September 21
Pray against the spiritual forces that rule over the villages in Laos and hold people captive.

September 22
Pray that as Open Doors walks with these families, they would have strength and courage to share their faith with others.

September 23
Ask God to bless Phong and his family for providing a home for these displaced believers.

September 24
Pray for the many other believers in Laos who have lost their homes and communities because they chose to follow Jesus.

Women’s ministry in Iraq

Dalia, 45, only recently returned to Iraq after she was forced to flee her home when ISIS invaded in 2014. When she returned home, she felt she needed something to strengthen her faith and restore her self-confidence; she saw other Christian women around her needed the same thing. “Our bags are always packed, just in case we have to flee for our lives again,” she shares.

Along with some neighbors, Dalia sprang into action and began setting up women’s discipleship meetings where they learned how to share Christ with the women of their village. Soon, they were organizing multiple women’s Bible studies where women now come for prayer and encouragement. They have a large vision going forward.

September 25
Pray for these women as they pursue their 2020 vision of equipping six more villages to start ministry groups.

September 26
Thank God for the 150 women—about half of the Christian women in the village—who have attended the Bible studies.

*Representative name or photo used to protect identity.

September 27
Pray the joy of the Lord would be Dalia’s and the other leaders’ strength.

September 28
Pray for continued growth and success of the 16 women’s ministry groups Open Doors supports through our local ministry partner in Iraq.

September 29
Pray that the women participating in the studies become grounded in their faith as they learn who they are in Christ.

September 30
Pray the women would be bold in sharing Christ with others in their villages.

Text PRAYER to 32500 to download the Pray for the Persecuted App from Open Doors

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Hope for the Middle East
Prayer Campaign

In 2016, Open Doors launched a long-term initiative called Hope for the Middle East to meet the needs of people who were displaced from their homelands or are rebuilding their communities after ISIS forced them to flee. Now in the fifth year, the campaign seeks to encourage Christians as they continue to rebuild—living out the gospel in their homelands. We want to see the church in the Middle East rise up again!

You can visit ODUSA.org/Pray4ME to download prayer requests monthly and learn more about other ways to be involved in the campaign.

September 1–2
Eighty percent of the population of Syria lives in poverty, and many people in Iraq cannot find jobs. Pray God provides the daily physical needs of Syrians and Iraqis.

September 3
Over the past 10 years, an estimated 143,000 Christians have fled Iraq. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Open Doors and our partners as we work to “strengthen what remains” (Revelation 3:2).

September 4–5
Syria’s healthcare system has been decimated by nine years of civil war. Iraq’s system is also very weak. Both systems have been stretched even more by the COVID-19 pandemic.

September 6
Pray that God would raise up Christian youth in Iraq and Syria as leaders. Ask Him to bring them courage, strength and critical training.

September 7–8
Pray for unity among the believers and churches in Iraq and Syria—and that “no weapon formed against them would prosper” (Isaiah 54:17).

September 9–10
Years of war in both Iraq and Syria have also taken a psychological and emotional toll. Pray for the healing and peace of our brothers’ and sisters’ hearts and minds.

Hope through loans in Syria
In Aleppo, new businesses are opening, and hope is rising. War, followed by economic collapse, had crippled the city. People were left unable to secure even their basic needs. So far, 125 income-generating projects have started through small business loans that your support has provided to believers.

While the businesses may vary, each one provides dignity. Each one is helping Christians rebuild their communities—Christians like Shadia, a 24-year-old pharmaceutical graduate, who was able to open a pharmacy and now supports her parents and her siblings’ education. Dr. Berj Haddidan opened a much-needed dental clinic. Elias Arkilo started his own tailor shop and can now provide for his family.

September 11
Pray for discernment and creative thinking for our ministry partners who oversee this loans initiative. Ask God to guide their efforts.

September 12
The coronavirus pandemic has brought even more uncertain economic times. Pray that more Christians will be able to participate in income-generating projects.

September 13
Praise God for the opportunities for hope and dignity that these businesses are providing.

September 14
Pray that believers who have stayed in Aleppo would be strengthened in their faith as they rebuild.

September 15
Pray Muslims in Aleppo would come to know Christ as believers share the hope they have.

September 16
Pray for healing for the emotional scars left by the trauma that believers have endured.

September 17
Pray for insight and favor for Christians like Shadia as they operate their businesses.

Christians’ homes destroyed in Laos
Recently, three Christian families in northern Laos woke up to the voice of the village chief. As he stood outside their homes, he announced that he and the entire population of the village were there to destroy their houses. That day, these families lost their homes and their community because they left the tribe’s religions to follow Jesus. Days later, the villagers also destroyed the makeshift shelters these families had “built” in a rice field.

After being displaced for a third time because of their decision, they were able to find a home to rent from a believer named Phong*. Open Doors is supporting these families as they continue to live out their faith.

September 18
Pray that God will be ever-close to these families and that He will frustrate any of Satan’s future plans.

September 19
Pray these believers’ faith would grow even stronger, deeply rooted in their love for Jesus.

September 20
Pray that the villagers who have persecuted these families will come to know the love of Christ.