endured much for Jesus and His glory.

February 7

World Watch Monitor reports that an Egyptian father and son were attacked by a radical Muslim on his way home from prayer. He subsequently claimed mental illness to avoid prosecution. Pray for the recovery in body and mind for these two believers.

February 8

International Christian Concern received a horrific video of an Afghan Christian being beheaded by the Taliban. Pray for the loved ones of this faithful witness for Jesus, and for all Afghan Christians who risk everything to follow Jesus.

February 9

Eighty-four-year-old nun Sister Maria De Coppi was killed by Islamic State group militants in Mozambique (source: Fides) as she ran to protect children from them. Honor her sacrifice with your prayers for peace in that country.

February 10

Egyptian Christians Salama Moussa Waheeb and his son Hany went to work and never returned, as reported by World Watch Monitor. They were shot to death by an suspected Islamic State group. Pray for their family and fellow believers left behind.

February 11

Christian leaders in Vietnam told Morning Star News that authorities are trying to make “Christian-free zones” as they persecute Hmong believers. Pray with your sisters and brothers who seek after Jesus in Vietnam.

February 12

Separatists trying to make a political statement attacked a church in Cameroon. They burned the building and abducted five priests, a nun and at least two worshipers. Pray for their safe return and for God’s mercy in Cameroon.

When Courage Fails, Pray!

Even the apostle Peter lost courage when he denied Jesus before His crucifixion. Moments of wavering can happen, but we have a lifeline to the Father through prayer. Grasp this thread of hope on behalf of brothers and sisters who are hungry for God’s help.

February 13

Neta* and Zavier* and their families came to Christ on the

Arabian peninsula. But one of Neta’s daughters has turned back to Islam, and Zavier’s family runs the risk of having the cares of the world choke out their faith. A local Christian organization has asked us to lift them to Jesus for strength today.

February 14

Forum 18 reports that two Russian Orthodox priests are on trial for their outspoken religious objections to Russia’s war with Ukraine. They join several other church leaders in Russia who have been fined for their opposition to the war. Pray for these brave believers who speak out for peace because they follow Jesus!

February 15

In India, Hindu extremists harassed a group of Christian schoolchildren who were on their way to a Christian school event (per Crux). Church leaders condemn the attack. Ask God to protect His people in India.

February 16

Per AsiaNews, Sabuj Gosal, a Christian man in Bangladesh, disappeared in September, and was later found dead. His parents told media: “We reported to the police after we received a call from the kidnapper, but they didn’t do anything concrete; that’s why we lost our son.” Pray that Bangladeshi believers would be given fair treatment by officials, and that Sabuj’s family would find comfort in Jesus.

February 17

During a beach baptism in Shenzhen, China, the Christians being baptized were pelted with stones by passersby (per China Aid). “Although they were faced with threats and stones, they finished the baptism with faith,” Pastor Mao Zhibin later posted on Facebook. Pray for these brothers and sisters, and thank God for their bold step of faith!

February 18

Morning Star News reports that a Nigerian woman, Rhoda Ya’u Jatau, was charged with blasphemy over a WhatsApp message. She was arrested and jailed after extremists in her community tried to kill her. Pray for Rhoda and other Christians risking everything for Jesus in Nigeria.



*Name changed to preserve security.