May 20 | ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES
Please pray that the church in Gaza will keep their hope in Christ. Ask God to fill their hearts with His love and make them a light in their community.

May 21 | SUDAN
In Darfur, a small church is facing pressure for their faith in Christ. Last October, state police forced their way into a gathering and arrested a dozen believers. Stand with these believers.

May 22 | VIETNAM
Continue to pray for Lee* and his house church. Police confronted him and ordered church members to stop gathering. Lee was also asked to name church members, but he refused. Pray for his protection.

May 23 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
Over a year after the deadly Marawi siege (a five-month battle between Islamic State and military forces), evacuees still need prayer for safety. Please pray they will be relocated soon.

May 24 | ERITREA
Thank the Lord the peace agreement between Ethiopia and Eritrea has opened borders, allowing people to move more freely between the two countries. Ask God to use the changed geopolitical situation.

May 25 | NORTH KOREA
Christians in North Korea continue to suffer for their faith. Pray for both physical and spiritual provision. And ask God to increase the reach of the secret Christian messages broadcast via radio.

May 26 | VIETNAM
Praise God for providing motorcycles for eight church leaders whose ministries are in mountainous areas. Said one recipient: “I give thanks to God and all who support us in this gift.”

May 27 | BHUTAN
Believers from different parts of Bhutan recently came together for a three-day fellowship. They prayed together, encouraged each other, and set their hearts and minds toward a unified vision. Praise God for this time of fellowship.

May 28 | MALDIVES
There is a new government in place this year. Pray for God to work in the hearts of these new officials to allow more religious freedom. Pray He would bring many Maldivians to Himself.

May 29 | IRAN
Many Iranian believers are dealing with effects from trauma, including physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Please pray these victims will find the support and healing they need. Pray also for their persecutors.

May 30 | ISRAEL AND PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES
Pray for children living under the pressures of poverty, fear and loss of family members. Pray for peace and freedom to travel and visit family members living in the West Bank.

May 31 | TURKMENISTAN
Pray with Amina,* an elderly woman. Authorities called her to the local police station and harshly questioned her about Christian meetings in her home—threatening to arrest her for following Christ.

*Names changed to protect identities.
On the world’s second-largest continent, Christians throughout Africa are enduring severe persecution. In May, Open Doors is focusing on African believers suffering from both oppression and physical violence. Please join us in praying with our brothers and sisters in these places where peace is elusive and conflict is ever-present.

May 1 | NORTH AFRICA
A convert from Islam was recently arrested for carrying a Bible and other Christian materials. In police custody, he was accused of evangelism and badly beaten. Pray for his complete recovery.

May 2 | TUNISIA
Amani* and Yara* are two young believers who have recently begun meeting together. Praise God they have found each other for fellowship.

May 3 | LIBYA
Please pray for peace in this country torn apart by civil war where chaos remains constant. Pray for believers’ protection and that the hearts of non-believers would be open to receive the Good News.

May 4 | MOROCCO
Moroccan believers are specifically asking us to join them in prayer for unity in the local church. Pray for opportunities for fellowship and mutual encouragement. Pray also that the Moroccan government will grant more freedom to Christians.

May 5 | CAMEROON
Previously, we asked you to pray for Sadia, a convert from Islam forced into hiding. Recently, she was diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery. When Open Doors workers visited her in the hospital, she told them, “Thank you very much for your prayers for me.” Please continue praying.

May 6 | NIGERIA
Content from our persecution preparedness seminar is being broadcast via radio to northern Nigeria where some of the most extreme areas of persecution exist. Please pray that these radio messages will continue to strengthen believers.

May 7 | ETHIOPIA
Christians are still reeling from last year’s ethnic violence—including murder, rape, assault and destruction of homes—that targeted Christians. Please pray with church leaders for wisdom as they help traumatized believers recover. Thank God for the aid Open Doors partners have delivered in the aftermath.

May 8 | LAOS
The Laotian church faces a great need to train leaders who can lead biblical discipleship and refute erroneous teachings. Pray for Christians here.

May 9 | MYANMAR
One of the pastors who attended a persecution preparedness training recently shared that a mob of extremists disrupted his church’s worship. Pastor John* said the seminar helped them weather the storm. Please pray for wisdom and safety.

May 10 | BANGLADESH
Since they came to faith, Pastor Jibon Chakma and his family have been threatened by their community. Now, he, his wife and two sons have disappeared. Please pray for their safety and stand with local believers.

May 11 | SRI LANKA
Previously, we prayed for Pastor Arjuna* who was attacked and threatened by a mob during a worship service. Since then, he and his family have remained under police protection. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring peace.

May 12 | MOTHER’S DAY
Throughout the world, women and young girls face double persecution—for both their gender and their faith. Pray that we would all stand with these mothers and children.

May 13 | LIBYA
Pray for young female believers whose families force them to marry Muslim men. Pray that Christian women forced to marry would be kept safe and bold in sharing their hope.

May 14 | NIGERIA
Ruth,* 24, converted to Christianity from Islam, which led her parents to disown her. A church elder took in Ruth, but after a year, Sharia police abducted her. Stand with Ruth in prayer as she faces pressure to revert to Islam.

May 15 | NIGER
When Sahoura, 13, accepted Christ, her family threatened her with beatings. The young girl is now living with a Christian family and is being trained as a tailor. Pray with Sahoura as her newfound faith grows.

May 16 | GUINEA
Ousmane is a young convert from Islam. When his parents discovered his conversion, they threatened his life. He has gone into hiding. Pray for strength and comfort.

May 17 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES
Praise God for an in-house discipleship program for teenagers supported by Open Doors. Ask God to strengthen these young men.

May 18 | MALAYSIA
Recently, five foreigners were caught by police for distributing Christian magazines on the streets. Such actions are considered an offense to Malaysia’s Penal Code. Pray with these believers.

May 19 | VIETNAM
Praise the Lord for raising up believers to help translate the recent printing of the Bible in various Vietnamese tribal languages. Pray that those who received a copy will share the gospel with others.