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Children



*Let the little children
come to Me ...
– Matthew 19:14a*

November 20 | SRI LANKA

On Easter Sunday when bombers attacked Zion Church, 136 children were in the courtyard; 14 are now with Jesus. Please pray for the 122 child survivors. A church Sunday school teacher recently recalled a child's comment: "Teacher, we don't want to close our eyes. When we close our eyes, we see fire."

November 21 | MEXICO

Persecution has far-reaching impact. Pray for children like Rosi* who was 12 when she began visiting her mother in prison—jailed for professing her faith in Jesus.

November 22 | BANGLADESH

Imran, a 7-year-old boy, was mocked and attacked by teenagers for his faith. His family are the only Christians in their village. Now he needs an eye operation to see again. Because of your support, Imran will receive the care he needs.

Women



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

November 23 | VIETNAM

Y Bi* was chased from her village and her home when she became a Christian. She asks us to pray she can finish construction of her own home and that her husband and daughter would come to know Jesus.

November 24 | NEPAL

Pray for Sashita,* whose husband left her and their children when she became a Christian. Thank God for Open Doors partners who provided her a buffalo and a calf. She's able to sell the milk to care for her family.

November 25 | NIGER

Pray for a Christian woman in the city of Diffa who was kidnapped by Boko Haram. She was later released. Pray for her as she copes with her trauma in an area that has been repeatedly attacked.

November 26 | NIGERIA

Praise God for The Shalom Center, Open Doors' long-awaited trauma center in Nigeria. Pray specifically with Rauta, the center's hired staff counselor.

Hope4ME



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Hope for the Middle East
Prayer Campaign. Visit
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to learn more.*

November 27 | IRAQ

Our local ministry partners have shared health statistics, indicating that many young people are fighting cancer. Because of the difficult economic situation and the high price of cancer treatment, patients quickly feel depressed and hopeless.

November 28 | SYRIA

Thank God for everything the Open Doors team is doing in Syria. Pray for team members to grow in strength, faith and wisdom and for vacancies on the team to be filled quickly.

November 29 | IRAQ

Pray with two elderly Christian women who suffered a horrible attack in their home. Armed assailants beat them and looted their home. Please pray for protection for those who have returned to the Nineveh Plain.

November 30 | SYRIA

Pray for unity between Syrian churches. The need for Christian congregations and denominations to work together for positive changes is urgent and great.

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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)

Monthly Focus | SECRET PROJECTS

Sometimes the work Open Doors does is so risky we can't speak about the details—to protect the believers involved and sometimes the work itself. This month as you join us in prayer, try to imagine being a Christian in an area so dangerous that things like owning a Bible, attending a Bible study or participating in a home church must be done in absolute secrecy.

November 1 | CENTRAL ASIA

Please continue to pray for physical and emotional healing for Eldos, the young man who was brutally attacked for his faith. He's now living in an undisclosed country for his safety. Pray he's able to find a permanent home.

November 2 | EAST AFRICA

Following Christ can be difficult and costly for Somalis in East Africa, with conversion from Islam carrying a death sentence in certain regions. Pray for wisdom and protection for Christians who live out their faith, often in secrecy and fear.

November 3 | SOUTH ASIA

Please continue to pray for the programs our on-the-ground partners host in South Asia. These programs provide fellowship opportunities that pastors and other believers would otherwise be unable to experience.

November 4 | NORTH KOREA

The work done in safe houses for North Koreans is high risk, especially with ongoing crackdowns in China. Reports tell us God is working powerfully as many people meet Jesus in the safe houses. Pray for courage for workers as they serve.

November 5 | CENTRAL ASIA

Please pray for believers and churches who face constant government pressure for sharing their faith. Pray specifically for our work that supports evangelists who run children's camps and medical clinics.

November 6 | WORLDWIDE

Please pray Brother Andrew's prayer—that God would “make seeing eyes blind”—as Christians secretly smuggle Bibles into the hands of believers. Pray the Word of God would bring new life and maturity to those who receive them.

November 7 | MIDDLE EAST

Underground churches are alive and active. Pray that leaders will rise up to lead churches and for courage among believers to meet together and grow in their faith.



Pastors

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

November 8 | AZERBAIJAN

Please continue to pray for Pastor Hamid Shabanov who leads Aliabad Baptist Church. For 25 years, the church has applied for legal status. Recently, the church's appeal of a fine—that they received for being unregistered and holding religious meetings—was rejected again.

November 9 | CHINA

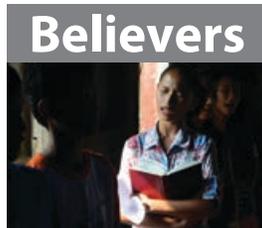
Pray for continued fruitfulness for Pastor Sarah's* work as she cares for hundreds of small groups of believers throughout southern China. Pray for her as she shares the gospel with Buddhists and unreached people groups.

November 10 | LAOS

Pray for Anya,* a church leader of 580 people who is also trained as a healthcare volunteer. Pray for spiritual opportunities to minister to others as he cares for their physical needs.

November 11 | VIETNAM

Pastor Thang* is a church leader whose family rejected him because of his faith. Fellow believers are his family now, he says. Your support and prayers strengthen him to care for others also facing persecution.



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

November 12 | BANGLADESH

Pray for Christians and non-Christians who attend literacy classes where the Bible is used as the textbook. Pray that non-Christians would be drawn to Christ as they learn to read and write.

November 13 | COLOMBIA

Believers in Buenaventura continue to preach God's Word in an environment where dismemberment, murder and death threats are regular occurrences. Pray for their perseverance and protection.

November 14 | CHINA

Pastor Timothy* is a church leader in his 70s. He asks for prayer that believers would stand strong in this ongoing crackdown—and that the young Christians in his church would hold fast to their faith.

November 15 | SUDAN

Please continue to pray for our Christian family in Sudan where unrest and violence have permeated the country after the ousting of former dictator al-Bashir. Sudanese Christians need much grace to live out their faith.

November 16 | INDIA

Please continue to pray for Tilak* as he still lives with threats against him for converting from a Hindu background. Thank God for the emergency supplies and persecution preparedness training Open Doors partners have provided.

November 17 | PHILIPPINES

Pray for peace and wisdom for believers like Isagani* and Lila* who are caught in the middle of a bloody feud between clans. Pray for peace among warring families and for miraculous encounters with Jesus.

November 18 | INDIA

Five Christians were severely beaten for their faith by villagers. Ask God to give them wisdom in their relationships with others in their community and strength to show forgiveness toward their attackers.

November 19 | MALI

Pray for survivors of a Fulani extremist attack on the village of Sobame Da. Pray for transcendent peace and strength as families grieve.