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August 22 | TAJIKISTAN

Indira*, 31, is beaten by her unbelieving husband for sharing her new faith in Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to soften and regenerate his heart.

August 23 | NIGERIA

Mercy*, 22, was held captive by Boko Haram for five weeks. Praise God for sustaining her faith, and pray that Mercy would experience His healing, comfort and encouragement.

August 24 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Mado* spent 15 months in captivity and lost her husband, brother-in-law and son to Islamic ADF militants. Pray for her as she recovers from her trauma and loss.

Believers



We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
— Romans 6:4

August 25 | CENTRAL ASIA

Adeel* was arrested for his ministry activity and beaten for having sermons on his phone. He has since been fined and monitored. Pray for his security and perseverance.

August 26 | BRUNEI

Pray for the ‘Daniels’ and ‘Esthers’ who surround Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah. Pray for them to be wise and bold in their witness to him.

August 27 | ARABIAN PENINSULA

Pray for wisdom and discretion for Dan*, a Christian professor who has been answering his Shiite student Ali’s* questions regarding matters of faith.

August 28 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pray for three boys Open Doors has been working with since they were severely injured in a church bombing in 2013. Please pray for their continued healing.

August 29 | ERITREA

Jobs, higher education, food and fuel are lacking in Eritrea. Pray for God’s provision to His children, that they may bless those around them.

August 30 | MALAYSIA

Pray God would draw His own to Him in preparation for persecution from a number of Malaysians who have joined the Islamic State.

August 31 | ALGERIA

Pray for new believers who have recently converted to Christianity from Islam, that they would be used to minister to their Muslim friends and families.

Praying Through the World Watch List

August 1st - 7th: Qatar #21

+ Pray for fellowship within Qatar, and more openness to other religions.

April 8th - 14th: Egypt #22

+ Pray God will bring leaders of Islamist groups to Christ for His purposes.

April 15th - 21st: Myanmar #23

+ Pray the Holy Spirit will comfort and strengthen believers who are attacked for their faith.

April 22nd - 30th: Palestine Territories #24

+ Pray for Christians in Gaza living out their faith in the utmost secrecy for fear of repercussions.

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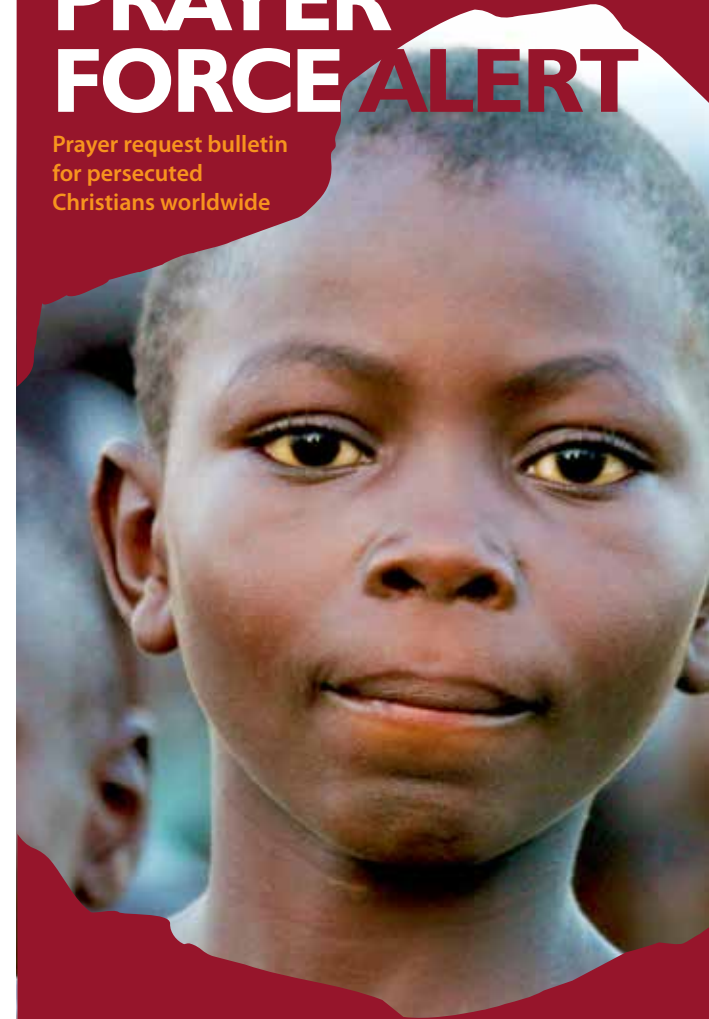
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PRAYER FORCE ALERT

