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Pray with area Christians; many have fled their homes in the face of repeated attacks.

October 21 | SRI LANKA

In the wake of the Easter bombings, continue to pray specifically for church leaders as they guide believers to embrace forgiveness and reject hate.

October 22 | MYANMAR

Pray for Pastor Lim,* Pastor Son* and Pastor Aung.* They were detained by an insurgent group after threats to stop preaching. Pray for strength for their churches to carry on during their absence.

October 23 | CHINA

A believer from central China recently reported that police shut down all house churches in the region and warned pastors against holding any meetings. However, many believers are volunteering to lead mini house churches. Pray for God's hand to move.

October 24 | MEXICO

Pray for Pastor Julio and his church in the dangerous city of Chimalhuacan. Julio led his church in a training program to help urban slum communities work toward transformation. Pray for his protection. Crime leaders target pastors fighting against corruption.



Women

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

October 25 | LIBYA

Golibe* was shot and killed while trying to bring another Christian man to the hospital. Pray for comfort, provision and protection for his wife and eight children. He was the family's provider.

October 26 | EAST AFRICA

Pray with Somali believer Ayaan.* When her family threatened her life, Open Doors workers came alongside her and provided an apartment. She is leading Bible studies where she lives now.

October 27 | PAKISTAN

This time last year, the Supreme Court overturned the death sentence for Christian mother Asia Bibi. Pray with her and her daughters as they heal in their new home in Canada. Ask God to restore what was stolen from them.

Hope4ME



Join our multi-year Hope for the Middle East Prayer Campaign. Visit ODUSA.org/Pray4ME to learn more.

October 28 | IRAQ

Thank God for the new Christian school, St. Joseph, in Qaraqosh—once an ISIS base. Pray for the teachers and students as God uses them to be His witnesses.

October 29 | SYRIA

Thank God that Open Doors could help launch several small local businesses. Pray for productivity as these family-run ventures work to support them and their communities.

October 30 | IRAQ

Pray for Iraqis suffering from chronic diseases. Many can't afford the high costs of medicine, and their health is worsening. Pray for healing and medical care.

October 31 | SYRIA

Pray for strength for the many volunteers who serve in Centers of Hope ministering to the community. Without their help and dedication, these life-giving centers can't function.

**Representative name or photo used to protect identity.*



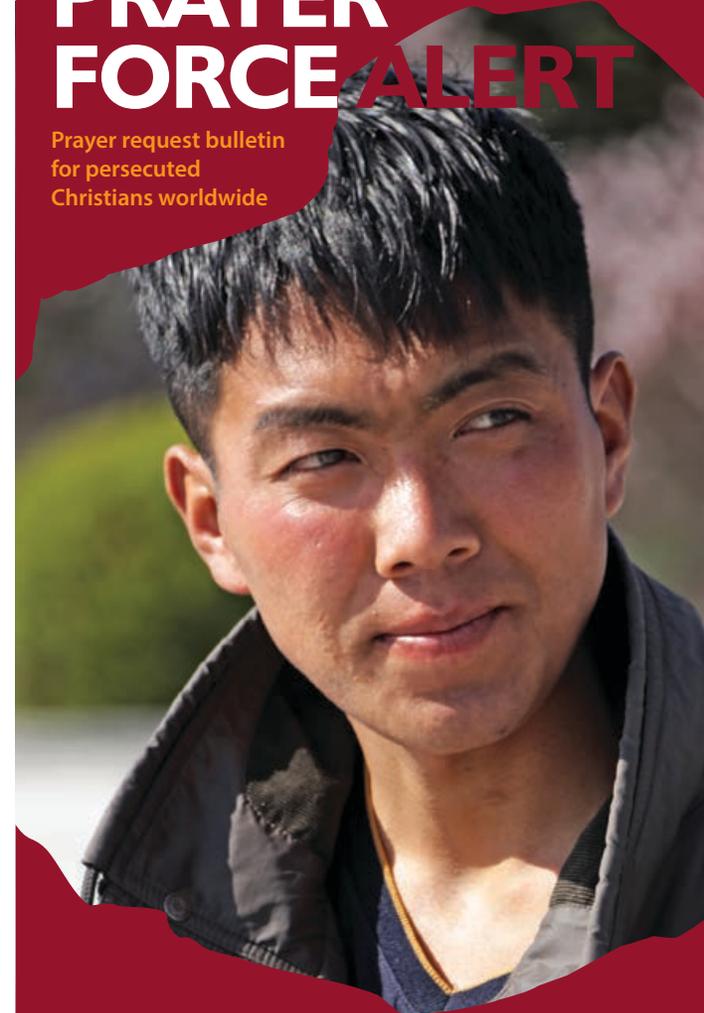
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PRAYER FORCE ALERT

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 | NORTH KOREA

In North Korea (No. 1 for 18 consecutive years on the World Watch List), *parents can't risk telling their children about their faith*. Some wait until their children are old enough; others never feel that freedom. This month, join us in praying for secret believers in North Korea.

