September 21 | ETHIOPIA
Pray with Berhane,* a young girl who told her family she had left the tribal religion and is now a Christian. Her family has thrown her out. For girls in tribal communities, surviving expulsion requires divine intervention.

September 22 | GUINEA
Christians in Belekpala now have clean water thanks to a new well built by Open Doors partners through your support. Previously, they were forced to walk far distances for water when water was scarce. Now, believers share their well with the whole village.

September 23 | CENTRAL ASIA
Recent reports from Uyghur Christians tell us that the Uyghur people are very open to the gospel. Uyghur believers are building relationships—contributing to the growth of house churches.

September 24 | NORTH KOREA
A Christian who escaped North Korea shared: “Thank your supporters so much for their support. It’s so important to provide for the needs of the secret believers in North Korea. They are God’s agents, the only hope that North Korea will be evangelized one day.”

September 25 | ETHIOPIA
After an attack on churches in Alaba, one church leader told us: “I praise God. Before the attack, we didn’t have strong fellowship, but this incident has brought us together.” Pray unity continues as churches rebuild.

September 26 | LAOS
Praise God for pastors like Xay* who represent believers before high-level officials. Ask God to give him the words to speak and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

September 27 | SYRIA
Pray for people like Randa.* She lost her husband, one of her three sons and her home in the war. Her husband died during a shelling, and her son was killed by a sniper. She was displaced twice and is hoping to return to her home village.

September 28 | IRAQ
ISIS sleeper cells have been identified in Mosul (one of Iraq’s largest cities). As a result, many Christians hesitate to return to their homes. Pray for peace and ask God to touch the hearts of militants.

September 29 | SYRIA
Victims kidnapped during the war by rebels and ISIS are still missing. Two bishops from Aleppo were abducted in April 2013. Please join the churches in Aleppo in continuing to pray for their return.

September 30 | IRAQ
Many returnees to the Nineveh Plain are struggling to find jobs. During their displacement, they had to leave their businesses. Pray with families as they work to restore their livelihoods.

*Representative name or photo used to protect identity.
Jesus. Thank you for standing with our family in India. 

This month, we continue our focus on praying for India—the 10th most difficult country in which to be a Christian, according to the 2019 World Watch List. In India, radical Hindu nationalism is vocal, omnipresent and often results in violent attacks against anyone who leaves Hinduism to follow Jesus. Thank you for standing with our family in India.

September 1 | INDIA

Rapesh,* a believer from a tribe in western India, asks us to pray: “I request that believers pray for me. Believers from my village are facing a lot of persecution. Pray the persecution will stop, in the name of Jesus.”

September 2 | INDIA

In some villages, Open Doors partners must be very careful in how they provide emergency aid. It could endanger believers if outside support is too obvious. Pray for their wisdom and protection.

September 3 | INDIA

Please pray for Meeta,* a 21-year-old single mother who left Hinduism. Our partners helped her set up a small salon and provided vocational training. Meeta wants us to pray that she can serve God and reflect Him in all she does.

September 4 | INDIA

Please pray that God will continue to work through the persecution preparedness trainings Open Doors local partners provide. A participant recently told us: “I was so happy to come to the persecution preparedness training. … It was just what I needed.”

September 5 | INDIA

Pastor Neelesh* and his family have faced horrific persecution. Their home was burned down. Yet he stands strong in his faith. Pray for protection and provision.

September 6 | INDIA

When Pastor Raman’s* church was burned down and he was injured, Open Doors’ local partners were there to buy basic necessities and groceries for the pastor and his family. Praise God for this provision.

September 7 | INDIA

Pray for Kirti,* a young widow and mother of four. Her husband was killed because of his faith. She requests: “… pray for the murderers of my husband. May God change their hearts, and may they also accept Jesus in their lives.”

September 8 | SUDAN

Pray that government upheaval will lead to greater freedom for the Sudanese people and for the church in Sudan to remain courageous in their testimony in these uncertainties.

September 9 | CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for the safety of underground Uyghur house churches. Pray for continued courage for Uyghur believers as they open their hearts and homes to their community.

September 10 | SRI LANKA

Please continue to pray for the churches in Sri Lanka. Survivors from the Easter Sunday attacks need physical, mental and emotional healing. Ask God to strengthen their faith as they rebuild their lives.

September 11 | NORTH KOREA

Please continue to pray with the underground church in North Korea. Pray for the renewal of their hope in Christ and strength to endure.

September 12 | KAZAKHSTAN

Two Baptist worship services in the city of Taraz were raided by police who issued three fines equal to an average of one to two months’ wages. Ask God to guide church leaders as they navigate the situation.

September 13 | BANGLADESH

Children of converts from Islam often face bullying and rejection, not only by their peers but also their teachers. Please pray these children will truly understand how God sees them.

September 14 | CHAD

“Please continue praying very much for us … because we are committed to following Jesus,” says Alfred.* He and other young boys like him are courageously refusing to participate in the painful Yondo initiation ritual—which may include flogging, sexual indignities and drugging.

September 15 | VIETNAM

Dhrub Kumar Pariyar was beaten after being falsely accused of taking money from other countries for Christian conversions. Pray for healing and strengthened faith.

September 16 | NEPAL

Church leaders report a “climate of insecurity” for their congregations and members. Pray for safety and peace.

Women

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

– Psalm 73:26

September 17 | TURKEY

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September 18 | CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Pray with Leonie, a widow who refuses to participate in tribal traditions and is now alienated from her family and community. “As Christians, we believe these rituals are not biblical,” she shares.

September 19 | SAUDI ARABIA

In the strict Islamic society, women who convert to Christianity are seen as dishonoring their family, a mortal sin. Pray that Saudi Christian women will be delivered from this status.

September 20 | ALGERIA

If discovered, female Christian converts will likely be divorced by their Muslim husbands, leaving them without financial support and their children. Pray with women who are walking this path.