

# Open Doors Hong Kong

## JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

*\*Name changed for security reasons*



### **NORTH KOREA**

#### **1 North Korea**

It can be difficult to see where God is at work in North Korea. In this new year, pray that God will give Christians (inside and outside the country) eyes to see His light in the midst of the darkness. Lord, we ask You to continue to answer prayers and speak to North Korean believers in seen and unseen ways.

#### **2 North Korea**

Pray for the 400,000 secret believers in North Korea. Ask God to give our brothers and sisters a chance to gather, read the Bible and worship with other Christians—and to do so safely.

#### **3 North Korea**

Thank God for our safe house ministry outside of North Korea where North Koreans like Joo Min\* can meet Jesus and be strengthened to take the gospel back to their country.

### **SOMALIA**

#### **4 Somalia**

Somalia can be an incredibly dangerous place to follow Jesus. Ask God to walk with Somali Christians (both inside and outside the country) and give them hope, even when things seem hopeless.

#### **5 Somalia**

Pray that God would watch over Somali Christians who face violent attacks from Islamic extremist group Al Shabab. Ask Him to be their “place of safety” (2 Sam. 22:3).

#### **6 Somalia**

Pray for Somali secret believers who are parents and need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and to follow Him. Pray for the future of the church in Somalia.

#### **7 Somalia**

Somali secret Christians often feel alone and fearful. Ask God to show them that millions of Christians around the world are praying for them.

### **LIBYA**

#### **8 Libya**

Libya remains a country divided, with two groups grappling for control. Pray this tension won’t boil into war that would further endanger believers.

#### **9 Libya**

Christian migrant workers in Libya live at risk from extremist groups. Ask God to protect and walk with these believers, particularly in those areas where there is no real rule of law.

#### **10 Libya**

There are few churches in Libya, and converts from Islam are forced to follow Jesus in secret. Ask God to open doors for believers to find life-giving community and grow in their walk with Christ.

### **ERITREA**

#### **11 Eritrea**

This year saw yet another mass arrest of Eritrean Christians. Pray these believers—and others like them—will be kept from all harm and ultimately, freed.

#### **12 Eritrea**

Pray for Eritrean believers who are forced into military service against their will. Ask God to protect and help them to live out their faith. Pray they would realize that God is their refuge.

#### **13 Eritrea**

Pray for the families of Christians whose loved ones have been arrested and imprisoned. Children grow up without knowing their mother or father. Pray that God will provide for them in all their daily needs.

#### **14 Eritrea**

Eritrea has one of the most notorious prison networks in the world. Pray for imprisoned believers ... that they would be released and not lose hope in these trials.

### **YEMEN**

#### **15 Yemen**

It seems there’s never an end to violence in Yemen. Pray that God would bring peace and justice to Yemen, and that the cries of His people would not be forgotten.

#### **16 Yemen**

Pray for Yemeni women’s ministry leader Zahra\* who often talks to women who don’t yet know Christ. “This is the

riskiest part of my ministry,” she says. “It’s why Yemeni women coming to Christ is really a miracle.”

### 17 Yemen

Zahra is enrolled in a two-year leadership coaching journey with an Open Doors' coaching school. Ask God to protect all involved in this ministry, especially those living in places where they could be attacked by Islamic extremists.

## NIGERIA

### 18 Nigeria

Once again, Nigeria is one of the most violent places in the world for Christians. Pray for those whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.

### 19 Nigeria

Pray that God would work in the hearts of Nigerian government leaders—that they would be convicted and challenged to work to protect Christian citizens and communities.



Photo: Displaced in Nigeria – pray for Pastor Barnabas.

### 20 Nigeria

Pray for the millions of Nigerians who have been displaced by violence like Pastor Barnabas (pictured). Pray that God would guide him as he leads Christians in the camp where he and his family have lived for four years.

### 21 Nigeria

Pray for unity among Christians in Nigeria ... that there wouldn't be a divide between north and south, and that all believers would learn to serve God together.

## PAKISTAN

### 22 Pakistan

Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws continue to be used to falsely accuse and target Christians. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of decision-makers in Pakistan to overturn these laws.

### 23 Pakistan

Pakistani Christians know they are second-class citizens—many work in dangerous jobs considered unfit for Muslims. Pray they will find joy in their daily lives.

### 24 Pakistan

Ask God to protect and preserve Christian women in Pakistan who are often kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslims.

## SUDAN

### 25 Sudan

Christians have been caught in the crossfire of civil war. Pray for peace and that believers would not be in the crossfire of Sudan's civil war.

### 26 Sudan

Thank God for Sudanese Christians who continue to serve the vulnerable. Pray that He would preserve their brave witness.

### 27 Sudan

Ask God to be close with believers displaced from their homes by the violence. Pray that He would hear the cries of the suffering and deliver them.

## AFGHANISTAN

### 28 Afghanistan

All believers in Afghanistan are secret Christians. Ask God to protect them. It's impossible to live openly as a follower of Christ, so pray that the Lord will cover and preserve His people.

### 29 Afghanistan

Pray that even as the Taliban continue their brutal regime, God will touch their hearts and change them. Pray that they will see the truth of Jesus' love and hope. Pray that believers in prison would be protected and released.

## MALDIVES

### 30 Maldives

In Maldives, it's illegal to print or import Bibles in the country's native language of Divehi. Pray that God would make a way for our Christian family to gain access to God's Word. Currently, only 25 books of the Bible have been translated into Divehi.

### 31 Maldives

Public worship is outlawed in the Maldives. Ask God to allow Christians—both natives and the many foreign workers living in the country—the chance to find fellowship.

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*“The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.”*

JOHN 1:5 (NLT)