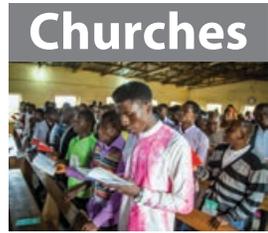


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## Churches

*And He is the head of the body, the Church...  
– Colossians 1:18a*

### August 20 | BRUNEI

Brunei has taken another step toward implementing a law that will make conversion from Islam to Christianity a crime punishable by death. Pray with the church there.

### August 21 | TAJIKISTAN

There are reports that secret service officers are posing as church guests for “inside” information. Please pray for wisdom for leaders who must now navigate this threat.

### August 22 | NIGER

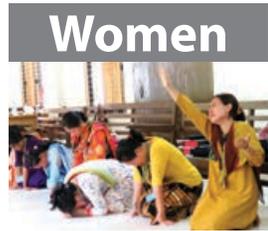
A church in Tokarawa was attacked by radicals. When the leader took the case to the village chief, he refused to act. Pray for God’s protection and encouragement.

### August 23 | BRUNEI

Expatriate believers make up about 50 percent of the country’s church membership. Many are forced to leave the country as the price of oil drops and jobs are slashed. Ask God to raise up leaders in Brunei.

### August 24 | NORTH KOREA

Believers in North Korea continue to pay harshly for their decision to live for Jesus. Ask God to provide for them both physically and spiritually, and to encourage them.



## Women

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

### August 25 | INDIA

A 66-year-old woman was recently murdered by a Hindu extremist. Her murderer was angry she had left Hinduism and

had adopted Christian faith. Please pray with her grieving family as well as local Christians.

### August 26 | BANGLADESH

Morjina’s\* family tried to force her back into Islam, but she refused. They have now deprived her of her inheritance rights. Pray for this sister’s situation.

### August 27 | NIGERIA

Elizabeth Paul was expelled from school for sharing about Christ on social media. Pray that God would encourage and strengthen her as she walks through these trials.

### August 28 | GUINEA

Pray for Madeleine. She is facing mistreatment and death threats since her conversion to Christianity. She is cut off from the community and her husband.



## 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 29 | ERITREA

Eritrean authorities have arrested 12 Christians gathered at the home of a newlywed couple in the capital city of Asmara. Pray that those in jail would not be overcome by fears.

### August 30 | INDONESIA

Trinity, one of the child victims in the church bombing last year, is healing wonderfully. Her father recently sent us a video clip of her strumming the guitar and singing, “I am happy to be God’s child.” Continue to pray for Trinity’s healing!

### August 31 | VIETNAM

Four families of Hmong Christian believers were attacked by their village chief and other villagers in their northwest province. Please pray for this group of believers as they continue to stand strong in the wake of the brutal attack.

\*Names changed to protect identities



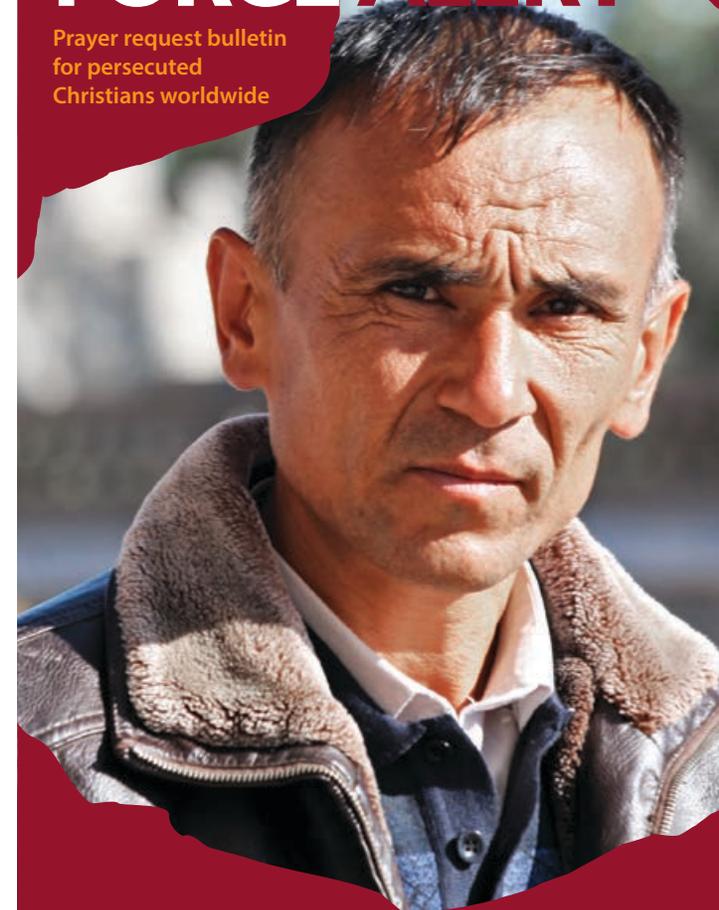
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# PRAYER FORCE ALERT

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 photo used to protect identity.

