

NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

* Names changed for security purposes



Photo: Ginura's* secret baptism in Central Asia

MEXICO

The Day of the Dead in Mexico, celebration held on November 1st and 2nd, is one of the most significant in the country. Many Christians do not participate in these activities; they may face pressure to join in at their schools, workplaces, or social settings. They may risk losing their jobs, receiving low grades, or facing strained relationships with friends and family.

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Pray for those who are persecuted, rejected, or harassed for upholding their Christian principles. May they find strength in their faith amid social pressures and boldly testify of the living God in whom they trust.

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Please pray for God to move powerfully during this time and for Christians to shine as lights in the darkness. Mexico to become a country that celebrates the abundant life found in Christ, rather than death.

CENTRAL ASIA

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Pray for Ginura* who is the only believer in her family. She was recently baptized during a secret house church meeting (we can't disclose the country for her protection). Pray she can regularly attend a church.

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Ginura's family doesn't know about her decision to follow Jesus and would not be pleased that their daughter has left Islam. Pray for guidance and protection.

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Church leaders in Central Asia are asking us to pray for all believers as raids on churches and homes increase exponentially. "Pray that our faith becomes stronger so that we serve with our heads held high."

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Thank God that a court case against a believer, Sergei Orlov, was dismissed in Kazakhstan because there was "no evidence of illegal missionary activities." Pray that his faith and trust in Jesus will continue to mature.

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Pray against proposed legislation in Uzbekistan that would punish parents who allow their children to receive "illegal" religious education before age 18. Ask God to intervene and give parents both discernment and faith as they navigate these hurdles.

TUNISIA

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When the newfound faith of Maha* and Abdo* was discovered, their family members threatened to file a police report against them. Pray that God would heal the couple's wounds and future scars. Thank God for their courage as they stand firm in their faith and face rejection.

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Pray that God would strengthen and bless Maha and Abdo's marriage as they continue to follow Him. Ask God to give them a hunger for His Word.

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Pray for believers throughout North Africa today who have followed Jesus out of Islam. Ask God to bring them Christian community they can pray with regularly.

TURKMENISTAN

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A Turkmen pastor imprisoned for four years in a labor camp for his faith recently died only two years after his release. Pray for comfort and provision for Pastor Ilmurad Nurliev's wife, children and grandchildren.

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Thank God for Pastor Ilmurad's legacy. Many Turkmen Christians were saved and accepted Christ because of his passion to share the gospel and what God had done in his life.

NICARAGUA

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In Nicaragua, the government continues to monitor churches and church leaders. Pray with Wilbur, a pastor in Nicaragua, who continues to risk fines and even arrest. "It is time to share the good news, and we cannot remain silent," he says.

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Pray for church leaders like Wilbur who walk in faithfulness. Pray for courage and wisdom as they advance the gospel.

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Pray that the church in Nicaragua would continue to persevere, finding ways to meet together in houses and small groups.

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Pray that the current crackdown on the church would strengthen church leaders and believers, maturing them in their faith.

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Pray for change and peace in the nation as its people, especially the church, faces a totalitarian government that punishes anyone who dares to express opposition.

INDONESIA

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Nov 20th marks the three-year anniversary of the attack on Indonesia's Lewuno village in which four people were killed and the local church was burned down. Pray with them as they grieve for the loss.

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Thanks to Open Doors supporters like you, a new church building has recently opened and has become a beacon of hope for the village. Praise God for how He remembers His people.

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Pray that trauma survivors can recuperate completely. Ask God to bring ongoing counselling and give them His comfort, strength and peace as they struggle to rebuild their lives and community.

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Pray that God would watch over this vulnerable area (Central Sulawesi province of Indonesia) and church from further violent attacks, as well as earthquakes that are common in the region.

SYRIA

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Pray for a new group of 35 students who are studying to become counsellors for Syrian churches. Pray for them as they travel from various cities for a multi-day training every three months.

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The goal of the training is to support traumatized Syrians and help people regain hope. Pray that God would use these students for His glory.

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Praise God that our partner's social media initiative, which reaches teenagers, is growing. The staff asks you to pray for "right words" as they connect with Syrian youth.

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Pray for this social media team that is "working hard to teach youth about God's love for us," our partner shares. Ask God to guide them in their posts."

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Pray for the teenagers who follow the page ... that as they look for answers, they would find them in Jesus and discover their identity in Christ—and only Him.

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Pray for a church of believers from a Muslim background who right now are under increasing pressure from authorities. Pray these legal issues would be resolved.

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Pray for the marriage of a couple from the church. They have been alienated by family and denied access to shops because they are converts. Pray their marriage will survive the pressure.

SRI LANKA

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Pray with Amila*, a single Christian mother, and her two daughters. When Amila left Buddhism to follow Jesus, her husband abandoned her, and Amila's family continues to ridicule her. Pray for strength and perseverance.

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As Amila works to provide for herself and her daughters, she says she often feels weary both physically and spiritually. Pray for all single mothers like Amila who must be mother, father and provider because they chose Jesus. Ask God to comfort and guide them and be their kinsman redeemer (Psalm 106:10).



Photo: Kandi, survivor of Indonesia attack

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

JAMES 5:16