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February 17 | BHUTAN

Pray for the literacy teachers training in the country, especially for godly wisdom, teachable hearts and an eagerness to learn. Ultimately, pray that as these believers learn to read, they will use their education to study the Bible on their own.

February 18 | BANGLADESH

“I learned three important things from Open Doors’ lay leadership training,” says Razaul, 35. “Be faithful, be forgiving and keep fellowship with God and man. I’ll follow these teachings in my life and ministry.” Pray that God will use Razaul and many like him to lead people to Himself.

February 19 | INDONESIA

Pray for the Sunday school teachers’ training in West Sumatra created to equip participants to teach children the biblical foundation of their faith. This area is a hotspot where many believers are converting to Islam for financial benefits.

February 20 | YEMEN

Please pray with a fellowship leader as he leads others in studying the Word. Pray specifically that this leader’s wife will become a believer. She’s asking a lot of questions but is fearful. Pray that Yemeni husbands will mirror Christ’s love as they reach out to their wives.

February 21 | MYANMAR

To attend a training for lay leaders, pastors and church leaders often travel more than a day by motorcycles and hired vehicles. Pray for their safety and protection and that through this program, they will learn to be strong witnesses for Christ in the troubled country.

Churches



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

February 22 | LAOS

Open Doors trains Hmong church leaders in Laos who will then disciple the church and protect it from wrong teachings. Pray that the trainings will truly strengthen the church.

February 23 | BANGLADESH

Most Muslim-background believers are located in remote and rural areas where they are most prone to be persecuted and isolated. Ask God to help build a strong base of lay leaders in these small congregations.

Women



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

February 24 | CHINA

Please pray for Sister Ma,* a Christian believer who was formerly a Buddhist and has endured constant persecution from her family and community since giving her life to Jesus. Pray that God will bring other believers to Sister Ma’s side.

February 25 | NEPAL

Srijana* was persecuted by her parents, who didn’t allow her to go to church and tortured her for her faith. In response, Srijana left her home and is now going through a difficult time. Pray that God would provide for all of Srijana’s needs.

February 26 | CAMEROON

Pray for Sarah, who lost her husband in a Boko Haram attack on her village exactly one year ago. Pray for strength to continue to care for their children and for blessing on the families who have taken in Sarah’s family and cared for them.

February 27 | IVORY COAST

Tabitha was forced to marry a Muslim man. Pray that Tabitha would remain firm in her faith, and for the Lord to work in her husband’s heart.

February 28 | CENTRAL ASIA

Latifa* came to faith through the words of an Open Doors team when they visited the school where she worked. Unfortunately, she was fired from the school for her new faith. Pray for Latifa’s faith to grow in spite of her troubles.

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YES, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN
CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

(2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

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In February, Open Doors is focusing on the Top 5 places in the world where it's most dangerous to be a Christian. In these countries, being a follower of Jesus is a death sentence for not only you, but also your family. This month, we invite you to join your hearts with ours as we pray for believers in the darkest places.

February 1 | NORTH KOREA

In the short time Lee Joo-Chan* was reunited with his mother, she told him about their family's Christian faith. Today, pray with parents who can't share their faith with their children and raise them to know Jesus.

February 2 | AFGHANISTAN

Many Afghans secretly listen to Christian radio stations or download Christian materials. Some are genuine (but isolated) believers; others are disillusioned with Islam and want to know more about Jesus. Thank God for this tiny church of secret Christians and pray that God would speak to them.

February 3 | SOMALIA

Mired in ceaseless civil war, social fragmentation, tribalism and Islamic extremism, violence has remained at an extreme level in Somalia. In the country's capital city, the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab recently showed its potency by conducting a number of attacks. Please remember believers in Somalia today.

February 4 | PAKISTAN

Pakistan has the most notorious blasphemy laws in the world—used disproportionately against religious minorities. Between 1990 and 2014, more than a quarter (187) of the blasphemy cases were against Christians. Pray with believers living in this harsh climate.

February 5 | SUDAN

Despite efforts by the Sudanese government to uproot the Nuba people, they have remained resilient. Thanks to your support, Open Doors has provided discipleship and leadership training. Recently, 18 students graduated from a Bible college there. They have now been sent out to preach the gospel far and wide in Sudan. Remember to pray with them.

Pastors



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

February 6 | INDIA

Pray with Pastor Kiran* and Ramesh* who are doing ministry in East India. While they were conducting worship, Hindu extremists came and physically attacked them. The whole church was panic-stricken.

February 7 | BRUNEI

Most believers are afraid of losing their freedom and possessions if they were to reach out to Muslims. Islamization is also depleting the number of Christians in the country. These fears are threatening the Church's survival. Pray for pastors and leaders. Ask God to wake them up and see the coming storm.

February 8 | NIGER

Pray with Pastor Saidou, who's facing pressure for his evangelistic zeal. Recently, he was taken to court, falsely accused of abducting and brainwashing a young man. Pray for the Lord's protection over Saidou and strength for his family members who have become somewhat discouraged.

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

February 9 | TAJIKISTAN

Please pray with a group of nine brothers in Christ in the south of Tajikistan. They were arrested while preaching the gospel in an area where Islamic traditions are strong. Pray their passion for sharing the gospel would not be dampened.

February 10 | INDIA

Pray with 63 million Christians in India facing daily persecution, such as false accusations, church attacks, physical violence, social boycotts, expulsion from villages, etc. Please pray that believers would be empowered to stand against this growing violence and discrimination.

February 11 | VIETNAM

Today, remember Christians with tribal ethnic backgrounds whose faith prevents full access to basic government services and public education, resulting in little opportunity for employment. Pray that they would have a voice in the government and gain full access to these resources.

February 12 | PHILIPPINES

Every day believers in the Philippines face threats of kidnappings and bombings. Many people there have grown numb to these dangers because they occur so frequently. Please pray for their discernment.

February 13 | NIGERIA

Pray with the family of Leah Sharibu, who was kidnapped one year ago today by Boko Haram. She and more than 100 girls were abducted when the militants invaded their school in Dapchi.

Refugees



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

February 14 | MYANMAR

Pray for those affected by fall's monsoon flood, which has impacted people all over the country. Please pray for the victims' safety and recovery and that this trial will offer opportunities to reveal the love of God and His heart for His people.

February 15 | EGYPT

Today marks the fourth anniversary of the martyrdom of the 21 believers beheaded by ISIS on the Libyan coast. Pray with their families today and the thousands of Egyptian believers forced to leave their homes for safety from Muslim extremists.

February 16 | IRAQ

Pray for the recovery of the Iraqi church. Displaced families are expected to return to their original villages, though many areas lack public services and believers still fear for their safety. Some families are thinking about emigrating entirely. Please pray with believers and for the country's economic growth and stability.

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