

Monday 1 I Canada – Pray for our nation of Canada, and our elected leaders. Pray also for the church in Canada to pray, advocate and stand with our brothers and sisters around the world who share our faith but not the freedoms we enjoy in Canada.

Tuesday 2 I Mexico – Indigenous communities in Mexico often experience higher levels of poverty and socioeconomic inequality. Indigenous children are more likely to live in conditions of extreme poverty and face greater challenges in terms of access to basic services such as health, housing, and clean water. In addition to this, Christian children can suffer persecution for their faith and their vulnerability is even more complex. Pray for these children.

Wednesday 3 | Syria – Due to the increasing rate of emigration in Syria, especially among the younger generation, the Centre of Hope in the port city of Latakia needs staff. Pray that God would bring teachers to fill this need. The Centre offers educational help for children and youth. Pray that as the search for teachers continues, students will recognize the need for learning and be diligent in their studies.

Thursday 4 I India – Pray for Christian leaders who risk their lives to serve Jesus. Most lead house churches and can face beatings, false accusations and destruction of their homes. Ask God to strengthen their faith as they carry out their vision.

Friday 5 I Egypt – Pray for young Egyptian Christian women who live with the risk of being kidnapped by Islamic extremists and forcefully married to their Muslim kidnappers. Pray for their safety and that God would quard their paths.

Saturday 6 I Philippines – Precious*, a brave MBB leader, acknowledges the challenges she faces. "It is hard to hide our faith. But we are not hiding in fear; we share the love of Christ with care, trying not to attract too much attention. Our hearts are committed, and we keep spreading hope and faith, no matter the difficulties." Pray for secret believers.

Sunday 7 | Palestine – Gaza is home to a small Christian community who fled the violence. Pray for our brothers and sisters, that they may feel God's presence surrounding them. Many lost their homes to the bombardments. Ask God to provide food and shelter so that they would know He is holding them, strengthening them to be salt and light.

Monday 8 | North Korea – 'We are so grateful for everything you do, but please, never stop giving us food', says a North Korean believer. Food, medicines, clothes and other aid goods are essential for the survival of the North Korean church. Please pray that God will protect our partners and the local Christians.

Tuesday 9 I Laos – Christian believers in rural areas face discrimination and pressures from their community to recant their faith. Leaders in these communities are always the first target of persecution. Pray for strength and that God will strengthen their faith.



Wednesday 10 I Myanmar – Pray for Daw Zar* and her child Lin* who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus. They were driven away from their home by their family, and now living near a church. Pray for Daw Zar to grow strong in faith and trust in God, so that she can withstand trials.

Thursday 11 | Central Asia – Pray with 16-year-old Gulmira*. Her father, a devoted Muslim, kicked her out of the house when he found out she secretly became a Christian. He also threatened her life if she returned.

Friday 12 | Pakistan – Pray for the church as it works to deal with the growing violence across the country due to the increased threats of terrorism. Pray for the growth of the church in unreached areas, especially for discernment and protection over those sharing the Gospel.

Saturday 13 I China – Pray for Hao*. He is just one among many Christians in China who had to give up his livelihood because he courageously stood for his faith despite the consequences. Hao shares, "I do not know what will happen next, but I know God has a good plan for me because He is good." May the Lord continue to guide Hao in his next steps, according to His plan.

Sunday 14 I Bhutan – New partners have been onboarded recently. Pray that they have the hearts to serve the persecuted churches and fulfill their responsibilities by being accountable to God and the ministry.

Monday 15 | Vietnam – Gia Han*, 30, married, and a mother to two children, is a Hmong tribal believer from northeast Vietnam. In early December 2023, her husband died from a sudden stroke. She felt no peace. This was when she decided to go to church and learn more about the Jesus that she heard of. She and her two children then gave their lives to the Lord. When her brother and the villagers found out about their conversion, they immediately came and demanded Gia Han deny Jesus, physically attacking her and her children. Pray for Gia Han and her children during this very difficult time.

