

Open Doors Hong Kong

MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

** Names changed for security purposes*



Photo: Baptism in India.

INDIA

1 India

Pray for India's state and national elections, The election outcomes this month are crucial and will indicate if the situation for Christians will intensify further or help create better conditions for the church in India.

2 India

Pray that the election outcomes would be favorable to religious freedom. If a pro-Hindu government wins the elections, there is a high probability of a national anti-conversion law, which could stimulate extremists to use the law against Christians even further.

3 India

Pray for a fair and peaceful election process and that people would not be swayed by rhetoric. Pray that India's estimated 60 million Christians would be bold and exercise their right to vote in these critical elections.

4 India

Pray that India's elections would not be used as platforms to discredit Christianity and accuse believers. Ask God to place His hand over these elections.

5 India

Pray specifically that the elected government would work for the welfare of the people, especially Christians who are treated unjustly.

6 India

Pray for courage, strength and favor for pastors and leaders who are ready to preach the gospel undeterred by the results of the elections. Despite the outcome, pray that Christians have a place to worship freely.

7 India

Ask God to be with the 11 million election workers who must ensure that a polling station is 2 kilometers from every habitation, often meaning dangerous treks across deserts, jungles, and an ocean to ensure every eligible Indian can vote.

8 India

Pray Philippians 4:6-7 over our Indian sisters and brothers. Pray they will "be anxious for nothing" and will experience God's comfort and His peace guarding them in these times of fear and uncertainty.

9 India

This month is the one-year anniversary of the violence that erupted in Manipur State between the Kuki and Meitei tribes. Pray for comfort for the families of the estimated 70+ Christians killed in the attacks.

10 India

Pray with 50,000 Manipur Christians who were forced to flee their homes when the attacks began. Many remain displaced, still scattered across relief camps. Pray they would sense the worldwide Church praying for and with them.

11 India

Pray for Christian leaders who risk their lives to serve Jesus. Most lead house churches and can face beatings, false accusations and destruction of their homes. Ask God to strengthen their faith as they carry out their vision.

12 India

When churches are attacked, many times the believers are also beaten or arrested, causing inevitable trauma and ultimately, a crisis of faith. Pray these believers would seek trauma support from our local partners.

13 India

Pray for strength for families of house church leaders who are arrested on false charges because of their faith. When these leaders suffer, their families do too, as their livelihood and status in society are threatened.

14 India

Pray for churches closed down by Hindu extremists. Pray these congregations can one day gather again for worship and in the meantime, that God would lead these believers to new faith communities.

ARABIAN PENINSULA

15 Arabian Peninsula

Pray for one of our partners who desires to grow more discipleship leaders in different provinces of Yemen. Ask God to give him wisdom as he chooses people to be part of his growing ministry.

16 Arabian Peninsula

Pray for unity among the Yemeni Christian leaders. Our partners tell us that the different Christian networks lack trust and cooperation, and ministering feels like a competition sometimes.

17 Arabian Peninsula

Pray specifically that the Christian networks would see the strengths in working and standing together. Pray for maturity and awareness to help them understand the consequences of their discord.

18 Arabian Peninsula

One of our partnering networks in Yemen rejoices over 100 baptisms in 2023—50% more than in 2022. "Please continue to pray for the Yemeni church," the leader asks, "that they will continue to be faithful as they boldly preach the gospel ..."

19 Arabian Peninsula

Pray that God would continue to protect the freedom of expatriate Christians and local believers in Bahrain to freely worship. Pray government leaders would not be swayed by neighboring countries' restrictive actions.

20 Arabian Peninsula

Pray that the Bahraini people would come to know and experience Jesus. In recent years, few have trusted Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit would come over Bahrain and we would see a discipleship movement in this island nation.

21 Arabian Peninsula

Persecution on the local church is increasing in Oman. In the last few weeks, a disciple maker was stopped at the border and was banned from entering the country again. Pray Proverbs 3:5-6 over this leader's life.

22 Arabian Peninsula

Pray for the local church in Oman; they have been losing their mentors. Our partners ask us to pray for the Omani believers who live under pressure from their families and government.

23 Arabian Peninsula

In Saudi Arabia, Christians find it difficult to trust Muslim converts due to previous negative experiences, especially from those who used to persecute the church. Please pray for love and discernment.

CENTRAL ASIA

24 Central Asia

Pray with 16-year-old Gulmira*. Her father, a devoted Muslim, kicked her out of the house when he found out she secretly went to church and became a Christian. He also threatened her life if she returned.

25 Central Asia

Church members have taken Gulmira into their homes. Pray for provision for these families and that our sister would find healing for the wounds left by her father's rejection and brutal words.

26 Central Asia

Pray for Gulmira's 13-year-old brother, who has also trusted Jesus. He is afraid to tell his father about his faith after seeing his father's response to Gulmira. Pray for God to intervene in unimaginable ways in this difficult situation.

27 Central Asia

Pray for this family. Ask God to show Gulmira's father that he is hurting his family. Pray for dreams to help this hardened man see Jesus and his need for Christ in his life.

28 Central Asia

Pray with Muneshia* who at four months pregnant was beaten by her husband, when he discovered she had been going to church secretly and had become a Christian several years ago. Her ribs are broken.

29 Central Asia

Muneshia has three children, all younger than 5. Because of the constant beatings, she ran away with the children to his sister and mother, who are also Christians. They gave her temporary shelter. Please pray for this young family's restoration.

30 Central Asia

Praise God that Muhit* has found Christ in a society where Christians are persecuted. He was recently baptized. Pray for our new brother's strength and wisdom as he risks his life to follow Jesus.

31 Central Asia

Today, pray with the small Christian community that led Muhit to Christ. They meet in secret every week. Pray for their protection and boldness as they build the Kingdom in these Muslim-dominated areas.



Photo: Buildings destroyed by war in Yemen.

***"I will build my church,
and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."
MATTHEW 16:18***