



# PRAYER DIARY

Praying in Christ's Name for His Suffering Church

February - March 2026



Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

## February

### SUN 1 FEB • SUDAN

*Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*  
Luke 12:32

At least 11 Christians, walking in a Christmas procession to their church in South Kordofan state on 25 December, were killed by a drone strike by the Sudanese Armed Forces. At least 18 others were seriously wounded. The civil war that broke out in April 2023 has caused bitter suffering to civilians, including the small Christian minority who have been attacked by both sides. Pray that our Sudanese brothers and sisters, in the midst of their grief and pain, may be blessed with an eternal perspective on their sufferings, and may be assured in their hearts that the Lord is in control and His purposes will be fulfilled.

“*Christ is with us until the world's end. Let his little flock be bold therefore.* William Tyndale, England (c.1492-1536)

### MON 2 FEB • INDONESIA

*The LORD has done great things for us.*  
Psalm 126:3

“Our Muslim brothers and sisters came to support us,” said Pastor Irianto Budy. He was speaking of his experience when local government and Muslim religious leaders said he should cancel his church's 2025 Christmas services. They claimed that there was danger that the church in Sukasirna village, West Java, would

be attacked by hardline Islamist groups. But much larger and more moderate Muslim groups condemned the pressure that had been put on the Christians. The village head and police then assured Pastor Irianto he could hold his services safely. Thank our loving Lord for the reaction of the local Muslim community and their support for the Christians. The Christmas services went ahead safely.

“*This proves that the spirit of religious solidarity and brotherhood remains strong among Indonesians. We are not afraid of the threats against us because God and the spirit of solidarity of our Muslim friends strengthen us.* Pastor Irianto Budy, Indonesia, December 2025

### TUE 3 FEB • IRAN (1)

*It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*  
Deuteronomy 31:8

Mahmoud Mardani-Kharaji (aged 57) and his brother Mansour (aged 50) were both summoned in December 2025 to begin serving four-year prison sentences on charges related to their Christian activities. They were arrested at a small Christmas celebration of about ten Christians near Isfahan on 22 December 2021 and sentenced in January 2025. After their release from prison, they will have two years of exile outside of Isfahan province, a 5-year ban on membership of any group, and a fine to pay. Pray for Mahmoud and Mansour, both converts from Islam, that the Lord will sustain and

strengthen them in the long ordeal that stretches ahead of them.

“ Love incarnate – Jesus Christ – came down to earth at Christmas. He did so to stoop further down – to the humiliating death on the cross for our sin and its shame (yes, he died for our shame too). But he stooped to conquer. He rose again in triumph over sin, death, and Satan. Sinclair B. Ferguson, Scotland (born 1948)

**WED 4 FEB • KYRGYZSTAN**

*I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.* John 15:16

Christians in Kyrgyzstan astonished neighbours and passers-by before Christmas with free gifts of sweets along with some Christian literature and an invitation to attend the services at church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Most of the recipients were very grateful, and many of them came to the Christmas services, where some wept as God touched their hearts. On Christmas Eve the young people of the churches went out in the streets, singing carols under the windows of friends and neighbours. Non-Christians came out of their homes to see what was happening and were given a little Christmas gift. Praise God for such a warm response to the Christmas outreach and pray for eternal fruit.

“ Let people see the beauty of Christ in me. Holy Spirit, Comforter, live in me. Your grace

*and abode there be, So that I would bear fruit.* Russian hymn

**THURS 5 FEB • IRAN (2)**

*Whoever touches you touches the pupil of my eye.* (CSB) Zechariah 2:8

Three Christian converts from Islam began serving two-year prison sentences in Karaj on 16 November 2025. Please pray for Teymur (an Afghan refugee who has been living in Iran for about 20 years) and two others known amongst Christians as Hannah and Daniel. Ask that throughout their time in prison they will be comforted by the knowledge that they are greatly beloved by the Lord. The three were found guilty in July 2024 of “forming a group or association with the aim of disrupting national security” and “membership of a group or association with the aim of disrupting national security”. The group in question was a “house church” i.e. a church of Iranian converts from Islam. All three were arrested on 11 December 2023 when a gathering to pray, worship and plan the church’s Christmas celebration was raided by intelligence agents.

