Pray with Aygul, a Christian convert from Islam, who recently saw her brother beaten for his Christian faith. Because of the shock of the attack, doctors said she miscarried the baby she was carrying. Pray for her emotional and physical recovery.

March 27 | ARABIAN PENINSULA
Pray for community and safety of believers where Islam is the dominating religion. Pray that God would strengthen their ties and give them safe ways to secretly meet and fellowship.

March 28 | IRAN
Please pray with Iranian believer Nasvard Gol-Tapeh who has been in Evin Prison (known as the country’s “torture factory”) for over a year.

March 29 | CHINA
Reports of increasing Christian persecution continue, including efforts to indoctrinate the next generation. Pray with children in the Zhejiang Province who were asked to fill out a form in school stating they did not follow a religion.

March 30 | LIBYA
Pray for the protection of expatriate believers in Libya. Many sub-Saharan Africans have lived and worked in Libya for years. They suffer discrimination for both their skin color and their Christian faith.

March 31 | IRAQ
Pray with Christian families whose family members are still missing after ISIS invaded five years ago. Many are still uncertain of their family’s whereabouts. Pray for safe return or information that would reveal where they are or what happened to them.

*Names changed to protect identities

March 1 | YEMEN
Pray for believers to continue being equipped so that when the war ends, they will be qualified and ready to build the country again. Ask God to use the country’s suffering to strengthen believers and deepen their dependence on Him.

March 22 | TUNISIA
Halima is still out on her own after being expelled by her husband. Serious persecution began when her 15-year-old daughter became a believer like her. Halima received short-term help. Please pray with her for a long-term solution.

March 23 | CHAD
Achta (in her 20s) is one of a few Christians among her Muslim-dominated tribe. She has faced significant pressure from her peers but remains passionate about sharing the gospel with children. Ask God to bless her ministry in church and her testimony at school.

March 24 | ERITREA
Aster* is married and the mother of four. Since her pastor-husband was imprisoned, she must provide for their family. But she has received great care from the church through Open Doors. She asks us: “Pray fervently that we get to worship God freely in our country. Keep praying for us.”

March 25 | IVORY COAST
Please pray for Louise, a wife and mother of two. When she became a Christian, her husband and all her Muslim relatives rejected and abandoned her and the children. Pray for God’s protection and provision over her and her two kids. She asks that we pray for the conversion of her entire family.

March 26 | KYRGYZSTAN

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

March 27

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

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In March, Open Doors is focusing on rebuilding hope for the church in the Middle East. This month, we invite you to pray specific and informed prayers for believers in Iraq and Syria as we remember our brothers and sisters in these extremely volatile areas.

March 1 | IRAQ
Since their displacement by ISIS in 2014, many Christians have returned to their towns and houses over the last 24 months. Pray for their homecomings would provide great encouragement and that, through them, non-believers would discover the hope and strength Jesus brings.

March 2 | SYRIA
Pray for increasing opportunities for churches’ involvement in their countries’ healing process. And pray for strength and perseverance of church leaders as they stand up for Christ.

March 3 | IRAQ
In several areas of Iraq and Syria, Open Doors is partnering with local churches to help build Centers of Hope that will be a source of aid and community. Pray for the centers planned in Ma’arouneh, Kesab, Mashta, Al Helou and one on the outskirts of Damascus.

March 4 | JORDAN, LEBANON, TURKEY
Pray with Father Afram in Baghdad who turned his declining church into a Center of Hope when he realized that Christians were not going out of their homes after work for safety concerns. Now, believers are able to meet together, play games, eat and more.

March 5 | IRAQ
Thank God for the great gathering of youth in the city of Erbil. About 550 young people gathered to praise Jesus. Pray for increasing opportunities for churches’ involvement in their countries’ healing process. And pray for strength and perseverance of church leaders as they stand up for Christ.

March 6 | IRAQ AND SYRIA
God is using television, radio, social media and other platforms to accomplish His purposes in Iraq. Pray that through these channels, people will be renewed, strengthened, challenged and changed for His glory!

March 7 | IRAQ
Five years ago, 20 churches were destroyed and more than a hundred Christians of the Tiv tribe were killed in month-long attacks by Fulani militants in Benue State. Pray with grieving pastors and believers today.

March 8 | VIETNAM
A Hmong church leader, Pastor Chai,* recently paid a fine equivalent to $130 for distributing Hmong Bibles among the tribal believers in his province. Pray for his and his church’s safety—and perseverance to continue to serve, following God’s call on his life.

March 9 | SRI LANKA
Our local partner recently visited three pastors who were threatened with expulsion by radical Buddhist monks and their adherents. Pray as we continue to assess the situation and discern how to best support 15 local believers who were also affected.

March 10 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
Open Doors conducts couples seminars, providing opportunities to share and grow and learn from God’s Word. Pray with participating lay leaders who are struggling in their relationships with their spouses and children.

March 11 | MYANMAR
Pray for the next generation of believers. As society tries to pull young people back into Islam, they are struggling with staying connected to the church.

March 12 | MIDDLE EAST
As we prepare for Easter, pray that Jesus and His sacrifice will renew persecuted Christians and embolden their faith to be a source of blessing as they observe the Lent season in their communities and local churches.

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March 14 | CHINA
Please pray with the leaders whose house churches have recently been raided and closed. Crosses have been torn down and church equipment, Bibles and other Christian materials confiscated. Some house church buildings have been destroyed completely.

March 15 | PAKISTAN
Pray with participating lay leaders—that God would give them wisdom, boldness and insight to implement their learnings in their local church context.

March 16 | MOROCCO
Continue praying with us that the church in Lebanon would continue to stand strong as they reach out to refugees and to all the communities who don’t know our Lord Jesus.

March 17 | LEBANON
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March 18 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
Praise God for lives touched in literacy classes. Suraya, from a class of 32, says: “My father is a janitor and my mother does other people’s laundry. Now, I can read and write. I thank Open Doors, but most especially I thank Jesus Christ for this blessing.”

March 19 | BHUTAN
Praise God for the completion of the Women’s Empowerment Workshop and that the women’s accomplishments are already drawing more for the next workshop. Pray they will continue to mature in their faith.

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