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#### April 21 | VIETNAM

The government is reintroducing the 'Friendly Neighbor Program,' where neighbors are forced to monitor one another. Pray for the church to flourish here, even under scrutiny.



### Women

*"Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters."*  
— 1 Timothy 5:2

#### April 22 | CHAD

Pray for Mariam\*, abandoned by her husband and left to raise her children alone. As Open Doors helps her start a business, pray that she continues to grow in faith and wisdom.

#### April 23 | JORDAN

Maysan's\* husband is violently persecuting her and her daughter Munira\* for her new faith in Christ. Pray that God would care for and restore their family.

#### April 24 | ETHIOPIA

Belen\* has been able to open a coffee shop with Open Doors since her husband abandoned the family due to her faith. Praise God for the new start, pray that Christ would change her husband's heart.



### Believers

*"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*  
— Psalm 118:6

#### April 25 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

Pray for MBBs who may be affected by the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL). Be sure to check out today's PFA blog at [opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories](http://opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories) for more information.

#### April 26 | Malaysia

Secret believers face the choice of migrating overseas (if possible) or constantly moving within the country to avoid detection. Pray that God would lead these believers to those who can help.

#### April 27 | Kyrgyzstan

Pray for Janysh and Laura\*, a Christian couple who have fled with kids in tow after being threatened for sharing the gospel with their unbelieving village. They hope to return soon.

#### April 28 | Eritrea

Pray for Eritreans undergoing torture and other crimes against humanity for placing their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to make the presence and comfort of His Spirit known to them.

#### April 29 | Russia

In a small republic that is a part of Russia named Dagestan, Islamic extremism presents great danger for those who wish to share or practice their faith. Pray for protection and strength for these believers.

#### April 30 | Central African Republic

Christians are finding themselves in the middle of an armed conflict in which there are many involved parties. Pray that these believers will rest on Christ, their foundation.

## Praying Through the World Watch List

#### April 1st - 7th: Syria #5

+ Pray that the Lord would use His people around the world to minister to Syrians.

#### April 8th - 14th: Pakistan #6

+ Pray for the 95% of the population that is Muslim to come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

#### April 15th - 21st: Somalia #7

+ Pray for the Holy Spirit to regenerate the hearts of al-Shabaab militants.

#### April 22nd - 30th: Sudan #8

+ Pray that Christians from a Muslim background shine as witnesses to their Muslim neighbors and families.



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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 names and photos used to protect identity.

## Pastors



*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.*  
— 1 Timothy 5:17

### April 1 | SRI LANKA

Three years ago, Buddhist extremists and the government ripped children from their home at Agape Children's Village. Pray for their guardians, Pastor D. and Mala, as they fight for these children.

### April 2 | COLOMBIA

Presence ministry has shown Pastor Javier and his family that they haven't been forgotten as they endure persecution from criminal gangs. Praise God for restoring their hope and joy!

### April 3 | CHINA

In northern China, MBBs (Muslim Background Believers) have a difficult time meeting together due to religious restrictions. Pray for the wisdom of church leaders and pastors as they care for their flocks.

### April 4 | LAOS

Evangelists and pastors are undergoing severe persecution as they continue in ministry, with some having already been killed by authorities. Pray that their ministries would bear much fruit.

### April 5 | MALDIVES

Pray that God would create a hunger for the truth in the hearts of Maldivians, and that he would send them to the many evangelists ready to show them Jesus Christ.

## Refugees



*Let me dwell in your tent forever!  
Let me take refuge under the  
shelter of your wings! Selah.*  
— Psalm 61:4

### April 6 | CAMEROON

Pray for refugees and internally displaced people who have fled from Boko Haram and are receiving relief aid, encouragement, trauma care, Bibles and Standing Strong Through the Storm seminars provided by Open Doors.

### April 7 | SYRIA

As Syrians resettle in Europe, pray that they would be ministered to by both refugee and local Christians, so that the Lord Jesus would be pleased to bring many to Himself through this crisis.

### April 8 | NIGERIA

Pray for the many displaced Nigerians scattered across their own country and neighboring ones — that God would care for them and show them that their current situation is part of His perfect will.

### April 9 | IRAQ

Pray for our local partners who are on the ground ministering to those who have lost their homes and loved ones to the Islamic State. Ask that these workers would be renewed afresh each day.

## Discipleship



*But grow in the grace  
and knowledge of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ. To Him be  
the glory both now  
and to the day of  
eternity. Amen.*  
— 2 Peter 3:18

### April 10 | BHUTAN

Divorce in Bhutan is increasing, even among Christians. Pray that God would show young Christians how to entrust every aspect of their lives to Him for the purity and health of His church.

### April 11 | MYANMAR

Praise God for a Sunday school teacher's training for 31 Chin believers, the path to which was riddled with numerous obstacles and hazardous terrain!

### April 12 | BANGLADESH

Pray for literacy trainers who are helping believers learn to read Scripture for themselves. Pray that their efforts would bear much fruit for God's Kingdom.

### April 13 | BRUNEI

New believers in Brunei live fearfully, hiding their faith. Pray that God would help these fragile believers find solid, loving, selfless mentors to disciple them.

### April 14 | ISRAEL & PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Hatred festers in the hearts of those on both sides of the conflict. Pray for Christ to reign in the hearts of His own, changing them by the power of His Holy Spirit.

## Churches



*Yours is the kingdom,  
O LORD, and you are  
exalted as head above all.*  
— 1 Chronicles 29:11b

### April 15 | TANZANIA

Believers in Bukoba, Tanzania are celebrating God's goodness in the midst of persecution. Pray that they would continue to shine as lights to those who are burning down their churches.

### April 16 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for God to give His children in North Korea warmth and strength under the care of their Shepherd, Jesus. Thank Him for the Church that barbed wire, torture and the enemy cannot snuff out.

### April 17 | UZBEKISTAN

Pray for justice and grace for Christians forced to pay fines equivalent to thousands of dollars for practicing their faith and gathering for church services.

### April 18 | PAKISTAN

Pray for the Christians in an area where a teacher was beaten by his Muslim colleagues for his faith. Pray that God would grant them forgiveness and love for the attackers.

### April 19 | INDIA

Ghar Wapsi (Home Coming) is the name of the government reconversion program for those who have left Hinduism. Pray for the church here, as it is pressured to deny Christ.

### April 20 | AFGHANISTAN

Many are struggling to rebuild their lives after October's 7.8 magnitude earthquake. Pray for God's people to minister in Christ's Name to those who are broken and hurting around them.