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April 22 | MEXICO

The government continues to strive to stop the cartel groups, but it is an ongoing battle. Pray for the safety of Christians who are extorted for money and persecuted because they promote a life without drugs — a message in direct opposition with the cartel.

April 23 | SRI LANKA

Pray the government would protect Christians against attacks from extremists.

Prisoners



Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
— Hebrews 13:3

April 24 | CENTRAL ASIA

Several Christians in this region have been sentenced to prison time based on false accusations. Pray for them to be released.

April 25 | IRAN

Several hundred believers remain in prison. Pray for their safety, as many are specifically targeted by guards and other inmates.

Praise Report



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

April 26 | NIGERIA

Praise God for microloan programs Open Doors has been able to establish to help persecuted believers provide for their families!

April 27 | LEBANON

Praise the Lord for the refugee camps Open Doors has been able to provide in partnership with local churches.

April 28 | PHILIPPINES

Open Doors has been able to provide job-skills training to those who are facing increased persecution. Praise God for this opportunity!

April 29 | COLOMBIA

Praise God for the extra help He has brought to the staff at the children's center. Pray for their protection.

April 30 | WORLDWIDE

Praise God for the miracles that are taking place across the globe, in spite of increased persecution!

Praying Through the World Watch List

March 29–April 4 | MALDIVES #11

- + That the few Christians will stand strong in the faith despite the threat of being discovered and arrested.
- + That the strict Islamic government will have a change of heart and allow Christians to practice their faith.

April 5–11 | SAUDI ARABIA #12

- + That more Muslims will meet Jesus through satellite television, or dreams and visions of Jesus.
- + Being a woman and a Christian increases the severity of persecution; pray for the government to respect women and grant more freedom to worship for women and men.

April 12–18 | LIBYA #13

- + That Muslim Background Believers will not be targets of their families or their communities.
- + For God's people inside and outside the country to encourage those Christians in the crosshairs of Islamic militants and violence.

April 19–25 | YEMEN #14

- + Muslim Background Believers face immediate death if they do not convert back to Islam; pray for their safety and protection.
- + For stability in a country deeply divided and torn by violence.

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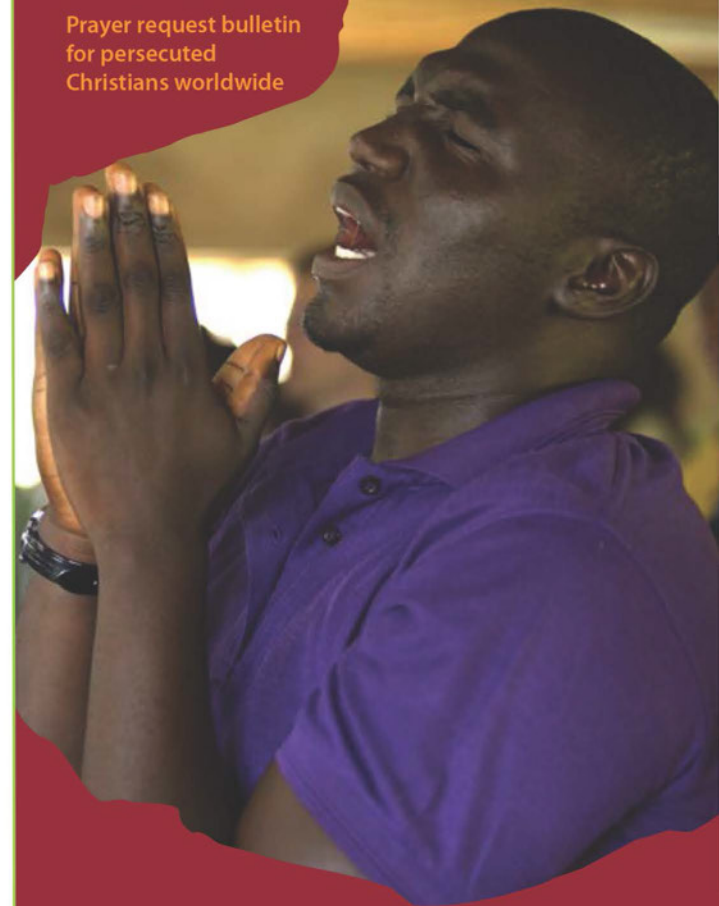


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PRAYER FORCE ALERT

Prayer request bulletin
for persecuted
Christians worldwide



WE ARE ONE BODY— IF [ONE] PART SUFFERS,
ALL THE PARTS SUFFER WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS
HONORED, ALL THE PARTS SHARE ITS JOY.

(1 CORINTHIANS 12:26)

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Pastors



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

April 1 | IRAQ

Pastors continue to care for refugees who are not able to return home. Pray for their strength.

April 2 | SYRIA

Pray for pastors and church leaders who continue to reach out to their communities in war-torn Syria. Pray more will come to Christ as a result.

April 3 | CHINA

Pray for pastors and missionaries who are boldly going to areas that are very difficult. Pray for their safety.

April 4 | ERITREA

Pray for the safety of unregistered pastors who risk everything to share the Gospel.

April 5 | NIGERIA

Pray for pastors who risk being one of the five churches attacked on average every Sunday in Nigeria. Pray for their protection and for the safety of their congregation.

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

April 6 | IRAQ

Almost all Christians have been forced to flee their homes. Pray that they might be able to return one day, to be the light of Christ.

April 7 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

After such a long period of violence, many Christians are still left as refugees. Pray that God would provide them with a safe place to live.

April 8 | SYRIA

Christian parts of town and churches are often targeted by ISIS. Pray for the safety of the believers who have lost everything.

April 9 | LEBANON

The entire population of this country is significantly increasing due to the influx of refugees from Iraq and Syria. Pray that the non-Christians might find Christ.

Women



She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.
— Proverbs 31:20

April 10 | VIETNAM

Open Doors provides biblical training to many Christian women in this region. Pray that these training sessions will continue to empower them to stand strong in the face of persecution.

April 11 | SOUTHEAST ASIA

Please pray for Open Doors job-skills training courses for women across this region. Pray that this will help them provide for their families.

April 12 | NIGERIA

Many women have lost their husbands due to violent attacks by Boko Haram. Pray for their strength and that the Lord would provide.

April 13 | SAUDI ARABIA PENINSULA

Women face many restrictions in this country and being a Christian makes life even more difficult. Pray for God to grant them wisdom and protection.

April 14 | WORLDWIDE

Pray for Christian women in many of the countries on the World Watch List who are in need of job-skills training. Pray Open Doors will be able to meet their needs and that they would be able to find sustainable work.

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

April 15 | LIBYA

It is very difficult for believers to fellowship — pray that God would provide a way for believers to meet with one another.

April 16 | TANZANIA

In certain parts of the country, churches and Christians are harassed by neighbors. Pray for their safety.

April 17 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for the Christians who have been fined for meeting with other Christians. Pray for God to provide for all their needs — both spiritual and financial.

April 18 | SYRIA

Please pray for churches helping the remaining Syrians in their communities. Pray that they would show God's light.

April 19 | IRAN

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Christians to meet with one another. Pray for their protection and that God would provide unexpected opportunities for fellowship.

Government



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

April 20 | SOMALIA

As the official government is still forming, pray for the safety of Christians in the country who are being targeted by extremists.

April 21 | AZERBAIJAN

Persecution by local government is more prevalent in rural areas. Pray for this to change.