“ Conversion for a Persian may have involved the trauma of persecution, rupture from home and family, a crisis of social and national identity... Guli Francis-Dehqani, Iran (born 1966)

**FRI 6 FEB • IRAN (3)**

*“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.* Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

Mass protests on the streets of Iran began in late December 2025, a

response to the economic crisis and high inflation. Before long protestors were also chanting anti-government slogans. The government responded with a brutal crackdown in which at least 2,600 protestors were killed and also shut down the internet. It is described as the worst violence in Iran since the 1979 revolution which ousted the shah and brought to power a strict Islamist government which has continued since then. Pray for peace and stability in Iran, with freedom for all citizens including women and non-Muslims.

“ *Of the Father’s love begotten  
‘Ere the worlds began to be, He  
is Alpha and Omega – He the  
source, the ending He, Of the  
things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.* Aurelius  
Clemens Pudentius, Spain (348-  
c.410), translated by J.M. Neale,  
England (1818-1866) and H.W.  
Baker, England (1821-1877)

#### SAT 7 FEB • IRAN (4)

*You are a hiding place for me.* Psalm 32:7

At the time of writing President Donald Trump is threatening that, if the Iranian government kills peaceful protestors, America will “come to their rescue” and Iran “might be hit very hard by the United States”. Pray that Christians in Iran will not be punished as scapegoats by the Iranian authorities in an effort to retaliate against President Trump. Ask that our brothers and sisters will know the presence of the Lord Jesus with them at this time of double danger.

“ *Grant to your people patience to  
keep your word, and keep them  
from the hour of trial which is  
coming upon the whole world  
to try them who dwell on earth.*  
Columba, Ireland (521-597)

#### SUN 8 FEB • PAKISTAN (1)

*Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy  
comes with the morning.* Psalm 30:5

Thank you for your prayers for Maria Shahbaz (aged 13) who was abducted by a 30-year-old Muslim neighbour in July 2025, forcibly converted to Islam and married to him. Despite a magistrate’s court ruling in favour of her abductor, Maria’s family never gave up. By God’s grace, things finally changed on 9 January when the family’s constant petitions finally resulted in a higher court ordering the police to find Maria and to bring her and the man who kidnapped her to the court. Pray for a court ruling that Maria must be returned to her parents.

“ *God of grace, merciful and just  
are you. Our weeping may endure  
for the night, but your joy comes  
in the morning. This gives us  
strength and courage to stand for  
justice, peace and love.* Moravian  
prayer

#### MON 9 FEB • PAKISTAN (2)

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.* Romans 12:12

Near the end of last year, Pakistan’s Parliament passed the National Commission for Minorities Bill 2025 by a vote of 160 to 79. which will establish a national body dedicated

to protecting and promoting the rights of minority communities in Pakistan. The Law Minister said, "This is a commission for non-Muslims. Our Hindu, Christian and Parsi brothers are as good Pakistanis as we are." This is a great encouragement for non-Muslims in Pakistan whom many Muslims do not respect as equals. Pray that the Commission will bring an end to discrimination and harassment of non-Muslims.

*“ Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me? Charles Wesley, England (1707-1788)*

#### **TUES 10 FEB • PAKISTAN (3)**

*When his time of service was finished, he went home. Luke 1:23 (ERV)*

A senior pastor was shot dead in Gujranwala on 5 December. Kamran Salamat (45) had moved to Gujranwala to seek safety, having survived an extremist attack in September 2025 in Islamabad, which left him with a bullet-wound in his leg. The gunman in Gujranwala approached on a motorcycle, as Pastor Kamran was about to drive his daughter Numeer to college, and fired from close range. The pastor collapsed on the road. Numeer seized her father's crutch and hit the gunman, who then rode off. Pray for the Lord's presence and comfort for Pastor Kamran's widow Salmina, daughters Numeer (16) and Arina (11) and son Ariel (14).

*“ I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful*

*Saviour Jesus Christ. Heidelberg Catechism, 1563*

#### **WED 11 FEB • BANGLADESH**

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*

A general election is due to be held on 12 February, the first since the fall of Sheikh Hasina and her secular government in 2024. Also on 12 February there will be referendum asking voters if they agree with the July Charter, which contains sweeping constitutional reforms to curb tendencies to authoritarianism. The July Charter was signed last year by the interim government and 25 political parties but the large Jamaat-e-Islami party only signed on condition that the interim government would pass a special order to give legal status to Jamaat-e-Islami itself. The Jamaat is an Islamist party which favours sharia law and is against secularism. Like other Islamist groups it had been severely repressed in Bangladesh, but has risen rapidly since the ousting of Sheikh Hasina. Pray that the equality and freedoms that have been enjoyed by Muslims, Christians, Hindus and all Bangladeshis will continue.

