

## JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR



Photo: Young Egyptian Christians praying

### EGYPT

#### 1 Egypt

Praise God! An Egyptian believer who left Islam to follow Jesus several years ago shared, “After attending your leadership training, I am now capable of leading a home church and effectively guiding other believers from a Muslim background.”

#### 2 Egypt

Pray for this new leader as he grows in knowledge of the Bible and love for Jesus. Pray for his words and actions and that he would rely on God for guidance. Pray that he would be encouraged and his ministry would multiply.

#### 3 Egypt

Pray for young Egyptian Christian women who live with the risk of being kidnapped by Islamic extremists and forcefully married to their Muslim kidnappers. Pray for their safety and that God would guard their paths.

#### 4 Egypt

Pray for Open Doors as we work to find ways to significantly raise worldwide awareness against the systematic kidnapping attempts and forcible marriages of Christian girls to Muslims, especially in Upper Egypt.

#### 5 Egypt

Pray for girls in Egypt who must constantly fight to see their value. Where they live, the restrictions of the prevailing Islamic culture marginalize and devalue women. Pray that they would see themselves as Jesus sees them.

#### 6 Egypt

Pray for Christian women to intervene and disciple young females to know and reclaim their inherent value, recognizing them as equals to men in a society that prioritize men over women.

#### 7 Egypt

Ask God to strengthen all Christian leaders who risked so much to leave Islam and to regularly show them why their decision to become “fishers of men” is worth everything they gave up or lost.

#### 8 Egypt

Our partners ask us to pray for a Christian leader and his wife who are struggling with illness. Confronting constant health issues have proven challenging and frustrating. Pray for their healing—mind, body and spirit.

### PALESTINE

#### 9 Palestine

Pray for lasting peace and justice in the Holy Land. Pray for an end to the violence. Pray for comfort and strength for those who lost loved ones or are still missing family members.

#### 10 Palestine

Gaza is home to a small Christian community who fled the violence. Pray for our brothers and sisters, that they may feel God’s presence surrounding them. Many lost their homes to the bombardments.

#### 11 Palestine

Pray for the Christians of the West Bank. Many have no work or income due to the current situation. Ask God to provide food and shelter and that they would know He is holding them, strengthening them to be salt and light.

### SYRIA

#### 12 Syria

Thank God for the new group of 36 students in the Open Doors-supported counseling school in Syria. They hope to help the Christian community heal from their wounds.

#### 13 Syria

Ask God to guide these students and help them absorb the knowledge they will one day use to make a difference in this hurting nation that has witnessed so much tragedy and atrocities.

#### 14 Syria

Due to the increasing rate of emigration in Syria, especially among the younger generation, the Center of Hope in the port city of Latakia needs staff. Pray that God would bring teachers to fill this need.

#### 15 Syria

The Center offers educational help for children and youth. Pray that as the search for teachers continues, students would recognize the need for learning and be diligent in their studies.

#### 16 Syria

Our local partners in Syria recently offered a course to help married couples face difficulties and learn how to raise

children based on biblical principles. Pray that participants would be motivated to lead future courses.

### 17 Syria

Pray for the new project Trauma Healing for Children, which will train course participants to work with hurting kids in Syria. Pray the right applicants will be selected and the training will be fruitful.

### 18 Syria

Our local partner in Syria continues to run ministry training for young people. Some 107 students finished the first and second weeks last year and will soon gather for the third and fourth. Pray for good health and persistence for these students.



*Photo: Children participating in the training 'My life has a meaning' in one of the Centers of Hope in Syria.*

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

### 19 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray for perseverance for families in Chad who remain displaced from their homes after extremist attacks on their villages killed more than 30 Christians, including three pastors last year in April and May.

### 20 Sub-Saharan Africa

Today is World Refugee Day. Pray with our Christian family who have been forced to flee their homes and countries. Pray these refugees would find a supportive faith community as they attempt to rebuild their lives.

### 21 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray with our sisters and brothers in northeastern Burkina Faso traumatized by a suspected Islamic extremist attack during their church's worship service where at least 15 believers were killed.

### 22 Sub-Saharan Africa

After the attack, Burkinabe Christians ask for prayers for the attackers: "Pray they will meet Jesus and repent of these wicked attacks." Pray this prayer with our grieving family.

### 23 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray for encouragement for church leaders in sub-Saharan Africa forced to flee their communities due to deadly attacks on their churches and villages. Pray specifically for the Lord's peace and guidance.

### 24 Sub-Saharan Africa

Ask God to confuse persecutors' plans. "Father, I am broken-hearted for Your grieving people. Right now, I pray that you would protect my African family from these attacks and place Your angels at the gates of their villages."

### 25 Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray with Pastor Zachariah in northern Nigeria who lost his wife, a son and home in an extremist attack. He continues to walk with believers and disciple his surviving children—pray for blessing over his life.

## IRAQ

### 26 Iraq

Praise God for the sufficient rain this winter. In the country's northern region, the rain filled the water storage at a principal dam, providing water for the city of Duhok and the villages surrounding it.

### 27 Iraq

Pray for Iraqi Christians who have converted from a Muslim background. Pray they remain strong in their faith, even during difficult times, and continue to hold firm to the teachings of God.

### 28 Iraq

Pray for the security situation in Iraq. Many people feel anxious and fearful. Ask God to give strength to leaders and citizens as they navigate these challenging times.

### 29 Iraq

Our local partners ask us to pray with Iraqi Christians ... that they will hold on to hope and continue to pray and look for a brighter and more peaceful future for this recovering nation.

### 30 Iraq

Several church leaders in Iraq ask us to pray with the Iraqi Christians to stand firm in their faith and remain in the country. These leaders also thank you for your constant prayers, saying, "We are also praying for you."

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*I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him.*

*LAMENTATION 3:24*