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June 20

Mohammad dreams of taking a theology course to be better prepared for working with the Yemeni church. Pray that he will realize his dream.

June 21

Finding a safe place to read a Bible (even on their phones) is difficult. Ask God to give believers a safe space to read His Word.



Called to biblical studies in Nepal

Reema is a 22-year-old believer from Nepal. Her family came to faith when God healed her. But because of their newfound faith, Reema and her family suffer social exclusion and poverty. When Reema felt called to study theology, her family had no money to help; they were already struggling to make ends meet.

But because of your support, Reema is continuing her education. She expresses her gratitude: "I really want to thank God and Open Doors' local partners for helping me pursue theological studies. This was a great answer to my prayers."

June 22

Pray Reema is able to study diligently and for wisdom as she chooses her area of ministry.

June 23

Reema shares her testimony with conviction—pray she has opportunities to do so with others who may not know Christ.

June 24

Pray that her three young siblings can complete their studies.

June 25

Pray for Reema and her family to be continuously filled with God's hope.

June 26

Pray for fortitude and provision for Reema's mother—that she is able to care for and provide for her family.

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

June 27

Pray for protection for Reema and her family.



Hope for the Middle East

Open Doors has a seven-year plan to pray for the church in the Middle East as Christians heal and rebuild in the years after being decimated by war and ISIS. Join our multi-year Hope for the Middle East Prayer Campaign as we lift up requests from believers in Iraq and Syria. You can also visit ODUSA.org/Pray4ME to learn more.

June 28

"Pray for Christians to stand strong in their faith," asks Nihad, a Kurdish pastor. "Pray that Christianity in Syria doesn't lose its identity, that Christians don't leave Syria and give up, but stay and fight in prayer for Syria."

June 29

Praise God for the start of reconstruction on the Syriac Catholic Gospel Church in Mosul. For more than two years, ISIS occupied the city in Iraq and destroyed many churches and cultural sites.

June 30

Thanaa is one of many middle-aged women who lost family in the Syrian war. "Life is hard; I feel very weak in the midst of everything around me," she shares. Pray for strength and joy for all women who feel overwhelmed and depressed due to their harsh circumstances.



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Secret church meetings in North Africa

Almost all Christians in North Africa are converts from Islam and because of this, they face persecution, often beginning with their own family. It's difficult for believers to meet together; when they do, it must be in secret.

Daniel* shares that in his town, there are about 20 Christians and no building where they can meet. Instead, they meet in homes and even cafés—taking extra care to ensure they're not noticed. For example, when they meet in a house, they spread out the meeting over a longer time period, allowing people to more easily sneak into the gathering. Believers must also plan where to park so they're not all together.

June 1

Pray that Daniel and other believers would be strong witnesses to their non-Christian spouses and that they, too, would meet Jesus.

June 2

Pray for wisdom and creativity for Christians as they discover ways to meet together for fellowship and prayer.

June 3

Ask God to build His Church through the leadership and discipleship trainings offered by partners of Open Doors.

June 4

Pray for isolated believers who are sometimes completely on their own as the only Christian in a village or town. Pray that God will make a way for Open Doors partners to visit and encourage them.

June 5

Pray for protection for believers like 22-year-old Alima*. Open Doors partners helped get her to safety after her father threatened to “get a knife and kill” her.

June 6

Pray for staff with Open Doors partners, such as Farid*. Ask God to give them grace when they meet people they are unable to help.

June 7

Please pray for comfort for believers who have lost their families because they made the decision to follow Jesus.



Technology ushers in a new wave of persecution in China

China's use of a technologically advanced system of control and surveillance is on the rise. A recent report estimates there now 415 million surveillance cameras in the country. This impacts the church, as registered churches are required to allow cameras in services to monitor congregants. One state-sanctioned church in Xinjiang is even known to require congregants to line up for facial recognition checks.

China is also rolling out a country-wide Social Credit System (SCS) that will allow authorities to reward “good” citizenship and punish “bad.” Already, one community has reportedly decided to add penalties for those who “illegally spread Christianity.” It's easy to see how surveillance technology could be used in tandem with the SCS to make everyday life very difficult for anyone the Chinese government deems insufficiently “Chinese”—including Christians.

June 8

Pray for God's mercy and grace to strengthen believers' faith, no matter what they are facing.

June 9

Pray for Chinese house churches to go deeper into God's Word.

June 10

Pray that persecution will be the seed of unity among churches.

June 11

Pray tech advances wouldn't be used to persecute Christians.

June 12

Pray for believers to be ambassadors of the gospel in their daily lives.

June 13

Pray for the churches in China to be faithful, brave and wise.

June 14

Pray that despite pressure and persecution, the gospel will continue to spread throughout China.



The only believer in Yemen

Yemen is often in the news because of the humanitarian crisis caused by a five-year civil war. The Yemeni people, including the small Christian community there, suffer greatly. However, in the midst of all this, people are learning about Jesus.

Mohammad* came to know Jesus about 17 years ago after curiosity caused him to buy and secretly read a Bible he found in a second-hand shop. For a long time, he thought he was the only Christian there. He remembers his first encounter with another Yemeni Christian: “We laughed together. Later I met some others ...”

June 15

Pray for the Lord's presence to permeate the house church meetings led by Mohammad and his wife.

June 16

Pray that God would raise up more believers. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37–38).

June 17

Pray for daily provision of believers' needs in this war-ravaged country.

June 18

Ask God to give believers discernment to share their faith in wise, yet bold, ways.

June 19

Join Mohammad today in his prayer—that “the Word of God will spread in Yemen and that [it] will be won by Christ.”