

## Open Doors Hong Kong

# APRIL

## PRAYER CALENDAR

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*Sheila\* and her discipleship group*

### PHILIPPINES

**1**

Sheila\* is a 17-year-old believer in a stilt house community in the Southern Philippines. While enduring an illness, she faces persecution. Pray for healing and stamina.

**2**

Sheila's neighbors mock and exclude her. Pray that the discipleship training she and others received from Open Doors equips them to stand firm.

### 3 Good Friday

On Good Friday, as we remember Christ's sacrifice, pray that our persecuted family would know how much they are loved by their Savior.

### 4 Holy Saturday

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection, let's pray for protection from attacks as believers gather in their local churches.

### 5 Easter Sunday

"He is not here, for He has risen..." Praise God! Today on Easter Sunday, pray that persecuted Christians

would grasp the hope and peace that Christ's resurrection brings.

### NORTH KOREA

**6**

We cannot give names or locations, but we know that this year, multiple Christians have been arrested by authorities. Pray for endurance.

**7**

God is a "refuge in times of trouble; He cares for those who trust in Him" (Nahum 1:7). Pray these promises for believers in an overcrowded prison cell.

**8**

Ask God to bring tangible reminders of His presence and power to these faithful believers in mentally taxing and potentially violent interrogation sessions.

**9**

Pray for families torn apart by these arrests, especially children who may now grow up without parents. Pray for their provision and peace that passes all human understanding.

**10**

Pray for the guards, interrogators and North Korean officials—that they will be touched by the witness of Christians and turn to Christ.

**11**

Pray for the underground church in North Korea, that it would continue to grow quietly and courageously, even under the shadow of fear.

**12**

Today, remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering (Heb. 13:3).



*Refugee in IDP camp in Sudan*

## **SUDAN**

**13**

As horrific images and videos come out of Sudan's war, pray together with our family where the church is an unwanted minority. Pray for God's wisdom and strength.

**14**

Pray by name for Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Gen Mohamed Dagalo (Hemedti)—leaders of the warring factions. Pray for God's Spirit to work in their hearts and minds.

**15**

Pray that many will turn in repentance to Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Savior. Pray they will find Christians who will walk with them.

**16**

Pray Psalm 113 over Sudan—that God would "lift the poor from the dust..." Ask God to bring relief through various means to the millions of Sudanese caught in hunger.

## **SYRIA**

**17**

It has been one year since the Syrian government fell, and church leaders tell us that Christians are living in a climate of fear. Pray for their protection and peace.

**18**

Violent words threatening to kill Christians have been written on church walls and in Christian areas. Pray that believers would continue to find strength to endure in this environment.

**19**

Praise! Pastor Razzok from Homs reports that some non-Christians are now more open to Christianity: "They see that Christianity brings peace." Pray for revival.

**20**

Pray that the church in Syria would seek out ways to be salt and light to Muslims. A church leader from Aleppo shares, "We have a great opportunity to show who the real Christians are."

## **COLOMBIA**

**21**

Pray for Colombian believers who face threats on their lives and livelihood. Recent attacks on churches have compelled Christians to move to safer areas.

**22**

Pray for displaced pastors and leaders, that they will find strength, provision and protection wherever they have taken refuge.

**23**

Late last year, extremists broke into a church and seized control of the building, occupying it for several days. There is no longer a church presence in the town. Pray for scared families.

**24**

Pray for families who have lost their homes and livelihoods ... that they will receive timely help and rebuild their lives. And pray that churches would continue shining their light.

## **INDONESIA**

**25**

Meet and pray with Ricky, a new believer from Papua, Indonesia. Ricky thought he was a Christian until our partners asked him some hard questions. Pray with him as he prepares for persecution. Where he lives, leaving Islam to follow Jesus can put him in danger.

**26**

Ricky was excited to receive his first-ever Bible—provided by your support and prayers. Pray that he would find solace, wisdom, strength and peace in God's Word.

**27**

Pray with pastors who participated in a two-day seminar in Jayapura city. For many like Pastor Sudin, the training renewed their zeal for evangelism. Pray as they teach their churches to follow the Great Commission.

**28**

Pastor Isak Deda urged pastors to stay alert to the “ongoing process of Islamization in our city” and to strengthen their congregations. Pray for church leaders as they navigate the changing landscape. Pray for wisdom, insight and compassion as they lead their churches.

**29**

Pray that our local partners would see the fruit of their labor in transformed lives in Indonesia and throughout the world. *God, we pray that our partners’ efforts would help believers to grow confident in their calling.*

**30**

Pray that entire communities will encounter Christ through the testimony of women, men and children who refuse to give up—even when it costs them everything. Pray for both boldness and discernment as they share their faith.

*\*Name changed for security reasons*



*New believer Ricky in Indonesia*

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NAHUM 1:7**