

MAY

PRAYER CALENDAR

**Name changed for security reasons*



Photo: Displacement camp for Myanmar Christians

MYANMAR

1 Myanmar

Pray for Myanmar, in its fifth year of an increasingly violent conflict between the ruling military and rebel groups. Millions of people are displaced, and solutions, even a ceasefire, are nowhere in sight.

2 Myanmar

Well-established churches have been attacked. Pray specifically for healing and restoration for traumatized believers in the Christian-majority states of Chin, Kachin and Kayah States.

3 Myanmar

An estimated 2.8 million citizens are displaced from their homes, living in overcrowded IDP camps or fleeing to the surrounding jungle. Ask God to provide for them and watch over their health.

4 Myanmar

Pray with Pastor Yang* and his wife. They were forced to flee their hometown where Yang worked as a teacher and a youth pastor. Pray for the couple's stability. They have had to move repeatedly.

5 Myanmar

Despite being displaced, Yang is passionate about serving and ministering to other displaced believers. Open Doors has partnered with him to bring critical support to persecuted Christians. Pray for their divine protection.

6 Myanmar

Pastor Mun* was also forced to flee his community. "We must leave our homes for our safety. We can no longer go to our churches," he says. Pray for guidance as he discerns next steps for him and his family.

7 Myanmar

Moe Moe*, a believer from Kayah State, has been repeatedly displaced due to the violence. "It is challenging to be on the run every time," she says. Pray for peace and perseverance for your sister.

8 Myanmar

Moe Moe and her husband participated in persecution survival training led by Open Doors partners. Ask God to bless our partner Pastor David* who traveled far to teach them to respond biblically when they encounter persecution.

9 Myanmar

Pray with Pastor Myint* and his wife May*. They lost everything because of their passion to share the gospel. Local villagers—empowered by the coup—destroyed their home and threatened their family.

10 Myanmar

May asks us to pray: "Because of the war and persecution, many believers are displaced, and we have lost connection with them. Please pray that they will remain faithful to Jesus."

11 Myanmar

Pray for God's providence and grace upon Pastor Myint and his wife. Their health is weak. Pray for their healing and also for their children as they experience persecution and pain along with their parents.

IRAQ

12 Iraq

Pray for our local partner who studies project proposals for micro-loan projects for Iraqi Christians who are struggling financially. Ask God for wisdom and discernment for these partners who consider and designate these loans.

13 Iraq

Converted Muslims are Iraq's most vulnerable Christian community, susceptible to family rejection, job discrimination and even physical violence. Pray for opportunities for these followers to meet with other Christians.

14 Iraq

Pray for Iraqi believers who are the first and only Christians in their family. Pray for inner strength as they face scrutiny and hostility; and sensitivity to Spirit-led opportunities to tell others about Jesus.

PALESTINE

15 Palestine

Our field tells us that Christians in Gaza have a long way to go toward restoring their lives and properties after the

violence they've seen. Pray they will heal from the trauma and wounds of war.

16 Palestine

Pray for our local partner organization in Gaza (name concealed for security). Pray for their efforts to bring healing to traumatized believers, specifically for the counselors. Pray for their words and discernment.

17 Palestine

Pray for hope and peace for the Christians who remained in Gaza ... that God will guide them and their future as only He can do. Pray that He will strengthen those who remain (Rev. 3:2).

CENTRAL ASIA

18 Central Asia

Pray with 16-year-old student Alim* who was expelled from his college for his faith. He answered his roommates' and even teachers' secret questions about his faith, ultimately leading to his expulsion. Ask God to bring him Christian friends.

19 Central Asia

Due to the stress Alim experienced, he has painful headaches and is reportedly losing his hearing. Pray for his physical healing and effective treatment.

20 Central Asia

Alim is now in a new college. He's more careful about who he talks to but continues to be a witness. "I can't stop talking about Jesus," he says. "I see that people need Him." Pray for Alim's protection.

21 Central Asia

Alim's parents and siblings lead a large Christian ministry in a Muslim-majority country. Pray that God will keep His hand on them and their service.

22 Central Asia

Praise God for Daniel* who recently celebrated 25 years as a Bible smuggler with Open Doors. "I'm using my experience and skills to bring the Bible to persecuted believers in creative ways," Daniel says.

23 Central Asia

Daniel has spent the last 10 years bringing God's Word into a restricted country and asks specifically for prayers for God's continued protection. "God came through every time. Yes, every single time," he says.

24 Central Asia

Pray for Christians in Central Asia who pursue Jesus, growing in their understanding of their call and mission amidst the Muslim-majority population.

SYRIA

25 Syria

Continue to pray for Syria and the church there. Our field tells us that crime is growing in the Arab country; streets are empty in the evenings. Pray for an end to the criminal activity and for restoration.

26 Syria

Pray that Christians will be chosen to play a significant and positive role in the preparations toward writing Syria's new Constitution. Christian church leaders have asked to participate. Pray for favor.



Photo: 20-something Christian in Gaza

27 Syria

Due to the change in power, Sunni Muslims can now publicly express their faith in Syria's streets. They're calling others, including believers, into Islam. Pray that Christians will stand strong. One Syrian believer shares, "It is essential for Christians to stay steadfast in our faith."

28 Syria

In Syria, Christians cannot legally share their faith with Muslims. Anything perceived as "shaking the faith of a Muslim" is forbidden and punishable. Pray that Muslims will hear the gospel in powerful ways.

DRC

29 DRC

Pray for the Democratic Republic of the Congo's eastern province, where thousands have died in extremist attacks. Pray for comfort and strength for their loved ones

30 DRC

Pray for the Lord to bring calm and quiet extremists. Pray for government security to be efficient and that God would end the constant bloodshed.

31 DRC

Pray for Christians in the North Kivu province to remain strong in their faith, despite the insecurity. Ask God to give wisdom to church leaders as they lead their congregations to be beacons of hope.

"We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...."

CORINTHIANS 4:8-9