



**“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”**

**Isaiah 41:10**

**Saturday 1 | North Korea** – Travel within and outside the country had been forbidden for the past few months to keep the COVID-19 situation under control. Please pray that God will soon open meaningful channels through our networks in China so that the North Korean believers can be provided with daily bread.

**Sunday 2 | China** – China’s government is trying to alienate young people who are under 18 from church life and exposure to the Gospel. Pray for our team members working with partner churches to develop contemporary, creative tools and strategies to reach young people.

**Monday 3 | Vietnam** – Pray that God will provide food to eat for brothers and sisters in the remote mountains of Vietnam. The COVID-19 crisis has had a deep impact on livelihoods and it will take a long time for things to get back to normal.

**Tuesday 4 | Myanmar** – Pray for the safety of internally displaced Christians living in refugee camps in Kachin, Rakhine and Chin states. They have been displaced from their homes for many years because of ongoing conflict.

**Wednesday 5 | Iran** – In these dark times, the underground church is shining brightly. With the emergency relief our supporters have provided, combined with their own savings, believers have shared their food and sanitary items with their community. Please pray they can continue to shine the light of the Gospel.

**Thursday 6 | Central Asia** – Pray for the House of Mercy, a rehab centre run by Christians in Central Asia, which is under threat because of false accusations. Helena\*, the director for the centre says, “We pray for all the people who fight against us to learn about God’s love and mercy through all these circumstances.” Please join us in praying for the protection for all the staff and the centre.

**Friday 7 | Southern Philippines** – Pray for wisdom for government officials as they look to implement the opening of schools and universities again. Many believers from a low income background could not afford to have their children join online learning platforms during the pandemic. Pray that these children can make up for the time they have lost.

**Saturday 8 | Lebanon** – Lebanon is a wonderful country where you can share the words of Jesus freely and the Gospel is not restricted. Pray for believers who are dealing with a lot of economic struggles and instability currently. It makes it hard for the church in Lebanon to support refugees and displaced Christians coming from neighbouring Iraq and Syria.

**Sunday 9 | Yemen** – Long suffering believers in Yemen are interceding for their country in the grasp of severe conflict. They are praying, “that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified,” (2 Thes. 3:1), so that instead of conflict, the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ would spread all over Yemen.

**Monday 10 | Algeria** – The church in Algeria would like to build more places of worship to accommodate the growing number of believers. Pray that the authorities will give permission to build places of worship.

**Tuesday 11 | Egypt** – Pray for the lives of many Christians in Egypt who have had to move to online programs due to COVID-19. Pray for wisdom to deal with accelerating economic emergency needs due to the economic crisis caused by the pandemic.

**Wednesday 12 | Uzbekistan** – Earlier in the year, a dam burst in the Syrdaria region, flooding several towns and villages. More than 70,000 people were evacuated from the area. Many people have been left with nothing. Christians from the neighbouring towns and cities accepted evacuated people and helped them. Please pray for provision for the families in need.

**Thursday 13 | Syria** – Pray for Najwa who was kicked out of the family home for following Jesus. “My sister told me she will only welcome me back if I never go to church again.” Pray that God provides for her as she now lives alone and that she will find peace in this difficult situation.

**Friday 14 | Nigeria** – Pray for Mary Andimi (55), whose husband, Rev. Lawan Andimi, was killed by Boko Haram insurgents in January. Mary is now the sole provider for her large family. Ask the Lord to comfort and sustain her as she builds a new life for herself and her children.

**Saturday 15 | North Korea** – Please pray for our brothers and sisters in North Korea that they will survive through this season of the year with the confession, “The joy of the Lord is my strength” (Nehemiah 8:10).

**Sunday 16 | Indonesia** – Many believers from Muslim backgrounds have low incomes. Those who lost their jobs during the COVID-19 lockdown are facing discrimination because of their faith. Please pray that God will comfort them and provide for their needs.

**Monday 17 | Brunei** – Please pray for the people of Brunei as the effects of COVID-19 have caused many hardships. Many Christians have found it difficult to navigate through this new season. Pray for unity and strength among leaders and pastors throughout the nation.

**Tuesday 18 | Iraq** – Thank God for young people in Iraq who have launched campaigns on social media to donate to vulnerable families struggling during the pandemic. Ask the Lord to work through them to increase a sense of responsibility among the community.

**Wednesday 19 | Iraq** – Pray for a group of Christian girls who volunteer their time going into refugee camps to share the love of Jesus with both Christian and Muslim children by presenting shows explaining the Gospel. Pray a blessing on their work and that they will shine Christ's light wherever they go.

**Thursday 20 | Maldives** – Pray for the Maldivians as they celebrate the Islamic New Year today. The first month of the Islamic New Year commemorates the Prophet Mohammed's journey from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. Pray that the Maldivian people will make a journey into salvation through Jesus Christ.

**Friday 21 | Bangladesh** – Pray for our local partners in Bangladesh as they are facing added challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After the lockdown, believers have needed more practical support and our partners have had to adapt programs to meet the needs of these believers.

**Saturday 22 | Bangladesh** – Please pray as Open Doors local partners resume discipleship training in the coming months. The trainings will be carried out keeping social distancing measures in place. Pray for the Lord to keep believers safe and may these trainings be a source of encouragement.

**Sunday 23 | Laos** – Three Christian families from a remote tribal village in northern Laos had their homes destroyed by their community because they chose to follow Jesus. A believer from another town heard about their situation and has helped them out. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for these families.

**Monday 24 | Syria** – Continue to pray for Nizha Oubary (54), a displaced widow who started an income generating project thanks to your support. "This project saved me from homelessness. Now I can afford rent," she says. Pray for the many women who lost husbands in the war and are now the breadwinners of their families.

**Tuesday 25 | India** – The police are registering new cases against Christians under the anti-conversion laws every month. Pray for encouragement for those fighting ongoing legal cases and for Open Doors partners helping believers to fight false cases filed against them.

**Wednesday 26 | Morocco** – Pray for Farida\* whose husband left her because of her faith in Jesus. Ask the Lord to strengthen her and pray that she will not lose custody of her young son.

**Thursday 27 | Sri Lanka** – At least 176 children lost one or both parents in the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings. Dukashini's mother was one of them, killed in Zion Church, Batticaloa. Pray for Dukashini as she reads the Bible to her father, Prashant (a new believer) each night, as her mother used to do.

**Friday 28 | Egypt** – Please pray for courage for the church in Egypt as the government continues to repress Christians. Recently, a 15-year-old church building was demolished, leaving 3,000 Christians without a place of worship. Pray that these Christians will still share the love of God in the midst of the crisis.

**Saturday 29 | Burkina Faso** – Violence linked to jihadists has spread from the north to the western region of the country. Christian families residing in the area have had to flee to safety and cannot harvest the crops standing in their fields. Please pray for those driven to hunger to be provided for and for peace to be restored in the region.

**Sunday 30 | India** – Pray for Rajesh\*, an Open Doors local partner in India. The believers he visits often live in very isolated parts of the country and he has been chased and harassed by those who don't welcome Christians. But he says, "It is just a joy to serve the persecuted church, because when you serve the persecuted church, you actually serve the Lord."

**Monday 31 | Malaysia** – Malaysia celebrates its 63rd Independence Day today. Please pray for the ruling government. May the Lord provide the authorities with wisdom. Please also pray for the Church to grow in strength and faith this year and in the years to come.

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