*“ History and Scripture together assure us of this unshakeable truth: empires rise and fall, but the Church of Jesus Christ endures. Borders change and regimes shift, yet the Kingdom of God advances quietly, faithfully, and irresistibly. The light of Christ has not dimmed—and it will not be overcome. Bishop Azad Marshall, Pakistan (born 1954)*

**THURS 12 FEB • GREENLAND**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)*

About 95% of Greenland's population identify as Christians and about 90% are ethnic Inuits (indigenous Arctic peoples). Shamanism, the traditional Inuit religion, has been gradually rising in popularity since the 1950s. President Donald Trump's repeated declarations of his intention to make Greenland part of America, by purchase or by conquest, are accentuating the significance of shamanism as a symbol of Greenland's rejection of foreign domination by "Christian" nations. The traditional *qilaat* drum, used for many purposes including shamanistic rituals to contact the spirit world, has been used at protests against President Trump's plans. Pray that Greenlanders will seek the Lord Jesus in their hour of need, and will not return to their pagan roots.

*“ Christian fellowship is about being looked upon with God's love. It's about daring to share something that touches us deep down in our hearts. It's about acknowledging that we as human beings are vulnerable and that we need someone there, God Almighty, that is, to always be by our side. Sofie Petersen, Greenland (born 1955)*

**FRI 13 FEB • MEXICO**

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21*

Rural churches in Mexico face much persecution, as criminal gangs extort money from them and kidnap pastors

and members of their congregations. Some churches in southern Mexico now meet in a different place each week, or only online. The drug cartels forcibly recruit young people and others into their violent and criminal activities. At the same time Bible-believing Christians who refuse to participate in the ancestral practices of the indigenous communities face economic and social exclusion. Sometimes they are expelled from the village or denied access to water or have their house burnt down. The state does not protect them, leaving these areas to be run by indigenous communities. Pray that Mexican Christians will not grow weary of doing good (Galatians 6:9) and will find that their sufferings draw them closer to their Saviour.

*“ Persecution, like all suffering, can be holy ground. It can be a place of deep encounter with Jesus. Nick Page, England (born 1961)*

**SAT 14 FEB • VENEZUELA (1)**

*Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*

Luke 24:5-6

Venezuela hit the headlines when the US military captured its president and his wife from their home in the early hours of 3 January. American president Donald Trump said that the US would “run” Venezuela until there was a “proper” transition of power. There is great instability and tension in the country. Pray for an easing of tensions and a return to democracy and stability. Armed factions and militia groups are active in urban areas. Ask for Divine intervention for

the safety and security of ordinary people and that Venezuelan Christians will be a channel of blessing to their country.

**”** *The Passover celebration has become a celebration of life, of liberation not from slavery but from death itself.* Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Brazil (born 1971)

**SUN 15 FEB • VENEZUELA (2)**

*If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses?* Jeremiah 12:5

Although rich in oil, Venezuela has a history of mismanagement and corruption leading to severe economic collapse and hyperinflation. Prayer is asked for an increase in food supplies at lower prices and a stronger currency. According to some estimates the harsh economic situation has driven about 8 million Venezuelans to migrate from their country. Pray that they will be able to return home and enjoy peace and sufficiency there. Perhaps because of these afflictions, many Venezuelans are looking for answers in the Christian faith. Pray that their eyes will be opened to see the Lord as their only true hope. Ask guidance for local churches seeing to meet both physical and spiritual hunger in Venezuela.

