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### October 23 | EGYPT

Pray for a spirit of unity among the different Egyptian churches. Pray that they will overcome the constant attacks that aim to cause division.

## Prisoners



*The LORD hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.*  
— Psalm 69:33

### October 24 | IRAN

Open Doors has launched a writing campaign for six Iranian prisoners. Pray they will be encouraged by these letters.

### October 25 | NORTH KOREA

At least 50,000 Christians are being held in North Korea's labor camps. Pray for the protection and safety of these believers.

## Praise Reports



*Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.*  
— Psalm 150:1

### October 26 | UGANDA

Thank the Lord for the important reconciliation work of churches following attacks from Muslim extremists over a land dispute. Please pray for God's blessing upon this important work.

### October 27 | ALGERIA

Many Algerians watch Christian television programs. According to the church, most of the new believers come in contact with Christians and with the church because of these programs.

### October 28 | NORTH AFRICA

Praise God for the training Open Doors is able to offer to Christian leaders, despite the risk!

### October 29 | BANGLADESH

God is raising a new generation of leaders in Bangladesh. This month, Open Doors will hold a five-day training on biblical leadership for 40 church leaders. Praise God for each participant, and pray that they may discern God's call.

### October 30 | INDIA

God has opened up many opportunities for the Open Doors team to minister in India. Please pray for the India team as a whole, as they prepare to conduct various seminars in different areas.

### October 31 | PHILIPPINES

Praise God for the newly baptized Tausug believers who are so zealous to reach out to their fellow Tausugs. They are planning to establish relationship with the community and share the gospel through a literacy ministry.

## Praying Through the World Watch List

### Sept 29 – October 5: Kuwait (#38)

- + Pray for converts from Islam: they risk job discrimination, being monitored by police, as well as physical and verbal abuse.

### October 6 – 12: Kazakhstan (#39)

- + Pray for believers who are not registered with a church and are monitored by authorities.

### October 13 – 19: Malaysia (#40)

- + The government has allowed mainly ethnic Malay organizations to make radical comments against Christians. Pray for their protection.

### October 20– 27: Bahrain (#41)

- + Proselytizing Muslims is illegal. Pray for Christians to find ways to share the gospel.



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# PRAYER FORCE ALERT

Prayer request bulletin  
for persecuted  
Christians worldwide



THE LORD IS NEAR TO  
ALL THEM THAT CALL  
ON HIM, TO ALL THAT  
CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH.

PSALM 145:18

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## Pastors



*From the LORD comes deliverance. May Your blessing be on Your people.*  
— Psalm 3:8

### October 1 | GULF REGION

Pray for a week-long Annual Pastors and Lay Workers Conference, being held in the Gulf region. Pray for the speakers and the 200+ pastors who are expected to attend.

### October 2 | MALAYSIA

The presence of the anti-apostasy law has posed enormous challenges for Christians to spread the gospel message. Please pray for wisdom and courage for church leaders in reaching out to their neighbors.

### October 3 | INDONESIA

Please pray for a national gathering of workers that will be held this month. Many are in need of encouragement and fellowship, especially given the hazardous nature of their work.

### October 4 | CENTRAL ASIA

Please pray for the safety and protection of a pastor in one of the Central Asian republics. His church was attacked, with the window panes in the church broken, and obscene words and threats were written on the walls and doors.

### October 5 | VIETNAM

According to a local pastor, the government has been blocking persecution incidents from being reported in the media. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with these pastors, that they may face their persecutors with the courage and humility of Jesus.

## Refugees



*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”*  
— Matthew 25:35

### October 6 | LAOS

The Lao government plans to construct a water dam which would displace around a thousand families and force four churches to close down. Pray for the Lord to give wisdom and discernment to the church leaders, and to provide another space for those who would be displaced.

### October 7 | IRAQ

Extremists (especially those belonging to ISIS) have recently forced many Christians to move from Mosul and surrounding areas to other places. Pray that the Lord would guide these Christian refugees in what they should do now.

### October 8 | SYRIA

Pray for the churches that Open Doors works together with in Syria. They put a major effort in helping the internally displaced people and helping the other needy Syrians.

### October 9 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Since December 2012, CAR has been going through a crisis brought about by the Seleka rebellion. As many continue to come to grips with the terrible losses they have faced, pray that they would trust in Jesus and that He would provide in their every need.

### October 10 | NORTH KOREA

Continue to pray for Christians who have escaped from North Korea. Many live in constant fear of being repatriated back to North Korea.

## Women



*She opens her hand to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.* —Proverbs

### October 11 | BANGLADESH

Open Doors will conduct a discipleship training course for 20 Muslim Background Believer women this month. Pray that the Lord will use this training to transform these women's lives.

### October 12 | CHINA

Sister Pema is a Tibetan Background Believer (TBB). Her home is a gathering point for the local TBBs. Please pray for growth of this church.

### October 13 | KENYA

Pray for Claris Mathole who lost her husband Pastor Charles Mathole on October 19, 2013, when suspected al-Shabaab terrorists shot him dead inside their church. Pray that God will continue to comfort her.

### October 14 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pray for Tatiana Kado, a widow left to care for two children after Seleka forces killed her husband. The rebels prevented the family from burying the body. Pray that the Lord will heal her and provide for her.

## Churches



*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* —1 Peter 2:9

### October 15 | LIBYA

For several years Libya has been an unstable country. Extremists have killed several Christians, causing fear amongst the Christians in the country. Pray for the small Libyan Church; the people are under high pressure.

### October 16 | MOROCCO

Pray for the unity of several churches in the country.

### October 17 | ALGERIA

Pray for the Protestant Church of Algeria, for the leadership of this growing denomination.

### October 18 | ARABIAN PENINSULA

Pray for the small number of local followers of Jesus. Pray that these isolated Christians may have communion with other brothers and sisters and pray that they can be trained by mature Christians.

### October 19 | TUNISIA

The Church in Tunisia is slowly growing. Pray for the new believers, that they find the right people to disciple them.

### October 20 | TAJIKISTAN

Recently, in one of the churches in Tajikistan, government officials appeared in a Sunday morning service. The officials insisted that children cannot be present in the church during the service, although the country's Constitution allows this. Please pray for this situation.

### October 21 | MALAYSIA

Earlier in June, the country's highest court decided to uphold the ban from using the word *Allah* or *God* in the Catholic Church's weekly newsletter. Pray for the local churches not to be disheartened.

### October 22 | MALDIVES

Religious extremism is alive and well in Maldives. Some of their proponents have gone as far as abducting young people to join their causes. Pray for the few believers to be effective agents in spreading religious moderation and tolerance.