• Due to the pandemic, Christians in some persecuted areas are suffering even more than usual. Many believers are stuck at home with their non-believing families and communities. They can’t leave their homes to worship and don’t have the resources or connectivity to meet online. Others are being denied food or other pandemic-related government aid.

• Bible League’s Bible-based Literacy ministry is an excellent tool for sharing God’s Word in areas where it is dangerous to be a Christian or normally closed to the Gospel.

• In 15 countries in Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, God’s Word and training are helping to strengthen Christians at risk of persecution every day.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Week 1: In some countries in the Middle East, Christians face problems if they gather to pray together. Those who convert from Islam to Christianity could be killed if people found out. Please pray for religious freedom for these people so they can announce their beliefs without fear.

Church buildings in certain Middle Eastern countries are not licensed by the government as Christians aren’t allowed to pray or worship God freely in churches. Please pray for God’s protection for these churches. Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the leaders.

Pray for the Church to show love to one another, so that they will be an example of Christ’s love in their communities.

Week 2: Across the Democratic Republic of the Congo, many people are still involved in animism and worshipping ancestral spirits, especially in remote areas. Some practice witchcraft. May the hope of the Gospel touch the hearts of many in these areas and create lasting transformation.

Pray for persecuted Christians in India. The rate of persecution is increasing nationwide, particularly in
the central part of the country. People are experiencing challenges and open threats to stop evangelism or face the consequences. Pray for safety for all the workers, pastors, and the Church in India.

**Week 3:** David has been sharing God’s Word among Hindu and Muslim communities through three Bible-based Literacy groups in southern Bangladesh. He is experiencing some pushback. Pray that God will bless David’s ministry and that many will discover the hope of Jesus Christ.

Pray for Pastor Syamol, who trains church planters in southeastern Bangladesh. Many people in his church are the only believers in their families and are experiencing backlash. He has 25 members in his church—all from Buddhist backgrounds. Also, praise the Lord that He is on the move in this community.

Pastors in a northern state in India are facing persecution each day for their beliefs in Christ. One pastor was arrested and is now in prison. Ask the Lord to give wisdom and peace to believers in these uncertain times.

**Week 4:** In a country in the Middle East, believers are reaching out to 50 poor villages. They are giving out school supplies as well as Bible League’s biblical resources to children and their families. Please pray that they can engage more people in God’s Word. May God ready the hearts of those who receive His Word for the first time.

Please remember the persecutors in your prayers as well. Ask God to intervene in their lives and draw them into His presence just as He did with Saul in the book of Acts when he was persecuting Christians.