

Thursday 1 I Central African Republic (CAR) — Leoni has been left to fend for her family on her own after she refused to follow her community and in-laws' traditional mourning rites when her husband passed away. Pray for provision and protection for Leoni and her family as they live in a dangerous area in CAR.

Friday 2 | Burkino Faso – Pastor Pierre Ouédraogo, along with his son, brother-in-law and four of his congregants were killed during a Sunday Easter attack on their church. Pray for continued comfort and strength for their families.

Saturday 3 | India — Your gifts allow local Open Doors partners to provide women in India with training to help them deal with trauma experienced from persecution. Pray that God will use these trainings to bring healing to our sisters who've experienced terrible trauma.

Sunday 4 | Nigeria – Two attacks earlier this year have had a devastating affect on Christians in Northern Nigeria. In one attack, 40 Christians were killed, and many made homeless. Please pray for the situation in northern Nigeria as well as for the Lord's comfort over all those who've lost loved ones.

Monday 5 | Nigeria – In the second attack in April, Boko Haram attacked a Christian community and killed 25 Christians. The following day, Boko Haram returned to attack the community while they were preparing to bury their dead, forcing them to flee. Pray for strength for these believers, who continue to be attacked because of their Christian faith

Tuesday 6 I Libya — Praise the Lord for His guidance and protection over the Church in Libya as over time believers have made their faith known to others. Some of our brothers and sisters must still be very secretive about their faith. Pray for them to find ways to grow in their walk with Christ.

Wednesday 7 I Algeria – Since the beginning of the year, Christians in Algeria have been praying for the political situation in the country. Pray with them that there will be political stability in the country and that the new government will make decisions that benefit people of all faiths.

Thursday 8 I Tunisia – Pray for protection for a young woman who is being beaten by her husband because of her Christian faith. May the Holy Spirit give other Christians around her wisdom in helping her.

Friday 9 I Morocco — Believers from a Muslim Background have difficulty teaching their children Christian values as what they're taught at school contradicts their teachings at home. Pray for wisdom for these parents and that the Lord will grant their children discernment to sense the truth.

Saturday 10 | Morocco – Amina's* husband divorced her because of her faith in Jesus, leaving her to provide for their children on her own. Pray that God will open a door for her to gain employment, so she can take care of her children.

Sunday 11 I Ivory Coast – Bamba* is a young man who converted to Christianity from animism. His father's family has been threatening to force him to return to his old beliefs. Pray for God's grace and protection upon him and for the salvation of his family.

Monday 12 | Gambia – A few months ago, Saidou* left Islam to follow Christ. Since then he has faced many threats, forcing him to flee his guardian's home and seek refuge with Christians. Pray for the Lord's protection over Saidou.

Tuesday 13 | Bangladesh – A few months ago, Shanti Ranjon's house was set on fire while he and his family slept inside. Thankfully they managed to escape with only minor burns. Pray that Shanti Ranjon and his family will stand firm in their faith despite this incident.

Wednesday 14 | Sri Lanka – In Sri Lanka, the Church is still reeling from the deadly attacks on Easter Sunday. Pray that as Sri Lankan Christians try to piece their lives back together after losing loved ones, God will be their sustaining grace and source of strength.

Thursday 15 | Sri Lanka – Pray for Open Doors workers and partners in Sri Lanka – that the Lord will continue to give them wisdom over how best to support the victims of the Easter bombings. May they bring much comfort and hope to those who are hurting.

Friday 16 | Maldives – Maldivian Christians are scattered across the country and are forced to keep their faith a secret. Pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them as they're not able to fellowship with other believers.

Saturday 17 | Mozambique – We continue to pray for our Mozambican neighbours who were hit by two cyclones earlier this year. The church has been a place of refuge to many by offering displaced people of all faiths a shelter. Pray that the Lord will use this tragedy to bring many people to faith in Him. Extremist Islamic ideology is sweeping through the region. Please pray for safety and security of the church at this time.

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Sunday 18 | Nepal – Preeti* and her children were physically and mentally tortured by her husband for attending church. Her choice to follow Jesus eventually resulted in her husband leaving her. Preeti now struggles to take care of their children. Pray for God's provision for Preeti and her children in all their needs.

Monday 19 | Nepal – A few months ago, political leaders started protests to remove secularism and declare Nepal a Hindu state. This provoked non-Christians to start making life difficult for Christians. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Nepali Christians amid this situation.

Tuesday 20 | China – Bible translation is often a thankless task requiring perseverance and painstaking attention to detail. Thank God for our partners who have faithfully undertaken the work of translating the Bible into a rural dialect. Pray for team unity amongst the translators, for their families and for safety and protection so the work can continue unhindered.

Wednesday 21 | Vietnam – Vinh* (57) and his mother (90) were beaten and then kicked out of their house by Vinh's wife and children, who oppose their Christian faith. Pray that the Lord will change the hearts of Vinh's family towards their Christian faith.

Thursday 22 | Malaysia – Last year, a pledge against racial discrimination was reversed by the government due to backlash from Malay rights groups, who fear this pledge would affect their special privileges. Pray that the government will still uphold fairness for minorities, especially in their religious rights as guaranteed by their Constitution.

Friday 23 | Indonesia – In Indonesia, many of the believers are from a Muslim background who became Christians after hearing the Gospel from other Christians. Praise the Lord for these Christians' boldness. Pray that many more lives will be touched and changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Saturday 24 | Lebanon – While the people of Lebanon coexist with those who've fled other parts of the region, a Lebanese believer asked for us to pray that they will "petition, pray, intercede and give thanksgiving for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that they may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" with those living in their country (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

Sunday 25 | Arabian Peninsula – Earlier this year, an Open Doors worker reported that many of our partners in the Arabian Peninsula seem tired and burdened. Pray that these builders of God's Kingdom will be reinvigorated with new hope, joy, and persevering faith so they can continue their ministry work in the region.

Monday 26 | Israel and Palestine - Pray for the unity of churches and church leaders from different denominations and ethnic backgrounds. Pray also that Christians, especially those in leadership, will find rest so that they can serve their communities to the best of their abilities.

Tuesday 27 | Syria – Praise the Lord for the ongoing women's ministry programs in Syria. Through these programs for women, Open Doors aims to strengthen the Syrian Church so that it will radiate God's love in this wartorn country and in so doing, point others to Christ.

Wednesday 28 | Yemen - Praise God for new believers. Pray especially for three young women who are new in the faith. Pray that they will study the Word, grow strong and meet others who can encourage them. Pray that the Lord will protect new believers from doubt, discouragement and the effects of war.

Thursday 29 | Iraq – Many believers lost their businesses when they were forced to flee during the ISIS invasion. Now as they return, they need to revive the economy, restore life, and provide a decent living for their families. Pray for job opportunities for them.

Friday 30 | Central Asia – House churches amongst the Uyghur people group are growing steadily as more from that community open up their homes and hearts to the Gospel. Thank God for these growing house churches in Central Asia. Pray for continued safety for these churches as they secretly come together for worship.

Saturday 31 | Worldwide – Even now the enemy may be planning evil against us and our persecuted brothers and sisters. Pray for God's protection over the worldwide Body of Christ. Pray also that the plans of the evil one will be thwarted and that those who persecute us for our faith will see the error of their ways.

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