**”** *If faith wavers in small trials, it will not hold in greater ones—so prepare your heart now.* Jeremiah 12:5 teaches that God sometimes allows smaller hardships to train us for bigger ones and calls His servants to deeper perseverance before more intense spiritual

*battles arrive.* Paul Mursalin, Guyana (born 1957)

**MON 16 FEB • COLOMBIA**

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.* 1 Peter 4:12-13

Pray for Christians in Colombia who are persecuted because of their decision to follow the Lord Jesus or to stand up for what is right. They can suffer discrimination, threats, legal complaints, imprisonment, extortion, kidnap and violence, even murder. Churches with a ministry to drug addicts can be attacked by the narcotic gangs which control so many parts of the country and do not wish to see people set free from addiction. Gang members who turn to Christ are particular targets. In rural areas where indigenous people have autonomy, there can be persecution of people who follow Christ and do not take part in traditional pagan rituals. Christians in these situations are often rejected by the community, leaving them isolated and struggling economically.

**”** *Christ himself suffered because who he was and what he stood for was so at odds with the values of the world and in that sense suffering should be the default for any Christian community. And so Peter encourages us and those to whom he wrote to associate any suffering we undergo because of*

*faith with the suffering of Christ, thereby finding comfort and even joy in its midst. In a mysterious way, then, suffering can take us closer to Christ.* Guli Francis-Dehqani, Iran (born 1966)

## **TUE 17 FEB • MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE**

*The LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you.*  
1 Chronicles 28:9 (NIV)

Today is the first day of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. Many Muslims hope that rigorous fasting for the next 30 days, eating and drinking nothing during daylight hours, will help them to draw closer to God. Pray that they will have a personal and life-changing encounter with their heavenly Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

*“ I thirst for You; I hunger for You; I long for You; I sigh for You.*  
Anselm of Canterbury, England, born in Italy (1033-1109)

## **WED 18 FEB • SAUDI ARABIA**

*For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light* Psalm 36:9

Although Saudi Arabia follows an extremely strict form of Islam, there is a large community of Christian migrant workers, especially from Asia and Africa. Typically they endure very harsh conditions in their workplaces. Pray that their faith in the Lord Jesus will sustain them, even though they cannot openly show their Christianity. There are also Saudi converts from Islam to Christianity, but only the Lord knows how many because most are

secret believers as they could be killed for leaving Islam. Pray that every Christian living within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will experience a wonderful closeness to the King of kings and Lord of lords that will sustain them whatever hardship or danger they face.

*“ Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.* Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515-82)

## **THURS 19 FEB • BAHRAIN**

*Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.* Isaiah 40:3

King Hamad of Bahrain is known for his peace-building work and for encouraging good relationships between different faiths. Unusually for that part of the world, there are approximately a thousand Bahraini citizens who are Christians. Most of them are from an Iraqi, Palestinian or Jordanian background and their families have been Bahraini citizens for a number of decades. But some are from families who have been Bahraini Christians for centuries. In addition there are many expatriate Christians in the country. Archaeologists recently discovered, under an ancient mosque in the Samaheej area, an even older and much larger building with plaster crosses. On the walls were a fish and a chi-rho sign, both early symbols of Christ. Remarkably the local authorities of this Muslim-majority country decided to preserve and celebrate the Christian building as part of Bahrain's early Christian heritage, with a special museum due to open last year. Pray that the generous

attitude of King Hamad and his nation may serve as an example for other countries in the Arabian peninsula.

**” O Christ our healing Lord, O balm of Gilead, Touch us today and heal our broken souls, You see the downfall and all dark desires, You see the desert and the death of souls. Come down and touch what needs your care.** Albrecht Hauser, Germany (born 1938)

**FRI 20 FEB • SYRIA**

*News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed; and he healed them.* Matthew 4:24 (NIV)

Tens of thousands of civilians were hastily evacuated from Aleppo in January, as the Syrian army clashed with Kurdish forces there, but several civilians had already been killed. Pray for the war-weary people of Syria and their broken and buffeted country. Ask that the Lord Jesus will heal the modern nation of Syria, just as He healed the people of the Roman province of Syria long ago. Aleppo, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, used to have a large minority of Christians before the civil war began in 2011. Pray for our brothers and sisters that they will be able to speak hope to those around them. Pray that the Islamist government will not allow discrimination against non-Muslims in Syria.

**” Do everything as if He were dwelling in us. Thus we shall be**

*His temples and He will be within us as our God - as He actually is.* Ignatius of Antioch, Syria, but now in Turkey (martyred c.107)

**SAT 21 FEB • LAOS AND VIETNAM**

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.* Revelation 22:1-2

Two countries of South-East Asia are holding parliamentary elections soon: Laos on 22 February and Vietnam on 15 March. Both countries have Christian minorities and very patchy religious liberty - good in some places and poor in other places. Ask for political leaders who will work to ensure that all citizens are free to practise their chosen faith without fear, wherever they live and whatever their ethnicity.

