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## Persecutors



*And I fell to the ground  
and heard a voice saying  
to me, 'Saul, Saul, why  
are you persecuting me?'.  
— Acts 22:7*

### December 22 | NIGERIA

Pray that members of Boko Haram would come to know the majesty and love of Jesus Christ, and be used for His kingdom.

### December 23 | COLOMBIA

Pray for guerrillas who murder and terrorize God's children. Pray that they would experience the mercy and salvation that is only found in Jesus.

### December 24 | KENYA

Pray for the Al Shabaab gunmen involved in April's Garissa massacre. Pray for open eyes and contrite hearts, that they would repent and submit to the true God.

### December 25 | LAOS

Pray for village officials who evict Christians for not denying the faith. Ask the Lord to break and regenerate their hearts.

### December 26 | MEXICO

Pray for communities that shun, persecute, and exile their Christian members. Ask that the witness of the persecuted will bring these persecutors to faith.

### December 27 | TAJIKISTAN

Pray for Muslims who seek to shame their Christian family members into denying Jesus. Ask that they too would come to know Him.

## Praise Reports



*Great and amazing  
are your deeds,  
O Lord God  
the Almighty!  
— Revelation 15:3*

### December 28 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Praise God for enabling Open Doors to minister in his love to persecuted Christians in Southern Philippines for the past 20 years!

### December 29 | IRAN

God used a fearful house church leader imprisoned for her faith to bring her interrogator to Christ! Praise Him for using broken vessels for His glory.

### December 30 | UZBEKISTAN

Praise God for using Messianic Jews to tell Muslims about Christ, and for the recent graduates of Christian colleges in the area.

### December 31 | BANGLADESH

"They burned our churches and property because of the Lord. This will increase our faith and encourage us to work faithfully." Praise God for using persecution!

## Praying Through the World Watch List

### December 1st - 7th: Bangladesh #43

- + Praise God for ongoing training programs for Christian leaders.
- + Pray that the government will not give in to Islamic factions.

### December 8th - 14th: Sri Lanka #44

- + Pray for Christian children who are denied enrollment in public schools.
- + Pray that Christian converts from Buddhism would know God's strength.

### December 15th - 21st: Tajikistan #45

- + Pray that Christians will have access to Bibles and biblical resources.
- + Pray for restrictions on Christian worship and meetings to be used for God's glory.

### December 22nd - 28th: Azerbaijan #46

- + Pray for unity amongst Azerbaijani Christian leaders.
- + Pray for Christians in rural areas with heavy persecution.



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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)

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## Pastors



*Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God...*  
– 2 Corinthians 3:5

### December 1 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for church leaders in villages threatened by the Islamic State. Pray that they would have wisdom and godly courage in the face of evil.

### December 2 | BURUNDI

Amidst the violence resulting from political and social unrest, ask God to grant church leaders wisdom in caring for their congregations.

### December 3 | BANGLADESH

Many are rejecting Islam in favor of atheism. Pray for Christian youth, that their faith would remain strong and enable them to witness on atheist websites.

### December 4 | MALDIVES

Pray that the Lord would raise up evangelists and use them to share the truth of Jesus Christ in this country with very few Christians.

## Refugees



*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*  
– Psalm 9:9

### December 5 | SYRIA

Pray for Syrian Christians kidnapped by the Islamic State, that they would know the peace of the Holy Spirit and trust in God Almighty.

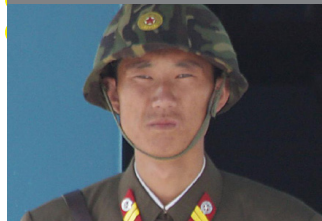
### December 6 | LIBYA

Christian migrants and refugees are targeted by criminal gangs, human traffickers, and Islamic extremist groups. Pray that God would sustain their faith.

### December 7 | NORTH KOREA

Pray that those who are completely reliant on God the Father while in prison camps will be blessed with a deeper understanding of His love and provision.

## Government



*But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."*  
– Acts 5:29

### December 8 | ETHIOPIA

Pray that the Lord would provide Ethiopia with leaders who rule in love and justice.

### December 9 | TURKMENISTAN

Pray for Turkmen officials' hearts to be softened, even as they imprison and persecute believers celebrating the birth of our Savior.

### December 10 | SUDAN

Pray that believers who are falsely charged for "insulting Islamic beliefs" will be able to share the Gospel with government officials as they stand trial.

### December 11 | VIETNAM

Pray that elected officials would come to know Christ as believers take risks celebrating His birth this month.

### December 12 | INDIA

Christians have experienced marginalization and hostility since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power. Pray that he would come to see the glory of Christ.

## Churches



*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*  
– 1 John 4:7

### December 13 | MYANMAR

Pray for Rohingya Christians in Myanmar, as their rejection of the Muslim faith results in persecution by their own people.

### December 14 | YEMEN

Ask the Lord to provide guidance in every aspect of the lives of Yemeni Christians, that they might bring the hope of Christ to their broken nation.

### December 15 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pray that believers would not retaliate violence for violence, but would turn the other cheek and glorify Jesus Christ in the process.

### December 16 | TURKEY

Pray for continued reconciliation between Armenians and Turks, and especially for believers. Ask that the body of Christ would be united across ethnic divides.

### December 17 | ALGERIA

Pray for Christians that meet in the mountains for lack of church buildings, asking that God would bless their worship and fellowship.

### December 18 | BRUNEI

Pray that the church would have opportunities to share the Gospel with their Muslim neighbors this Christmas.

## Training



*If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.* – 1 Timothy 4:6

### December 19 | CHINA

Indigenous workers like Brother Zhang commit their lives to the service of Muslim Background Believers in their country. Pray for those under their care.

### December 20 | MALAYSIA

Secret believers lack discipleship materials and have spies within their midst. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and teach them.

### December 21 | BHUTAN

Pray that God would equip Christian women in Bhutan for ministry to those around them.