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December 22 | INDONESIA

The influence of ISIS has spread into the country and may result in a new terrorism movement. If unaddressed, the development can render all counter-terrorism endeavors futile. Please pray for the authorities to respond effectively and for Christians to remain vigilant and prayerful.

December 23 | BRUNEI

The government plans to boost tourism to gradually diversify their economy, which has been overly dependent on the oil and gas sector. Please pray that these open doors would provide greater opportunities for the Gospel to come in and the local believers to be strengthened by incoming believers.

Prisoners



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

December 24 | PERSIAN-SPEAKING WORLD

Hundreds of believers are in prison for their faith in this region. Please pray for their safety and strength.

December 25 | WORLDWIDE

Pray for Christians who are in prison for their faith, as we celebrate Christ's humble entrance into this world. Pray for their families on this day.

Praise Report



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

December 26 | PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Thank God that many are coming to Christ, despite the ongoing persecution in this region.

December 27 | NEPAL

Praise God! A 2013 report by The Center for the Study of Global Christianity says Christianity is growing the most rapid in Nepal and China, especially among indigenous groups.

December 28 | PHILIPPINES

Praise God that products made by persecuted Christians through an Open Doors project are being highlighted at local trade shows.

December 29 | BANGLADESH

Open Doors celebrates its 20 years in Bangladesh. Praise God for His faithfulness.

December 30 | BANGLADESH

Praise God for the 17 MBB women in Bangladesh who have successfully completed Open Doors' three-year Women's Discipleship Training Program.

December 31 | WORLDWIDE

Thank God for how He used persecuted believers to reach out to non-Christians this year. Many have come to Christ!

Praying Through the World Watch List

Thank you for praying with us through the World Watch List!

The 2015 World Watch List will come out on January 7th, 2015. Please join with us again in praying for all the nations where Christians are persecuted. Thank you again for your faithfulness to pray this year!

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

PSALMS 145:18

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Pastors



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

December 1 | EGYPT

Pray for Christian workers who work under exceptionally hard circumstances, not only for their protection and safety, but also for fruits and renewed energy in the Lord.

December 2 | LAOS

A Christian worker, Michael*, had his house burned down for unknown reasons. He has no means to support himself and rebuild what has been lost. Pray for the Lord to provide for Michael.

December 3 | ETHIOPIA

Pray for church leaders as they guide their members through these times of increasing social pressure and persecution.

December 4 | IRAN

Please pray for Pastor Behnam Irani (imprisoned since April 2010), Pastor Farshid Fathi (December 2010) and pastor Saeed Abedini (Sept 2012).

December 5 | IRAQ

Pray for many Pastors who are housing Christian refugees in their churches. Pray for God's strength and provision.

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

December 6 | IRAQ

Many are still fleeing from the group ISIS-pray for their protection.

December 7 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Many Christians remain as refugees, due to ongoing violence. Please pray for God to renew their strength.

December 8 | SYRIA

Pray for the millions of Syrian refugees who are living in neighboring countries. Pray for the countries hosting them as well.

Women



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

December 9 | ETHIOPIA

Please pray for a mother who sustained an injury to her head after she and her family were attacked in the middle of the night for being Christians.

December 10 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for North Korean women who are fleeing to China. They are often forced into prostitution or abusive marriages. Pray for their protection.

December 11 | VIETNAM

Pray for the women's literacy courses Open Doors is offering to Vietnamese women, who are especially marginalized.

December 12 | MALDIVES

Maldivian women are considered second-class citizens. Sexual harassment reports are taken lightly by authorities, and those who do not follow Islamic dress codes face public humiliation. Please pray for the women converts to discover their identity and worth in Christ.

December 13 | ARABIAN PENINSULA

Women here are also often treated as second-class citizens and being a Christian marginalizes them even more. Pray for their protection.

December 14 | CHINA

Mary*, a Muslim-Background Believer, has been able to lead many to Christ in the past several years. Pray for God to continue to bless her ministry.

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

December 15 | EGYPT

Pray for the Church to continue to get prepared and equipped to receive more people come to Christ every day, especially those from a Muslim background.

December 16 | INDIA

Pray for the persecuted churches of Odisha, especially for Kandhamal, Malkangiri and Kalahandhi. In many places Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (extremist and a paramilitary group) has directly confronted conversion.

December 17 | KYRGYZSTAN

Some local churches were told that their rent was increasing ten times what it currently is, after a recent court decision. Please pray for the Lord to provide.

December 18 | INDONESIA

A number of gatherings for new believers will be held this month. Pray that as they enjoy the fellowship and spiritual nourishment, they would be continually transformed into the image of Christ and become effective witnesses in their society.

December 19 | BRUNEI

Sharing the Gospel to Muslims is against the Sharia Law. Yet, one church attempts to reach out to their neighbors through community development. Please pray for fruitful endeavors and God's protection upon their mission.

Government



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

December 20 | NORTH KOREA

Please pray for the salvation of Kim Jong Un and others in leadership in North Korea.

December 21 | MALAYSIA

The Malaysian government favors Muslims of Malay descent, the predominant race, over other ethnicities. Indian, Chinese, and tribal communities constantly face discrimination in all aspects of life, and many of them are Christians. Please pray that these believers would persevere in faith.