**” Wonderful Counsellor, may your truth always be a comfort to us in times of need and tumult. Support us as we work to live into your truth and be the instruments of your love, we pray.** Moravian prayer

**SUN 22 FEB • MYANMAR (1)**

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended.* Isaiah 40:1

Between mid-September and mid-December 2025 at least six church buildings and three schools in mainly-Christian Chin State were targeted in airstrikes by the Myanmar military. Six

adults and six children were killed by the bombings. Christians in Myanmar have suffered violence from their government for six decades. Most of them therefore cannot remember a time of peace and safety, only danger, trauma and loss. Many have been displaced multiple times. Pray that the Lord will dry their tears and strengthen them to endure.

“ *Be still my soul! when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*  
Katharina von Schlegel, Germany (1697-1777) translated by Jane Northwick, Scotland (1813-1897)

#### MON 23 FEB • MYANMAR (2)

*The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.* Isaiah 59:15 (ESV)

It was no surprise that the first two phases of Myanmar's general election left the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party, or USDP, in a very dominant position. The third and final phase is expected to have the same result. Human rights experts have called it a “sham election” in which coercion, violence and political exclusion all played a part. A new Election Protection Law imposes harsh penalties and restrictions for public criticism of the polls. Pray that the Lord, in His perfect time, will change the hearts of those in power in Myanmar and cause them to cease persecuting the non-Burman, non-Buddhist minorities, and instead to work for justice, equality and peace.

“ *Whate'er my God ordains is right; Here shall my stand be taken;*

*Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken*  
Samuel Rodigast, Germany (1649-1708)

#### TUE 24 FEB • NORTH KOREA

*Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* Hebrews 12:2

Deacon Jang Moon Seok was released from prison in North Korea on 5 November and returned home to China. He had served 11 years of a 15-year sentence. Deacon Jang, an ethnic Korean but a Chinese citizen, used to live in Changbai, a Chinese town near the border with North Korea. He ministered to North Koreans who had crossed into China, until he was kidnapped on 1 November 2014, taken across the border into North Korea and imprisoned. Fifteen months after Deacon Jang was kidnapped, his co-worker Pastor Han was stabbed to death. Thank the Lord for Deacon Jang's early release and pray that he will continue to be used by the Lord for His purposes.

“ *I am convinced he can take the suffering because he constantly reminds himself of the joy that is set before him. Friend of a North Korean Christian arrested because the police found a Bible in his home*

#### WED 25 FEB • JAPAN (1)

*Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.* Matthew 6:33

Over 80% of Japanese people claim that they have no personal religion, yet they adhere to many rituals and traditions of Shintoism and Buddhism. In principle there is full religious freedom, but in practice the small Christian minority can experience strong social pressure, especially those living in rural areas. In earlier centuries, Japanese Christians went through long periods of extreme and violent persecution. Pray that the memory of the immense courage and endurance of their Christian forebears will strengthen today's Japanese Christians to bear whatever cross the Lord gives them to carry.

“ *Sickness and trouble are not a sign that we are far from God or that He has rejected us... I could be cured miraculously of leukaemia and that would be good. If I'm not cured that's good too, and it won't bother me a scrap. All that I am concerned about is what are His plans for me: the only life that interests me is one lived for Him ... one day at a time, supported by prayer.* Takashi Nagai, Japan (1908-1951) as he was slowly dying from the effects of the Nagasaki nuclear bomb in 1945

#### **THURS 26 FEB • JAPAN (2)**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.* Romans 15:13

Japan has a high suicide rate; for children it is the highest suicide rate in the world. One reason for this is the value that Japanese culture places on harmony in interpersonal relationships.

This means that people often feel it would be rude or burdensome to share their worries with others. So mental health goes untreated. Pray for Christians involved in counselling and assisting those with mental health problems that the Lord will use them to bring hope, healing and new life in Him.

