

**Wednesday 1 | Jordan** – Pray for believers participating in the Open Doors supported Bible Study Groups in Jordan's traditional churches. Your support helps young people from a Muslim background to build a strong Christian network.

**Thursday 2 | Nepal** – Christian leaders are increasingly encountering threats to stop preaching the Gospel and their churches are facing attacks as well. Many of these leaders are very anxious about what might come upon them next. Please pray for the Lord to sustain His church in Nepal.

**Friday 3 | Bhutan** – Pray for Sonam\* who is a young recipient of scholastic aid at a training institute in Bhutan. He testified, "The Lord has been speaking to me here. I used to think I am of no use, but God has shown me that I have to be a blessing to my people and my nation." Apart from insight from the Bible, he has learnt skills in welding, carpentry, and cultivating plants.

**Saturday 4 | Kazakhstan** – Please pray that the government will see Christians as a blessing to the nation, and not as a threat. Believers are often suspected to be working against the state.

## PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH DURING RAMADAN

MAY 5 - JUNE 4, 2019

**Sunday 5 | Nigeria** – In northern Nigeria, deaths among Christians due to attacks from extremists like Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen have increased significantly. Nigeria is on top of the list for the most violent attacks against Christians in the 2019 World Watch List. Pray that these extremists would encounter Jesus Christ during Ramadan.

**Monday 6 | Morocco** – Pray for Jasmina\*, a young believer who leads a small group of her peers. She feels a lot of pressure from society to marry and renounce her faith in Jesus. The spiritual warfare increases during Ramadan for believers like Jasmina. May the Lord protect her from pressure and grant her the desires of her heart to be married to a believer.

**Tuesday 7 | Brunei** – Pray for the leaders of the country, especially the Sultan of Brunei, to have a supernatural encounter with Christ and come to faith in Him. May those who are seeking be able to come closer to the Lord and find the one true God during Ramadan.

**Wednesday 8 | Tunisia** – Pray for Rihala, whose husband has abandoned her after he found out she is a believer. Pray for her protection and provision. May she be able to withstand pressure from her family to reconvert.

**Thursday 9 | Qatar** – Sharing the Gospel with Muslims is illegal and can lead to a prison sentence of up to 10 years. Many Christians are forced to worship only in their homes or meet with believers in secret. May the Lord open the eyes of many in Qatar to come to know Jesus.

**Friday 10 | Kenya** – Converts from Islam to Christianity face severe pressure from their families, including forced marriages, harassment of children, loss of inheritance and being disowned. Pray for strength and wisdom for them to stay firm in their faith.

**Saturday 11 | Russia** – Nicolai\*, a believer from Russia, told us that Islamic groups have increased violent activity in the southwest region of Russia. Please pray for protection over believers and churches at this time.

**Sunday 12 | Malaysia** – There have been a few instances recently, such as the distribution of Bibles and the display of a cross on a residential condominium, which provoked Muslims to stage protests in public. Pray for Christians to respond to such actions with love and understanding.

**Monday 13 | Kuwait** – Many are coming to Christ in Kuwait because they see Jesus in a dream. Pray the Lord would reach more this way during the Ramadan season.

**Tuesday 14 | Oman** – Many secret believers are forced to take part in Ramadan rituals. While they hold Christ true to their heart, they are unable to let their loved ones know this. Pray for opportunities for them to share their faith with their loved ones.

**Wednesday 15 | Saudi Arabia** – Pray for the hearts of Muslim leaders during the month of Ramadan - that they would have a real encounter with our Lord Jesus and realize He is the Messiah.

**Thursday 16 | United Arab Emirates** – Despite the lack of freedom of religion, God is still moving and revealing Himself to people through dreams, visions and through His word. May many come to know the Lord at this time and be able to receive discipleship to be able to grow in their faith.



**Friday 17 | Bangladesh** – Pray for the upcoming seminars and trainings for this month - field visits, persecution preparedness seminars, lay leadership training and discipleship training. Pray for the trainers and teachers, that through them many lives will be touched and transformed spiritually. During Ramadan, believers can face increased attacks. May they be protected from harm.

**Saturday 18 | Palestinian Territories** – In spite of the conflict in Israel & the Palestinian Territories, people are coming to Christ. Pray that this would continue to happen during Ramadan.

**Sunday 19 | Azerbaijan** – A pastor tells us that, “In spite of the many difficulties that Christians face in our country, God is keeping and protecting His Church.” May The Lord continue to unite the Body of Christ in Azerbaijan to stand strong in the face of persecution coming their way.

**Monday 20 | Turkmenistan** – Please pray for Amina, for her safety and peace in her heart, as she has been called for interrogation at the police station several times. The police are questioning the Bible study meetings she holds in her home. Please pray for the safety of her prayer group as many are scared and intimidated.

**Tuesday 21 | Kyrgyzstan** – Jakur\* was in a local shop when four young men suddenly started to beat him up, saying: “You are a Christian, a betrayer of our native belief. You should be killed.” Though the attackers were scared off eventually, such attacks reveal how Christians are despised and prone to attack. Please pray for those persecuting Christians to see the truth.

**Wednesday 22 | Iran** – Pray for justice and grace for Christians forced to pay fines equivalent to thousands of dollars for practicing their faith and gathering for church services. This often increases during Ramadan. There has been a surge of arrests in Iran recently.

**Thursday 23 | Syria** – Pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones to the civil war. It has been many years for those still living as internally displaced people and as refugees. Pray for God’s strength during this season.

**Friday 24 | Cameroon** – Pray for Christian refugees in Cameroon who have fled Boko Haram and are receiving



*Men in Iraq rebuilding a home that was destroyed by ISIS*

aid, trauma care and Bibles and participating in *Standing Strong Through the Storm* seminars.

**Saturday 25 | Pakistan** – Pray for the Christians who continue to be targeted by extremists. There is usually an increase during the month of Ramadan. Many continue to be imprisoned on false charges of blasphemy. Pray for God to change hearts.

**Sunday 26 | Iraq** – As Christians return to their homes and start the rebuilding process in northern Iraq, pray that relationships with their Muslim neighbours are restored. There is a lot of distrust and uncertainty. May Christians experience a season of peace and stability now.

**Monday 27 | Tanzania** – In Tanzania, Christian churches are being burned down. Pray that believers would continue to shine as lights to those who are burning down their churches, especially during Ramadan.

**Tuesday 28 | Eritrea** – Pray for Eritreans undergoing torture and other crimes against humanity for placing their faith in Jesus Christ. Ramadan can be a time of increased interrogation and arrests.

**Wednesday 29 | Ethiopia** – Pray for the safety of Christians in Ethiopia during Ramadan. Pray for wisdom as they interact with their neighbours.

**Thursday 30 | China** – In northern China, believers from a Muslim background have a difficult time meeting together due to religious restrictions. Pray for their protection during this month.

**Friday 31 | Southern Philippines** – Pray for believers from a Muslim background in the Philippines. Conversion to Christianity is looked down upon, and believers have to keep their new-found faith in Christ a secret. The intensity of attacks is likely to increase during Ramadan. May they be able to share the Gospel in spite of the restrictions.

\* Names changed for security purposes.

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