October 1 | NORTH KOREA

Lee Joo-Chan*—now a pastor—is one of thousands of North Koreans who grew up unaware of his family's faith. Please pray with Christian North Korean parents as they, in turn, pray that their children will meet Jesus.

October 2 | NORTH KOREA

The United Nations recently reported that 4 in 10 North Koreans are chronically short on food; further cuts to already minimal rations are expected. Ask God to send hidden manna.

October 3 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and that any denuclearization talks would yield lasting positive results. Pray that no ego would get in the way of putting people's needs first.

October 4 | NORTH KOREA

Pray that North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un would see his need for God. Ask God to “remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh” (Ezek. 11:19).

October 5 | NORTH KOREA

Pray for safety and spiritual strength as North Koreans listen to the radio programs Open Doors broadcasts in the middle of the night. *God, we pray that this work among secret believers would bear fruit in and for Your people.*

October 6 | NORTH KOREA

A recent report indicates that North Koreans are forced to bribe officials to survive. Often, they pay for access to food, health care, shelter and work. Pray this corrupt system would be replaced by a just one.

October 7 | NORTH KOREA

North Korean refugee Min-Soo,* now a pastor in South Korea ministering to refugees, asks us to pray for discipleship for North Korean Christians, so that if and when the country opens up, the church will be ready to share the gospel.

Perseverance



Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
— James 1:4

October 8 | CAMEROON

The village of Gossi was attacked earlier this year. Thankfully, no lives were lost, but suspected Boko Haram militants damaged the properties of the already-demoralized Christian residents. Pray for perseverance and protection.

October 9 | BANGLADESH

Pray for Shantiranjon and his family to stand firm in their faith. Their home was burned to the ground after being threatened for their faith many times. Ask God to use this persecution for good (Gen. 50:20).

October 10 | NIGERIA

Please pray for God's grace on the church in the Madagali area. Boko Haram fighters invaded a Christian community and killed as many as 25 people. Pray for strength in the midst of grief.

October 11 | VENEZUELA

Pray for perseverance among believers in Venezuela as they experience ongoing political and economic unrest. Pray that Christians would demonstrate resilience, grace and wisdom to play a God-inspired role in the process.

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

October 12 | INDIA

Christians say the outcome of spring political elections could result in increased persecution. Our ministry partners ask: “Please pray for our government. Pray that they lead wisely.”

October 13 | ERITREA

Our field continues to report arrests of large groups of Christians. Pray for wisdom and grace as these believers interact with authorities and become powerful witnesses.

October 14 | SUDAN

Believers in Sudan request prayer that the 2019 political changes will result in equal treatment of Christians as Sudanese citizens. Pray especially that Christians will have representation in the political process.

October 15 | PAKISTAN

A U.S. government report indicates “at least 40 ... individuals ... [have been] sentenced to death or [are] serving life sentences on blasphemy charges [in Pakistan].” Pray with Pakistani believers who face daily threats of arrest.

October 16 | KAZAKHSTAN

Pray for believers arrested in the Kazakh airport for smuggling Christian literature. Pray there would be no criminal case or jail sentence.

October 17 | BANGLADESH

Pray for Razzaq and Rahima and believers like them. Their Muslim family members physically attacked the couple right after Rahima was baptized.

October 18 | SRI LANKA

Our Open Doors teams are working with churches to offer trauma counseling to area Christians and victims of the Easter Sunday bombings. Ask God to raise up counselors; pray for those participating in this ministry.

Churches



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

October 19 | KENYA

Pray with believers in Kiamaiko whose church was vandalized. Pray that they will not give up meeting together.

October 20 | BURKINA FASO

Six people, including a pastor, were killed during an armed attack after a Sunday morning worship service.