“ *Soon you will be orphans and, willy-nilly, must climb a steep, rugged and lonely path. Your Christian faith will be no drug that anaesthetises pain. But I can assure you of this: your lonely path is precisely what God in His Providence has chosen, specially for you! Accept it as such and often ask Him: How can I use this for Your glory?* Takashi Nagai, Japan (1908-1951), writing in 1949 or 1950 to his children (aged 14 and 8), as he was slowly dying

#### **FRI 27 FEB • JAPAN (3)**

*For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.* 2 Timothy 4:6 (NIV)

Japan has the highest proportion of elderly citizens in the world. Very few young Christians are feeling a call to pastoral ministry. A decade ago (2015) a survey found that the average age of pastors had increased to 67.8 with some still in active leadership roles in their 90s. It is likely that the average age of pastors is now over 70. Another challenge is the expectation in Japanese culture that the pastor takes the lead on nearly all a local church's activities. This heavy workload leads to exhaustion and burnout. Pray that Japanese Christians will get involved in ministry,

using their God-given gifts, in whatever way He calls them.

“ *My body, too, is breaking up. Yes, it is almost done for. But physical suffering is an opportunity to gather treasure for Heaven. Just a few years of honest endeavour carrying our burdens (and burdens are part of everyone’s life and then we will rise renewed and enter unspoiled joy.* Takashi Nagai, Japan (1908-1951) writing to leprosy patients in Tokyo, as he was slowly dying

### SAT 28 FEB • CHINA

*I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.* Philipians 3:8

Bao Guohua was senior pastor of a church in Jinhua, Zhejiang province. His wife Xing Wenxiang was very active in the church ministry too. Their church was a Three-Self church i.e. officially recognised by the communist government of China. In 2015 there was a campaign in Zhejiang province to remove crosses from church buildings, but their church refused to remove the cross on the roof of its new building. In July that year, apparently in response to the refusal to remove the cross, the couple and ten other church workers, including administrators, were arrested and charged with embezzling the offerings of the congregation and other accusations. Pastor Bao received a 14-year sentence, his wife a 12-year sentence and the other ten got suspended sentences. Late last year, Xing Wenxiang was released, two years before the end of her sentence. Pray for her as she recovers from the physical and mental ordeal of her

decade in prison, and for her husband who remains behind bars.

“ *Persecution is not great in itself; it’s what it does that brings a benefit, and its benefit is to strip away life’s distractions so that it is just you and Christ, and nothing else.* Wang Ming-Dao. China (1900-1991) after spending decades in prison

## March

### SUN 1 MAR • NEPAL

*My God has become my strength.* Isaiah 49:5

General elections are to be held on 5 March, with 114 political parties approved to participate. These elections follow violent protests by “Gen Z” activists in September last year. Pray for peaceful and fair elections which will bring into power a government who will act with justice and integrity. Pray that the new government will amend the vaguely worded law of 2018 which makes it easy for the authorities to take Christians to court for almost any public Christian activity.

“ *Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender, We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.* Edith Cherry, England (1872-1897)

### MON 2 MAR • MOZAMBIQUE (I)

*They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid.* Micah 4:4

Please continue to ask the Lord to bring an end to the terrible violence

in northern Mozambique, especially Cabo Delgado province. In early to mid-January, people were abandoning the locality of Chai, fearing new attacks. Armed men had been spotted nearby, causing panic amongst local people, who know only too well the brutalities inflicted on Christians and moderate Muslims by jihadi fighters from the Islamic State Mozambique group. Between 10 and 23 November 2025 alone, Islamic State Mozambique were involved in 14 violent incidents resulting in at least 12 deaths.

*“ We do not fear Because the Saviour is near, He Who such pain did bear For those He counts most dear. Patrick Sookhdeo, Guyana (born 1947)*

#### **TUE 3 MAR • MOZAMBIQUE (2)**

*Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Luke 8:48*

A woman in a Muslim village in north-west Mozambique suffered from severe menstrual bleeding for many months. She went to hospitals and to traditional healers but no one could help her. Her husband eventually abandoned her. Then a team of African missionaries came to her village and prayed with her. They invited her to a time of prayer and fasting. On the third day she was completely healed. Her astonished neighbours and relatives came to the missionary team for prayer and the Gospel message. Now about six families have become Christians and meet together to pray and worship. Her husband came home, their marriage was restored and he too accepted Christ. Praise God for this miracle of

healing and the new spiritual life which has sprung from it. Pray that the young church in the village will grow.

