

Prayer Calendar
SEPTEMBER 2022



- The persecution of Christians has reached its highest level in decades. However, this hasn't stopped bold believers from spreading the Gospel in their communities.
- Right now, 1 in 7 Christians worldwide live in places where they experience high levels of persecution. The majority of persecuted Christians live in countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.
- In 2022, many people in persecuted areas will study God's Word for the first time. This year, Bible League International serves Christians in these persecuted countries: Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq/Kurdistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Venezuela, and two countries in the Middle East not named for security reasons.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Week 1: Every week, believers in countries like Bangladesh and India share the Gospel with people from diverse religious groups. Ask God to open the hearts and minds of the listeners to respond to the Gospel in faith. Pray that God would empower believers who face opposition from their people.

Pray for Judith and her husband, the founders of a school in Ghana that uses *Project Philip* Bible studies. Unfortunately, her husband recently joined a false

religious group that rejects the Bible, and now believes that it is an occult book that needs to be banned from the school. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads him out of this bondage and into the truth of the Gospel.

Week 2: Pray for Prakash, a Bible League-trained Christian doing ministry in Sri Lanka, as he faces opposition from neighbors and is discouraged as a result. Pray that he will not lose his zeal for the ministry.

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Pray for The Persecuted Church (continued)

Intercede for Pastor Praveen of India. He and 12 families are currently experiencing opposition from the Buddhist community, who are threatening the group so that it will leave the village. Ask for God's power to rest on them so that they can stand firm in faith.

In some areas of Mozambique, the Church is under attack from evil spiritual forces. For example, witch doctors often perform evil rituals to make preachers of the Gospel sick or instigate local people to mistreat a church planter. In northern Mozambique, there is a movement that forces people who have Bibles to sell to them for the purpose of destroying them. Please, pray against these satanic movements and that the spiritual forces will not prevail against the Church.

Week 3: Pray for Pastor Muniswamy, who started a house church in southern India. Pray for the spiritual growth of the 24 new believers attending. Pray for God's guidance and protection, as local village people are threatening the pastor to stop the worship service.

Pray for the victims of a fire that ripped through a church in Egypt recently. The fire killed 41 worshippers, including more than 15 children. About 16 people were injured. Unfortunately, many churches in the area aren't allowed to get a license for their own buildings, so worship is often held in residential buildings. This means that persecuted believers have homes and

families that are also in danger when their churches are damaged. Pray for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Week 4: Ask God to protect Bible League-trained church planter Timothy in Bangladesh. He regularly ministers to people in his Muslim majority community. Recently, he was attacked by radicals and has received a few death threats. Pray for his family that is suffering for the Gospel's sake.

Pray for persecuted Christians in northern India. Recently the local police arrested 20 pastors on false charges of conversion. This has created fear and panic among other pastors and believers. Pray for boldness among God's people.

Armenia officially has freedom of religion and identifies as a Christian country. However, believers here may often face persecution from family members who associate evangelical Christians with sectarians. Sister Ohanna and her children are currently suffering from this type of persecution. Ohanna's husband believes that his family are sectarians and won't allow them to read the Bible at home. She and her daughters attend church secretly and were recently baptized. Pray that the Lord will touch her husband's heart and bring him to faith in Jesus Christ.