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### January 23 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray that God protects Dilnora\*, a church leader under surveillance by state authorities for her ministry activities.

### January 24 | CHINA

Pray that Bermet\*, a Muslim Background Believer in western China, remains faithful to Christ as she endures persecution from her family and community.

## Believers



*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!*

— Psalm 145:10

### January 25 | SAUDI ARABIA

Pray that God will continue to use believers as beacons for Christ in Saudi Arabia, opening their eyes to the role they play in His Kingdom.

### January 26 | TAJIKISTAN

As Faizullah\* is pressured and fined by the government for his church membership, pray for the Holy Spirit to fill him with the deepest of joys.

### January 27 | QATAR

Pray for the few Christians in Qatar (most expats) to be filled with a desire and boldness to reach their neighbors with the gospel.

### January 28 | TAJIKISTAN

Believers pray for love and a strong witness towards those who pressure them to convert back to Islam.

### January 29 | YEMEN

Pray for believers enduring hardship in this war-battered country. Ask that they would find rest as they cast their cares upon Jesus Christ.

### January 30 | COLOMBIA

Pray for Christians who teach indigenous children without pay that they might wisely bring some of the children to faith.

### January 31 | ETHIOPIA

Pray that Christians who have sustained injuries and loss at the hands of attackers would be filled with love and forgiveness for their persecutors.

## Praying Through the World Watch List

### January 1st - 7th: Indonesia #47

- + Pray for Christian workers who minister in Muslim areas.
- + Pray for believers to reach out to all and care for new believers.

### January 8th - 14th: Mauritania #48

- + Pray that governmental restrictions against Christians will be reduced this year.
- + Pray for Mauritanian believers who meet in secret.

### January 15th - 21st: United Arab Emirates #49

- + Praise God for devoted Christians who serve Him despite persecution.
- + Pray that home churches will encourage and equip U.A.E. believers.

### January 22nd - 31st: Kuwait #50

- + Pray for the government to not enforce laws against Christians.
- + Pray that Christians who meet in secret will flourish.

\*Names changed for security reasons.

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# PRAYER FORCE ALERT

Prayer request bulletin  
for persecuted  
Christians worldwide



YES, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

(2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

\*Representative photo used to protect identity.

## Refugees



*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.*  
— Lamentations 3:22

### January 1 | SYRIA

Today, thousands of displaced people in Syria wonder where their next meal will come from. Pray that God will provide—both physically and spiritually.

### January 2 | BANGLADESH

Many of the Rohingya refugees in this country are secret believers. Pray that they grow in biblical faith.

### January 3 | IRAQ

Cold winter temperatures are deadly for refugees without proper shelter. Pray that NGOs and churches will continue to care for them.

### January 4 | LEBANON

This small country is full of refugees due to regional conflicts. Pray that God would be glorified through Christian hospitality here.

## Churches



*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right...*  
— 2 Thessalonians 1:3

### January 5 | KENYA

Pray for the church in Kenya as it endures traumatizing attacks. Ask for their peace, courage and strength in Jesus Christ.

### January 6 | MAURITANIA

Pray for the secret church in Mauritania; that Christ's love would dwell in them and overflow unto those who persecute them.

### January 7 | SRI LANKA

Ask that the Lord would use His church to minister to children who have lost limbs, parents, and even entire families.

## January 8 | IRAN

Pray that the Iranian church will grow through satellite TV programs sharing the gospel with many for the first time.

### January 9 | NIGERIA

"We thank God because He always gives us the ability to stand for Him." Praise the Lord for the faith of those who are suffering for His sake in Nigeria.

### January 10 | SUDAN

Pray for churches in Sudan; that they would thrive amidst increasing cultural pressure and be lights unto their Muslim neighbors.

## Discipleship



*If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples...*  
— John 8:31

### January 11 | EGYPT

Today, pray for young Egyptian Christians to learn the Lord's ways and cherish His thoughts.

### January 12 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Pray that Standing Strong Through the Storm trainings equip Muslim Background Believers to face growing persecution.

### January 13 | VIETNAM

As Open Doors provides biblical training, literature distribution and livelihood projects here, pray that the Lord's Name would be proclaimed.

### January 14 | INDONESIA

Praise God for Muslim Background Believer couples who are learning to apply biblical virtues in their families, lives through seminars in East Java.

## Leaders



*...so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.*  
— 1 Thessalonians 2:4

## January 15 | ISRAEL & PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Pray that God would grant pastors in Gaza wisdom and discernment, enabling them to support believers who are pressured and threatened by radical groups.

### January 16 | BHUTAN

Praise the Lord for a recent seminar, which one church leader describes: "It was like water to my thirsting spirit and balm to my wounds."

### January 17 | MALDIVES

Pray that God raises up leaders to make the whole Bible available in the local language, so that new believers might grow in their faith.

### January 18 | LAOS

Ask that God would strengthen house church pastors who open their homes to persecuted Christians, for His glory.

### January 19 | BRUNEI

Pray for pastors who must teach their flocks to live lives of faith under growing Islamic rule.

## Women



*She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.*

— Proverbs 31:20

### January 20 | TANZANIA

"You have proven to me that you felt my pain...I have been prayed for by brethren across the globe...That is an indescribable feeling!" - Mary\*, widowed mother.

### January 21 | ALGERIA

Today, pray for Kifah\*, imprisoned at home by her parents for her faith. Pray for her release and renewed strength and trust in her Savior.

### January 22 | MYANMAR

Pray for Leng\*, who teaches preschool in Mon State. She is persecuted by neighbors, who say her house is cursed because of her faith.