*“ The healing of his seamless dress Is by our beds of pain; We touch him in life’s throng and press, And we are whole again. John Greenleaf Whittier, USA (1807-92)*

#### **WED 4 MAR • UGANDA (1)**

*Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Psalm 43:3*

Uganda’s presidential elections were won by the incumbent, President Yoweri Museveni (aged 81), meaning that his four decades in power are to be extended by another five years. President Museveni addressed Ugandan church leaders in November, urging them to use their influence to discourage divisive “identity politics” in Uganda and to strengthen family-centred moral teaching. He praised them for empowering their congregations by income-generating initiatives. Pray that Ugandan church leaders will have great wisdom and integrity as they relate to the country’s president and that they will clearly hear and follow the voice of the Lord.

*“ Think through me, Thoughts of God. My Father, quiet me, Till in Thy holy presence hushed, I think Thy thoughts with Thee. Amy Carmichael, Northern Ireland (1867-1951)*

#### **THURS 5 MAR • UGANDA (2)**

*God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7*

A pastor in eastern Uganda was seriously injured when five Muslims attacked him at about 6 pm on 21 December. Pastor Joseph Kanoon was alone in his church compound, preparing for an all-night prayer service, when the attackers arrived, armed with sticks and sharp objects. They were enraged by the fact that he had encouraged Muslim children to attend church. Two of the attackers had engaged with Pastor Joseph in public religious debates during evangelistic events. Thank the Lord for Pastor Joseph's courageous testimony for the Lord Jesus, pray that his injuries will heal, and that this violent incident will prompt people to seek the Prince of Peace.

“ *The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.* John Piper, USA (born 1946)

#### **FRI 6 MAR • ETHIOPIA**

*For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in.* Matthew 25:35 (AMP)

Prayer is asked for small rural churches in Muslim-dominated areas of Ethiopia. Every year some are burnt down and their congregations forced to flee. Ask that the Lord Jesus Christ will guard and protect His people, that their faith in Him will keep them from fear, and that the practical needs of those displaced will be met.

“ *Earth gave him no welcome: Sin's night has been long; But soon comes God's morning, All glorious*

*with song:* Margaret Clarkson, Canada (1915-2008)

#### **SAT 7 MAR • ERITREA**

*Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* Romans 13:11 (NIV)

Tekleab Menghisteab has been in prison since November 2004, incommunicado and with no release date set. He is a physician and an ordained minister in the Eritrean Orthodox Church which is a denomination accepted by the Eritrean government. But he was involved in a Bible study renewal movement within the Orthodox Church; hence his arrest. In 1999 he published a 500-page commentary on the New Testament, the first such in Tigrinya, the language of Eritrea. Tekleab, an insulin-dependent diabetic, is now in his 60s. It is believed he is getting the insulin he needs. His wife Wubie has not seen or spoken to him since his arrest. Neither have their three daughters, who were aged 6, 4 and 1 at the time. Pray to our Lord, who knows what is in Tekleab's heart, mind and soul after 21 years of harsh confinement without any contact with his loved ones. Ask that He will meet Tekleab's every need and that He will be glorified in Tekleab's life.

“ *Lord, as your Body was broken for me, may I be ready to suffer for you.* Joyce Huggett, England (1937-2017)

#### **SUN 8 MAR • KAZAKHSTAN (1)**

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.* Matthew 4:17

While the authorities in Kazakhstan

show support to the Christian minority (about 25% of the population) and hold regular meetings with church representatives, at a local level churches face pressure. Congregations find it very difficult to rent premises to use for worship; leases are suddenly cancelled without explanation. Most Christians in Kazakhstan are from a Russian or Ukrainian background, but some are Kazakh converts from Islam. The convert churches face more problems, including constant efforts by the KGB to infiltrate their agents into the congregations. Church growth is tailing off and there is a lack of young pastors. Pray that the Kingdom of heaven will continue to be extended in Kazakhstan.

