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August 21

Pray that Christian refugees repatriated and imprisoned in North Korea would sense God's presence.



Mama Telesi: Displaced in the DRC

Mama Telesi is one of the thousands of internally displaced Christians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her life has been filled with many hardships, including losing her husband 10 years ago. His death left her to fend for herself and her children in an area first plagued by persistent militant brutality and then by the deadly Ebola outbreak.

Even in her hardships, Mama Telesi remains thankful: "With all this suffering, I just remember what my husband used to say ... I tell myself God is in control. He will wipe away my tears. My husband taught me how to read the Word of God, and He tells me to give thanks in all situations, and that is what I do—it helps me."

August 22

Pray against attacks on Christians in the Congo. Christians are often forced to flee into overcrowded internal displacement camps.

August 23

Join us in thanking God for a window of opportunity to deliver much-needed aid to Mama Telesi and local believers like her.

August 24

Pray for pastors and church leaders in these areas who serve the persecuted church in the face of increasingly difficult circumstances.

August 25

Pray for provision for internally displaced Christians who have no means to provide for themselves.

August 26

Pray for the situation of insecurity in the country and that the many conflicts in the country would be resolved peacefully.

**Representative names or photos used to protect identities throughout.*

August 27

Pray Mama Telesi will continue to stand firmly in God and share His gospel with others.



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 after civil war and ISIS decimated their villages. 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.

August 28

Pray for people's safety at Syrian border checkpoints where there are many reports of abductions.

August 29

Pray for churches in Syria and Iraq as they come alongside believers to help them recover from war, ISIS and the coronavirus pandemic.

August 30-31

Pray for the various activities our local partner in Iraq has organized to bring hope. A mother told us that because of their women's Bible study group, she is once again opening the Bible with her husband and children.



Get up-to-date requests from persecuted Christians around the world through our free Prayer App. Text PRAYER to 32500 to download the app now!



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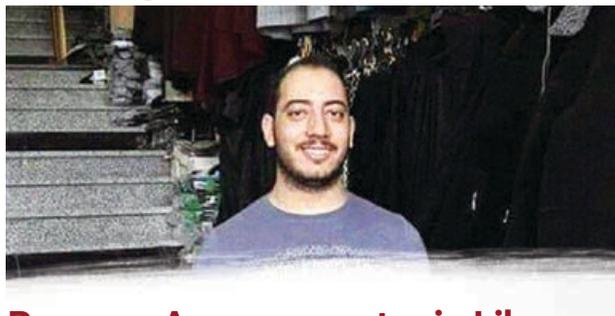


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Romany: A young martyr in Libya

In order to support his mother and siblings, Romany, a 27-year-old Egyptian believer, moved to Libya after his father died. A deacon in his church, he was always smiling and had a strong faith.

Tragically, Romany's life was cut short when he was kidnapped—reportedly by the Islamist militia group Ansar al-Sharia—and then tortured and killed after he refused to renounce his faith in Jesus and convert to Islam. Christian converts and migrants are vulnerable in Libya, No. 4 on Open Doors' World Watch List. Sometimes religious leaders incite violence against these groups.

August 1

Pray for comfort and provision for Romany's mother and siblings.

August 2

Pray that religious leaders would stop inciting violence against Christian converts or migrants.

August 3

Pray that Romany's love for Jesus and others would strengthen the faith of Christians in his village.

August 4

Pray believers at Romany's church would not have a spirit of fear but of power, love and a strong mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

August 5

Pray for secret Christian converts in Libya to be fed spiritually and grow in their knowledge and understanding of Scripture.

August 6

Pray the extremists who killed Romany would come to meet Jesus and follow Him.

August 7

Pray secret Christians in Libya would find creative and safe ways to fellowship; they are banned from attending church.



Kirti: An unshakeable faith in India

Kirti* came to faith in Christ after God healed her in a worship service. Because she and her husband left their village's Hindu faith, they faced severe persecution. Eventually, their community brutally tortured and killed her husband—forcing Kirti and her children to flee to a safe house.

Now, incredibly, Kirti has gone back to her Hindu village to be a light for Christ, even to the people who killed her husband. "My village wants to chase me out," she says. "The people often threaten to kill me. I pray for the salvation of my village."

August 8

Pray for protection for the millions of Christians who have made the commitment to follow Jesus in a Hindu culture.

August 9

Pray with Kirti—that her courageous witness will lead many in her community to faith in Christ.

August 10

Pray the extremists' belief ("to be Indian is to be Hindu") would be shattered—both nationally and inside villages.

August 11

Pray for Kirti's health; she still suffers from injuries she experienced during the attacks.

August 12

Pray for Kirti's children as they attend school and grow up without their father.

August 13

Pray for believers in India affected by coronavirus.

August 14

Pray for Kirti's needs to be met—raising her children without a husband is extremely difficult. They must survive day to day.



Eunji: A brave North Korean

North Korean women who have escaped to China are growing in their maturity and faith in Christ, thanks to the grace of God and the prayers and gifts of supporters like you. Eunji* is one such refugee who came to know Christ in a women's ministry supported by Open Doors and attended a Bible study regularly, eventually becoming a co-leader.

Last August, Eunji was arrested by Chinese officials and was at risk to be sent back to North Korea and imprisoned. Many around the world prayed for her release. We recently heard from Eunji that her deportation process has been delayed—she has been released from detention and reunited with her husband and son! She says, "Thank you for your prayer support and love in Christ!"

August 15

Pray Eunji would be permanently spared from being sent back to North Korea.

August 16

Pray the leaders of the women's ministry would stay healthy and have wisdom as they teach.

August 17

Join Eunji in thanking God that, "He protected [her] and guided [her] in the valley of death."

August 18

Pray many more North Korean refugees would come to know Christ through this ministry.

August 19

Pray Eunji would continue to mature in her faith in Christ.

August 20

Pray for safety and protection for Eunji, her Chinese husband and their son.