Tuesday 16 I Yemen – Pray for one of our partners who desires to disciple more leaders in different provinces of Yemen. Ask God to give him wisdom as he chooses people to be part of his growing ministry.

Wednesday 17 | Uzbekistan – Pray for the Christians in Uzbekistan, especially MBB's who live in small villages, where the majority practise a different faith. Pray for strength and the freedom to be a follower of Christ.

Thursday 18 | Syria - Thank God for the new group of 36 students in the Open Doors-supported counselling school in Syria. They hope to help the Christian community heal from their wounds. Ask God to guide these students and help them absorb the knowledge they will one day use to make a difference in this hurting nation that has witnessed so much tragedy and atrocities.

Friday 19 | Nigeria - Pray with Pastor Zachariah in Nigeria who lost his wife, a son and home in an extremist attack. He continues to walk with believers and disciple his surviving children. Pray for blessing over his life.

Saturday 20 | Sub-Saharan Africa - Pray for encouragement for church leaders forced to flee their communities due to deadly attacks on their churches and villages. Pray specifically for the Lord's peace and guidance. Ask God to confuse persecutors' plans.

Sunday 21 | Burkina Faso – Pray with our sisters and brothers in northeastern Burkina Faso traumatized by a suspected Islamic extremist attack during their church's worship service where at least 15 believers were killed. After the attack, Christians ask for prayers for the attackers: "Pray they will meet Jesus and repent of these wicked attacks." Pray this prayer with our grieving family.

Monday 22 | Sri Lanka - Pray for God's peace over Kanthi*, an elderly woman, who is isolated and rejected by her community because she refused to give in to the demands of her Buddhist relatives and villagers. Pray that God will be Kanthi's strength and that she will continue to experience His love and presence.

Tuesday 23 | Oman - Persecution against the local church is increasing in Oman. In the last few weeks, a disciple maker was stopped at the border and was banned from entering the country again. Pray for wisdom for this leader.

Wednesday 24 | Chad - Pray for perseverance for families in Chad who remain displaced from their homes after extremist attacks on their villages killed more than 30 Christians, including three pastors last year.

Thursday 25 | Iraq - Pray for Iraqi Christians who have converted from a Muslim background. Pray they remain strong in their faith, even during difficult times, and continue to hold firm to the teachings of God.

Friday 26 | Israel - Pray for lasting peace and justice in the Holy Land. Pray for an end to the violence. Pray for comfort and strength for those who lost loved ones or are still missing family members.

Saturday 27 | India - Pray for courage, strength and favour for pastors and leaders who are ready to preach the gospel. Pray that Christians have a place to worship.

Sunday 28 | Central Asia – Pray with Muneshia* who at four months pregnant was beaten by her husband, when he discovered she had been going to church secretly and had become a Christian several years ago. Her ribs are broken. Muneshia has three children, all younger than 5. Because of the constant beatings, she ran away with the children to his sister and mother, who are also Christians. They gave her temporary shelter. Please pray for this young family's restoration.

Monday 29 | Saudi Arabia - In Saudi Arabia, Christians find it difficult to trust Muslim converts due to previous negative experiences, especially those who used to persecute the church. Please pray for love and discernment.

Tuesday 30 | Bahrain – Pray that God would continue to protect the freedom of expatriate Christians and local believers in Bahrain to freely worship. Pray government leaders would not be swayed by neighbouring countries' restrictive actions.

Wednesday 31 | Egypt - An Egyptian believer who left Islam to follow Jesus several years ago shared, "After attending your leadership training, I am now capable of leading a home church and effectively guiding other believers from a Muslim background." Pray for this new leader as he grows in knowledge of the Bible and love for Jesus. Pray for his words and actions and that he would rely on God for guidance. Pray that he would be encouraged and his ministry would multiply.

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