

FEBRUARY PRAYER GUIDE

** Names changed for security purposes*

NORTH KOREA

1 North Korea

2021 marks the 20th year in a row that North Korea has been number 1 on the World Watch list. Pray for spiritual breakthrough in North Korea. Pray that Christ will be revealed in the hearts of many North Koreans and will destroy the works of the evil one (1 John 3:8).

2 North Korea

Pray for Open Doors field workers supporting North Korean refugee Christians. It's dangerous work, as North Korean secret agents trying to track down and kill missionaries. "I'm terrified," admits fieldworker Matthew*. "Without your prayers, I cannot carry out this mission. Through your prayers, God pours out His grace."

3 North Korea

Pray for North Koreans who return home with gospel. Ask the Lord to connect them safely with the underground church and give them courage to bring His kingdom to their nation.

4 North Korea

Pray for secret Christians inside North Korea, that God will strengthen their faith and help them win the spiritual battles they face. Pray that God will encourage their faith in different ways - through other secret believers they can trust, or by receiving Christian materials through secret channels.

5 North Korea

Ask God to prepare the right time and place for secret Christians to safely share the gospel. Pray that when they try to share their faith with their children, family or friends, they will be led by the Holy Spirit.

6 North Korea

Pray for safety of those attending Bible studies for women who have been trafficked from North Korea. Pray that their meetings will be full of the Holy Spirit and that God will give them wisdom and strength to live for Him.

7 North Korea

Ask God to bless and protect the work of Open Doors' networks - broadcasting Christian radio programmes into North Korea, caring for North Korean refugees in safehouses, and providing North Korean believers with emergency relief aid.

ASIA

8 Asia

Please continue to pray for Open Doors partners supporting believers impacted by the Covid-19 crisis with relief aid and livelihood training to help believers who have lost their jobs. "The ramifications of Covid-19 will be felt long after the crisis

is over," says Open Doors' Director for Asia. "We hope that Christians around the world continue to stand with us and help the persecuted Church survive."

9 Myanmar

Rohingya Christians are under threat from all sides - persecuted as a minority group within Myanmar, and persecuted by other Rohingyas for leaving Islam. Ask God to strengthen their faith and bring them encouragement and hope.

10 Laos

Pray for a Christian family whose house was destroyed by their local community because of their faith in Christ. They are temporarily taking shelter in the forest. Pray for Open Doors partners supporting the family with rice, clothes, blankets and other necessities.

11 Vietnam

A Dhon* and Y Mae* have faced severe persecution from their neighbours and local authorities since coming to Christ. Their crops have been destroyed, Y Mae has been fired from her job, and their two sons expelled from school, because they refuse to stop following Jesus. Ask the Lord to protect them and to quiet their fears, especially the children. Pray for Open Doors partners as they plan how best to help them.

12 China

Today is Chinese New Year Day. Ask God to bless our nation and people. Pray that churches rediscover their precious spiritual heritage. We want to see a vibrant, persevering church that shine for Jesus and be a blessing to the nation.

13 Malaysia

Continue to pray for answers on the cases of abducted Pastor Raymond Koh, Joshua Hilmi and Ruth Sitepu, Amri Che Mat, who disappeared in mysterious circumstances four years ago. Pray for those who are working hard to help find these answers and ask that God's will to done in this situation.

14 Nepal

Hindu extremist parties in Nepal are targeting and monitoring Christians in some parts of Nepal. Ask the Lord to cover His people with His protection.

AFRICA

15 Sudan

Sudan took significant steps towards religious freedom last year, with the government scrapping the death penalty for leaving Islam and committing to bring 30 years of Islamic law to an end. Give thanks for this amazing answer to prayer! Pray that those in power will continue to make strides in this direction, and that these reforms will come to fruition in everyday lives.

16 Tanzania

Pray for Aisha* (18), who secretly converted from Islam to Christianity. When her family learnt of her conversion, they rejected her and stopped paying her college fees. Ask the Lord to comfort her in the face of her parent's rejection, and provide a way for her to continue with her studies.

17 Somalia

Faith* (18) has chosen to follow Jesus despite the high risks of being a Christian in Somalia. Her close family is trying to keep her conversion from other relatives because they fear being shamed and ridiculed. Her father is pressuring her to recant her faith. Give thanks for Faith's bold faith and pray for her safety and encouragement.

18 Ethiopia

Pastor Adane* serves a church of believers from Muslim backgrounds in a Muslim majority area of Ethiopia. Christians have been deliberately left out of government aid during the pandemic, and some have faced increased persecution. Pray for God's strength and encouragement for Adane, and for provision and protection for his family and church members.

19 Uganda

When Joseph's employer learned about his conversion to Christianity, he fired him, citing his 'stupid' decision to become a Christian. Pray for his local church, which is actively disciplining him, and ask God to find him a new job so he can provide for his family.

20 Mozambique

Islamist groups stepped up attacks against Christians in northern Mozambique in 2020, causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes and take refuge with family and friends. One Christian minister told Open Doors, "After visiting more than 20 families, I felt (too) overwhelmed to continue meeting other families in these dire situations." Pray that Open Doors partners will find innovative ways to deliver emergency aid to traumatised Christians amid Covid-19 restrictions.

21 DRC

Violence by ADF rebels against the mostly Christian population has continued despite Covid-19 lockdowns. Pray for protection for church leaders who have remained in insecure areas to serve their communities. Pray for creative solutions that will bring Christians relief and encouragement.

22 Syria

Pray for an end to Syria's economic crisis. Most people are living in poverty and the price of basic necessities continues to rise. Pray that the government will take serious measures to improve the economic situation before people die of hunger.

23 Syria

Praise God for all the help that local churches and Open Doors partners are giving to the community during this ongoing crisis. Pray for God's provision and protection as they distribute aid to the poor and the needy.

24 Iraq

Covid-19 has spread rapidly in Iraq, causing hundreds of thousands of people to get infected. Pray for medical staff, struggling with a lack of medical equipment. Ask the Lord to protect them and strengthen them to continue to serve.

25 Iraq

The Turkish military has extended its ground operations against the Kurdish workers' party in the Iraqi-Turkish border areas. The Turkish army is opening fire on the villages, causing panic and fear among civilians. Pray for peace and protection for families living in the villages near the border.

26 Turkey

Pray for believers from Muslim backgrounds who are refugees in Turkey. They are often called in by police for questioning about why they are there, and for the local (Muslim) police, 'having become a Christian' is not an acceptable reason. The risk of being deported to their home country is very real. Pray for the international community to acknowledge this problem and not turn a blind eye.

27 Egypt

Although Egypt's government speaks positively about Egypt's Christian community, the lack of serious law enforcement and the unwillingness of local authorities to protect Christians leave them vulnerable to all kinds of attacks, especially in Upper Egypt where Salafist movements exert strong influence. Pray for protection for Christians and that the influence of extremist groups will wane.

28 Egypt

Christians from a Muslim background often have great difficulty in living out their faith since they face enormous pressure from their families to return to Islam. Pray for God's peace for those who are fearful and for courage to keep following Jesus.