

# MARCH

## PRAYER CALENDAR

*\*Name changed for security reasons*



*Photo: Secret baptisms in Malaysia*

### **NORTH KOREA**

#### **1 North Korea**

*Have you participated in Bible study? Did you meet Christians?* They're standard questions for any North Koreans arrested abroad and repatriated. Pray for protection for North Korean refugees.

#### **2 North Korea**

As an Open Doors North Korean field worker, Han\* risks her life to work with North Korean women trafficked from North Korea. She asks, "Above all, pray for protection from spies."

#### **3 North Korea**

Recently, a few hundred North Koreans—most of them women—were repatriated to North Korea where they are imprisoned. Please pray that God would draw them close to Him.

#### **4 North Korea**

Han\* asks also that we pray for the salvation of the women she ministers to — "that they will receive Jesus who knocks on the door of their hearts."

#### **5 Ash Wednesday**

Today on Ash Wednesday, pray that the worldwide Church would wake up and join in the suffering of persecuted believers.

#### **6 North Korea**

Finally, Han asks us to pray for more workers like her and others who are "willing to take risks to support North Korean Christians and introduce them to the gospel."

#### **7 North Korea**

Please pray for missionary Choi Chun-gil, who recently marked his 10th anniversary in North Korean captivity. South Korea recently requested for his release. Pray that God will take care of him and that his family. Pray for his release if he is still alive.

#### **8 International Women's Day**

On International Women's Day, we stand with our persecuted sisters through prayer. Pray that they would see their important role in the family and society.

### **SUDAN**

#### **9 Sudan**

The Sudan war has made it increasingly dangerous for Christians caught in the crossfire. Continue to ask God for rescue and peace.

#### **10 Sudan**

Most Christians live in the capital city (the conflict's epicenter). Open Doors teams say these believers are facing an additional layer of suffering because of their faith and location. Pray for bold faith.

#### **11 Sudan**

Many believers have been forced to flee the violence and now live displaced from their homes. Ask God to remind them that wherever they are, He is with them.

#### **12 Sudan**

Thank God for the safe release of 26 men—mostly Christians—detained while fleeing conflict. They were arrested, interrogated and accused of collaborating with opposing forces.

### **BANGLADESH**

#### **13 Bangladesh**

Pray with Kulsum\* for strength and resilience. Her family is under immense pressure to renounce their faith. Local Islamic leaders are trying to ban their children from attending school.

#### 14 Bangladesh

Pray for this family's protection, asking God to keep them safe from the threats and pressure, and to also watch over their children during these difficult times.

#### 15 Bangladesh

Kulsum's husband is in hiding. Ask God to give him protection and peace so that he can return home without fear. Pray they will sense God's presence guiding them through this adversity.

### SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### 16 Laos

In north Laos, Amphon\*, along with his wife Veena\* and their three children, have been repeatedly forced to move because they are determined to follow Jesus. Pray for their strength.

#### 17 Laos

Amphon's relatives cut off his family's electricity because they were angry over their faith decision. Our partners provided emergency relief. Please pray for the family as they continue to follow Jesus.

#### 18 Laos

"Every time me and my wife face persecution, we hold hands and pray to the Lord," Amphon says. Pray that this family could be salt and light for their relatives and community.

#### 19 Malaysia

In East Malaysia, believers were secretly baptized. Where they live, Christians are harassed by the government and rejected by villagers because they left Islam. Remember these believers today—their decision comes with great risk and sacrifice.

### EGYPT

#### 20 Egypt

Pray with Eman\*, a 12-year-old Christian girl from Egypt who faced deep trauma after her father trusted Christ. The family was forced to flee, fearing for their lives. Pray that God would lead them to a safe place.

#### 21 Egypt

A powerful dream led Eman to Jesus. Pray for continued healing for Eman and other youth who have experienced trauma. Ask God to fill their dreams with His presence and calm their fears.

#### 22 Egypt

Pray that our family in Egypt could continue to grow in their faith, finding comfort in prayer and God's Word. *God, we ask You to guide and strengthen our sisters and brothers as they deepen their relationship with You.*

#### 23 Egypt

Through trauma counseling, Eman found healing. Pray for continued access to trauma counseling and spiritual support for traumatized Christians, especially in Upper Egypt.

### NEPAL

#### 24 Nepal

Today, stand with Pastor Manoj Pokhrel. His church building was attacked by Hindu extremists. "They chanted, 'Hail Lord Ram' and attacked the church," he shares. Pray for courage for him.



Photo: Shova Kumari holding her Bible

#### 25 Nepal

Pastor Manoj says that church members are now threatened; many have stopped coming. *God, we ask You to encourage our brother as he continues to follow Your call to lead the church.*

#### 26 Nepal

New believers Shova and her husband Pradip quickly realized the truth of Jesus' words—they would, indeed, be hated for His name's sake. Family members, including their son, rejected them. Pray for God's intervention.

#### 27 Nepal

The couple's son and daughter-in-law won't allow them to talk to their grandson. "My son says he will accept us if we leave our faith, however, we will not leave Christ," Shova says. Ask God to bring reconciliation.

#### 28 Nepal

As anti-conversion laws tighten across the country, more Christians are facing false arrests. Pray for the immediate release of these believers.

### INDIA

#### 29 India

North India is witnessing more than a hundred persecution incidents every month. As a result, conducting our trainings is becoming increasingly difficult. Please pray for our staff's safety and perseverance.

#### 30 India

Pray with us today for strength for seven families in coastal India. They have faced physical abuse and have been ostracized from their community.

#### 31 India

The pressure on this fishing community is so great that many families have returned to their Hindu religion—except for these seven families. Struggling immensely, they continue to hold on to their faith.

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*"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone,  
Lord, make me dwell in safety."*

PSALM 4:8