

OCTOBER PRAYER CALENDAR

** Names changed for security purposes*



Photo: North Korean (trafficked) women receive Bible study organized by Open Doors.

SAUDI ARABIA

1 Saudi Arabia

Converts in Saudi Arabia face persecution from their own families and communities, which operate in a strong honour culture. Pray that God will break this stronghold of culture so that Christians no longer face public shaming for their faith.

2 Saudi Arabia

Pray that Christian leaders will model biblical leadership in contrast to Islamic leadership. The idea of servant leadership is foreign to the culture and often viewed as weakness. Pray for attitudes to change when they see the power of servant leadership.

3 Saudi Arabia

Pray for the emerging churches in Saudi Arabia to have access to the resources they need to teach their congregations and encourage their faith.

VIETNAM

4 Vietnam

In remote villages, converts are pressurised to give up their new-found Christian faith. They face damage to their homes and crops. Pray that Christians will continue to hold firm to Jesus, despite the pressures from their communities.

5 Vietnam

Pray that God will protect Christians in Vietnam and use their testimony as a powerful witness. Pray for more of their neighbors to be saved.

6 Vietnam

Pray for the local churches in remote areas of Vietnam. Pray that the fellowship in these congregations will nurture a powerful community of disciples who share God's Word boldly, and live out the gospel in their villages.

NORTH KOREA

7 North Korea

Pray for Christians who secretly listen to Christian radio broadcasts from abroad. These Christians are hungry to learn about the Bible and explain the Gospel to others. Pray that they will receive spiritual nourishment.

8 North Korea

Christians are prevented from receiving any formal teaching about faith in their country. It's just too dangerous to meet as Christians. Pray that Christians will find ways to share their testimonies with others.

9 North Korea

"Remember those in prison as though you were in prison with them" (Hebrews 13:3). Today, there are around 70,000 Christians in North Korean prisons. They are starving, verbally abused and mistreated. Ask the Lord to lift their spirits and renew their hope.

10 North Korea

Christians in prison camps work long hours under the constant threat of interrogation and violence. In their overcrowded prison cells, they can hardly move. Pray that God will intervene to release them and grant them freedom.

11 North Korea

Through our networks abroad, Open Doors supports the underground church in North Korea. Pray for the safety and wisdom of our local partners who risk so much to offer aid and discipleship.

CENTRAL ASIA

12 Central Asia

Thousands of Afghan refugees are in limbo in Central Asia. They do not have enough money to move on, and because they left Afghanistan hastily, do not have their legal papers. Pray for help and for opportunities to earn an income to support their families.

13 Central Asia

Praise God that help is being extended to Christian converts from Islam, and Muslim refugees who are now able to hear the Gospel. Many have given their lives to Jesus and want to be baptized. Thank God for hope in extremely difficult times.

14 Central Asia

Pray that in these refugee camps, the hearts of radical Muslims will be opened for the Gospel. Pray that they will be touched by the love of Jesus. Pray for churches to be birthed among Afghan refugees residing in Central Asia.

KYRGYZSTAN

15 Kyrgyzstan

Believers in rural areas of Kyrgyzstan are ostracised from their communities for their faith. They are shunned and ignored. Pray that they will stand firm in their faith and show God's love to the people who want to hate them.



Photo: Syrian family standing in their restored apartment.

INDONESIA

16 Indonesia

In Indonesia, a church needs 90 members before it is granted a building permit. This is a challenging figure in a majority Muslim country. Pray for more converts who can come together to form a congregation.

17 Indonesia

Additionally, the church needs the approval of the village chief and 60 signatures from locals. This has proven to be almost impossible. Pray for a softening of the hearts of these villagers to allow Muslims and Christians to worship harmoniously.

18 Indonesia

Pray that God would lead legislators in Indonesia to create policy that allows people from all religious backgrounds to enjoy the same freedoms.

ISRAEL

19 Israel

Please pray for Christians in the Holy Land. Since the new Israeli government came into power last December, there has been a significant increase in aggression towards Christians.

20 Israel

A Christian restaurant in Jerusalem was attacked by a group of radical Israelis recently. Pray for its restoration and thank God for the courage of Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, who publicly showed support for the owners.

21 Israel

"Not a week goes by without Christians being heckled and spat at, graffiti, vandalism and other forms of harassment," says Father Francisco Patton. Pray that the government will take measures to protect Christians from this violence.

22 Israel

Pray that Christians will continue to be salt and light in Israel, despite the opposition they face.

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

23 Israel and Palestine

In the past few months, the situation in Israel and Palestine has deteriorated. Israeli citizens were attacked and the Israeli army retaliated by targeting a Palestinian refugee camp. Pray for the families who lost loved ones in the attack.

24 Israel and Palestine

Pray for peace in Israel and Palestine. Pray that the church can play its part in reconciliation and bringing an end to the violence.

SYRIA

25 Syria

Thanks to the support of Christians around the world, our local partners were able to support 5,038 families in Syria who were affected by the earthquake in February. Praise God for their generosity and the impact it has had.

26 Syria

Open Doors local partners have repaired 265 of the 2,600 properties planned. Thank God for their hard work and pray that they will have continued energy and enthusiasm till completion.

27 Syria

Please pray for the people of Syria who have suffered so much in recent years. Pray for healing of their trauma and hope for new futures.

28 Syria

Open Doors partners offer leadership training to all generations in Syria. Please pray for those training sessions in the Middle East. The participants learn about basic leadership teaching, in the same way that Jesus taught his disciples.

YEMEN

29 Yemen

There is a thriving programme of Bible distribution in Yemen. Please pray that more people will have access to the life-changing power of God's Word.

30 Yemen

Thank God that so many people are seeking Christ on online platforms that provide discipleship classes. Please pray that they will be inspired by these teachings and that they will meet Jesus in new ways.

31 Yemen

Pray for stability in Yemen and provision for those living in poverty. Pray that they will have access to a sufficient share of emergency aid. Pray that God brings peace and reconciliation to this region.

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

EPHESIANS 6:18