

NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

** Names changed for security purposes*



Photo: Father of twins Fasil and Ezana Tedesse reading Bible to his sons.*

ETHIOPIA

1 Ethiopia

In parts of Ethiopia, it is dangerous to convert to Christianity. “When a person converts from another religion to Jesus Christ, there are intimidation and threats of killing”, explains Pastor Yohannes. Pray for God’s protection over new believers in Ethiopia.

2 Ethiopia

It is risky to be a protestant Christian in Ethiopia, where most people are Muslim or Orthodox. The Protestant community is vulnerable to persecution from other groups. Please pray for their safety and for religious tolerance in the region.

3 Ethiopia

In this environment of persecution, it is challenging to raise children of faith. Despite the risks, twins Fasil and Ezana Tedesse* (7) have been raised as Christians. Praise God that these brothers know Jesus, thanks to the courage of their parents and church leaders.

4 Ethiopia

Pray for Fasil and Ezana* to grow in faith and in the knowledge of Christ. Ask that they will continue to be a light in their community in Ethiopia.

5 Ethiopia

Open Doors supports “bridging” projects in Ethiopia that seek to bridge the gap between Christians and other faith communities. In Fasil and Ezana’s town, this is a school. Praise God for a safe place for Christian children to get an education.

6 Ethiopia

The bridging school has a positive impact on the community. “Because the truth of Christ is revealed in this place, people

who used to lead their life by witchcraft have come to Christ,” says Pastor Yohannes. Pray that more would come to Christ through the school.

7 Ethiopia

The community’s acceptance of the school means students have increased to over 100 from 30. The school needs to expand to accommodate more students. Please pray for the provision of the land and funding they need.

8 Ethiopia

Open Doors partners have other bridging projects around Ethiopia. These include a well, a medical clinic, and other community services. But the need is great. Pray for more helpers for this important work.

9 Ethiopia

Open Doors’ partners work closely with children of the persecuted church. Amongst other activities, they provide trauma counselling and healing camps during school holidays. Pray for the healing power of the Spirit to be at work through these sessions.

10 Ethiopia

Pray for the spiritual development of children of the persecuted church. Pray that they receive continuous discipleship to empower them to grow in faith and be a light in their communities.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

11 Sub-Saharan Africa

Christian girls are vulnerable to sexual abuse, forced marriage and missing out on school. Pray for God’s protection and His hand over their lives. Pray that they know they have a Father who cares about every detail of their lives.

12 Sub-Saharan Africa

Christian boys often grow up without fathers and take up financial and parental responsibilities at a young age. Pray that they will be supported by faithful men in the church. Pray for them to know their Father who is always with them.

SRI LANKA

13 Sri Lanka

In 2022, drug-related arrests increased by 39% percent in Sri Lanka. Church leaders find it increasingly challenging to work among youths due to drug addiction from a young age. Pray for freedom from addiction.

14 Sri Lanka

Pray that more young people in Sri Lanka will come to the Lord and be empowered to resist peer pressure surrounding drugs. Pray for church leaders and youth workers. Ask that God will equip them with the wisdom they need.

15 Sri Lanka

There is an imbalance of opportunity for children of different faiths in Sri Lanka and Christians face discrimination. Ask that God preserve the hearts of these children from discouragement and resentment. Pray for equal opportunities for all children, regardless of faith.

16 Sri Lanka

It can be dangerous for Christians to congregate in Sri Lanka. Some villagers are threatened with violence for attending church services. Pray for God's protection and for continued strength and courage for Christians in hostile areas.



Photo: Sri Lankan children.

NORTH KOREA

17 North Korea

People in North Korea live under an oppressive regime in which their actions and thoughts are controlled by the state. Propaganda is rife. Pray that God will liberate them physically and spiritually.

18 North Korea

In the aftermath of the pandemic, Open Doors partners' secret distribution route to North Korean Christians has been restricted. Pray for new pathways, wisdom and willing helpers to deliver relief supplies and Christian materials to believers.

19 North Korea

People who belong to secret churches in North Korea are often poor without resources for medical provision. Pray for the health of believers in North Korea and for provision for their medical bills when they need them.

20 North Korea

Pray that the love of Jesus will be known through the witness of Christians. The propaganda has spread lies and fear about Christians. Pray that the true nature of God's love will be evident from encounters with believers.

CENTRAL ASIA

21 Central Asia

New believers in Central Asia risk rejection from their families; they become unwelcome in their own homes. This opposition from loved ones is particularly painful. Pray that believers find a supportive community of disciples and that broken families will find reconciliation.

22 Central Asia

Thank God for the hospitality of local house churches, who shelter new believers who have nowhere else to go. Pray that their continued love and generosity is a shining light in their communities.

MALAYSIA

23 Malaysia

In Malaysia, The Hostel Program equips Christian students with biblical teaching to navigate everyday challenges and strengthen their identity in Christ through workshops, discussions, and mentorship. Pray that this program impacts many more young people in Malaysia.

24 Malaysia

Every year, a Pentecostal rally takes place in Sarawak. Many young people have encountered God through the miraculous signs and wonders that happen at this event. Pray that God will touch the hearts of everyone who attends the event this year.

25 Malaysia

Praise God for the distribution of audio bibles to believers in Malaysia. Many believers are now able to listen to God's word in their native language. Praise God for Open Doors' local partners who worked hard to provide these devices to believers.

BRUNEI

26 Brunei

In Brunei Christian youth bring fellow believers together through sports, which has helped them to connect and bond with each other. Praise God for their initiative, which has brought a sense of unity, fellowship, and the love of Jesus.

27 Brunei

Churches in Brunei suffer from division. Pray that despite doctrinal differences, denominations would find common ground as brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, igniting a new desire for unity among believers.

28 Brunei

Pray for denominational leaders and pastors. Ask that their eyes be opened to understand the importance of unity in advancing the Kingdom of God in their nation. Pray against division and strife in the Brunei church.

TURKMENISTAN

29 Turkmenistan

In Turkmenistan, Christians make up only 1.1% of the population. Pray that this small handful of believers can be salt and light where they live, sharing the gospel boldly.

30 Turkmenistan

Unfortunately there are divisions among the small number of Christians in the region. Leaders say, "what the church really needs is to be one." Pray for unity among Christians, and a softening of hearts where tensions abound.

*"This is the message we have heard and declare to you:
God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."*

1 JOHN 1:5