# Praying for Central Asia

*In countries like Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan, a Bible is a treasured gift—and in some places, a hard thing to come by. These believers rely on the Word of God to help them face increasing persecution. Throughout August, we'll be focusing on bringing Scripture to this part of the world, and we ask you to join us.*

## August 1 | TAJIKISTAN

Aslan\* and Mahmad\* faithfully shared the gospel with people in their area; some even accepted Jesus. As a result, officials summoned them to the police station, where they were brutally beaten and fined. Please pray for their safety and emotional/physical state.

## August 2 | KAZAKHSTAN

Pastor Salim\*, his wife and leaders of their church were recently arrested and forced to leave their children alone. While they were in jail, police raided their home and confiscated hundreds of Christian books and Bibles. Please pray with this family who has experienced repeated trauma.

## August 3 | AZERBAIJAN

According to a new amendment to the state religious code, religious groups meeting without registration will be subject to one to two years in prison. Please pray with Pastor Mehman and his church as they face these difficult conditions.

## August 4 | KYRGYZSTAN

Keep praying with believers in the town of Kajisay where local Muslim extremists set fire to their church building. Ask God to continue to strengthen the faith of these believers.

## August 5 | TAJIKISTAN

"I am not alone in my prison," says jailed Pastor Bahrom Kholmatov and his wife, Gulya. They thank you for the kind cards you sent. "Praise God for the Body of Christ around the world!"

## August 6 | CENTRAL ASIA

Please pray with a secret group of believers as they fight for the right to practice their faith. They have been fasting and praying for security and opportunities to meet together, preach, pray, have Bibles and worship.

## August 7 | CENTRAL ASIA

Christian woman Latifa\* was a secondary school teacher who came to faith about two years ago. Recently, the school fired

Latifa because "she refused her previous faith and had Christian friends." Pray with Latifa.

## Pastors



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

## August 8 | VIETNAM

Continue to pray with Lee\* and his house church. Police confronted him and ordered members to stop gathering for church activities. Pray that Lee and his church would find ways to gather and that God would reveal His plan to Lee.

## August 9 | BHUTAN

Pray with the local pastors and their wives who visit believers living in remote areas to encourage new Christians and share the Word of God. Pray for protection and safety.

## August 10 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray with the wife of Mahmut\*, an underground church pastor arrested with three other pastors. The last year has been extremely difficult for her, and one of our partners facilitated a respite to a safe area for her.

## August 11 | SRI LANKA

Jit\*, a youth pastor in one of the northeast provinces, thanks the Lord for giving him the opportunity to participate in Standing Strong Through the Storm (SSTS) persecution preparedness trainings. Pray with Jit and others as they learn how to persevere in their newfound faith.

## Refugees



*But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*  
— Philippians 3:20

## August 12 | PHILIPPINES

As residents fled their homes at the start of the five-month war to drive out Islamic State militants, Christian workers were able to establish relationships and even lead some Muslims to Christ. Pray for efforts to continue.

## August 13 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Pray for 13-year-old Toby, who comes from the troubled North Kivu province where the Islamic extremist group Allied Defense Forces has been wreaking havoc. Ask God to strengthen him and pray for the release of the ADF captives.

## August 14 | SUDAN

Pray with Adam\*, a Sudanese refugee living in Chad who faces persecution from the Muslim community. He asks Christians to pray for his protection—and that God would open the hearts of his persecutors to the gospel.

## 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 15 | SRI LANKA

Clashes between Sinhalese Buddhists and the Muslim community have caused riots. An Open Doors worker shared, "The riots have an impact on some of our projects." Please pray that these tensions would not affect or inhibit opportunities to spread the gospel exponentially.

## August 16 | BRUNEI

Home to 54,800 Christians, Muslim-majority Brunei presents a growing challenge to its youth. Pray for wisdom for Brunei's Christian youth and insight for church leaders as they guide and strengthen the next generation.

## August 17 | PHILIPPINES

Pray with the youth whose families and friends deny them because they trust Isa Al-Masih (Jesus Christ). Pray that these teens will persevere in their faith and continue to run the race.

## August 18 | BANGLADESH

Pronob Chakma is a 34-year-old tribal believer. She asks Christians to pray that she will be faithful to her Savior. "After we believed in Jesus, we suffered a lot," she says.

## August 19 | MALDIVES

Pray that outreach efforts to reach Maldivian Muslims will produce seeds that, ultimately, will grow into a strong Maldivian church. Pray also for a fruitful discipleship program for the country's few thousand secret believers.