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.

In observation of Ramadan, last month's Prayer Force Alert only went through part of July. Please go to OpenDoorsUSA.org for the most up to date prayers for the month of July. Our regular Prayer Force Alert has resumed for August.

Pastors



And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
– Jeremiah 3:15

August 1 | CHINA

Pray for Arthur*. After converting from Islam to Christianity, he felt called to minister to other former Muslims, but is now depressed and confused about his ministry.

August 2 | IRAN

As many leave Islam for Christ, pray for the pastors and church workers blessed with the daunting task of shepherding all of them.

August 3 | LAOS

A tribal pastor in Laos, closely watched, requests prayer for his ministry to local Christians who feel forced to lead double lives as animists or be cast out of their village.

August 4 | GULF COUNTRIES

Pray for the pastors and Christian workers from the region who recently gathered for refreshment and mutual encouragement at a Christian leader conference.

August 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



For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
– Philippians 3:20

August 6 | LEBANON

Thank God for fruitful ministry to refugees who have fled to Lebanon. Pray that He would continue to use it to change hearts.

August 7 | VIETNAM

Pray for persecuted Christian Montagnards (indigenous peoples of the mountains of Vietnam) who have fled to Cambodia. Pray they would find rest and safety.

August 8 | SYRIA

Pray for young Christian men who feel forced to leave the country to avoid serving in the Syrian military.

August 9 | MYANMAR

Pray for Christians from the Chin ethnic group who are fleeing to Thailand and Malaysia to avoid persecution and ethnic cleansing.

Discipleship



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
– Matthew 16:24

August 10 | SRI LANKA

In public schools, Christian children are compelled to study and practice Buddhism. Pray Christians would be brought into their lives to disciple and mentor them.

August 11 | KENYA

"After attending the Standing Strong Through the Storm seminar, I was deeply encouraged and emboldened. Now I can stand strongly in this region," says a pastor in Mandera. Praise God!

August 12 | BHUTAN

Please pray for new Christians struggling to shed old beliefs in the power of Buddha and other deities.

August 13 | TUNISIA

Praise God that Tunisian believers are multiplying. Pray He would grant them spiritual growth and maturity.

August 14 | MAURITANIA

Pray for efforts to translate the New Testament into the modern day Pulaar language, which is changing so fast that youth can't understand passages translated 30 years ago.

Churches



And he is the head of the body, the church...
– Colossians 1:18a

August 15 | IRAQ

During this trying time when the country is crumbling away, pray the Lord would use His church as an instrument of righteousness and light.

August 16 | TANZANIA

Pray for members of the multiple churches that have been burned to the ground this year — for grace, peace and forgiveness.

August 17 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

As Madrasas and mosques grow in numbers in the region, pray God would equip His children for whatever lies ahead.

August 18 | BANGLADESH

Pray for believers in Jhenaidah and Pabna who are experiencing rising levels of violence. Pray their faith and zeal to preach the gospel would be unwavering.

August 19 | LIBYA

The largest migrant church in the country is under a lot of pressure due to racism. Pray for the protection of the church and its members.

August 20 | COLOMBIA

As the church participates in reconciliation efforts between the government and the FARC guerrilla group, pray they will serve as salt and light.

August 21 | ISRAEL & PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Pray for followers of Jesus who are surrounded by conflict to be agents of God's Word, love and grace.

Women



My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
– Psalm 73:26