*“ Here is a traveller. He is tired, he is exhausted on the way. Warm him up and encourage him. Tell him that the eternal God will not leave him. The sun will shine ahead. Russian hymn*

#### **MON 9 MAR • KAZAKHSTAN (2)**

*But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Matthew 10:19-20 (NIV)*

Police raided worship meetings at a Baptist church in the south-eastern village of Balpyk-Bi in October and again in November. They put pressure on the church leaders to register the church and took at least nine of them to court. Praise God that a judge dismissed the cases against the church leaders in December,

saying that they had not committed an offence. (Forum 18)

*“ I believe God sent His Son To pay for sin, Died on the cross And rose again, Redeemed our souls, Forgave our sins, Made us righteous, Set us free. Nothing is impossible. With God all things are possible. Madlena Khaydarova, Kazakhstan (21st century)*

#### **TUE 10 MAR • KAZAKHSTAN (3)**

*I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds. Psalm 77:12*

Two years ago the government drafted a wide-ranging Amending Law which would have amended the strict 2011 Religion Law and other laws and codes to make them even harsher and more restrictive. The law was never adopted, but the signs are that the government still wants to tighten its control of religious liberty in Kazakhstan. Forum 18 reports that, as of 9 January 2026, the website of the lower house of parliament shows that no proposed amendments have been submitted to it. Pray that, if it is the Lord's will, He will step in to reverse the trend and cause there to be greater freedoms for Christians and followers of all religions in Kazakhstan.

*“ Nothing is impossible. I believe I am forgiven, Sanctified, I am redeemed And justified. A new creation Made alive. I am loved, A child of God. Nothing is impossible. With God all things are possible. Madlena Khaydarova, Kazakhstan (21st century)*

**WED 11 MAR • KAZAKHSTAN (4)**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*  
Colossians 3:16

A church in Shu was raided by police last September in response to a complaint from a woman who had attended the church for the previous three weeks. The complaint alleged that the church was teaching children to memorise Bible verses and instructing them in Biblical morality. The woman later said that her complaint had been written “under pressure and dictation from the police”. On the same day police went to a school where the woman is a teacher and questioned a pastor’s child, who is a pupil there, to find out more about the church’s meetings. Church members believe that the police have photos of all the children who attend children’s events at the church. (Forum 18) Pray for the children of this church that they will not be fearful and that they will grow in faith, knowledge and love of the Lord.

*“ I can do All things through Christ. He gives me strength. He gives me life. The Spirit raised Christ back to life. That Spirit now makes me alive. Nothing is impossible. I believe. Go teach all the nations. Make disciples. Madlena Khaydarova, Kazakhstan (21st century)*

**THURS 12 MAR • UZBEKISTAN**

*Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.*  
Revelation 22:12 (NIV)

The rapid church growth that was

seen in Uzbekistan a few years ago has come to an end. Also, the registration of new churches in Uzbekistan has almost stopped. In the last two years, only one church has been granted registration by the authorities while many are still waiting for a response to their applications. A request for permission to print a children’s Bible in the Uzbek language has not yet been granted and the authorities say that the Christians must wait. Senior church leaders have asked for prayer that local pastors do not become discouraged and give up.

*“ Will not the End explain The crossed endeavour, earnest purpose foiled, The strange bewilderment of good work spoiled, The clinging weariness, the inward strain, Will not the End explain? Amy Carmichael, Northern Ireland (1867-1951)*

**FRI 13 MAR • RUSSIA**

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.* 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

Please continue for Pastor Nicolay Romanyuk (aged 63). His appeal against his criminal conviction and 4-year prison sentence was heard by a Moscow court on 25 November and was rejected, reports Forum 18. His daughter Svetlana says that prosecutors had simultaneously appealed to get his sentence lengthened but this also was rejected by the court judge. Pastor Nicolay’s

“crime” was to criticise Russia’s war with Ukraine from a religious perspective in a Sunday sermon in 2022. By now he is probably on his way to a penal colony. The journey to a penal colony is itself an ordeal that taxes the strength of even a healthy, young person and can take weeks or even months. Pastor Nicolay has several serious health conditions. Commit him into the Lord’s hands.

“ *It was written in our doctrine that we are pacifists and cannot participate in this [war]. It is our right to profess this on the basis of Holy Scripture.* Pastor Nicolay Romanyuk, Russia (born 1962) in his sermon on 25 September 2022

#### **SAT 14 MAR • MALI**

*Guard the deposit entrusted to you.*  
1 Timothy 6:20

Christians in the Koulikoro Region of south-west Mali are being targeted for forced conversion to Islam by an Islamist group called the Group for Support of Islam and Muslims (GSIM, or JNIM). Pray that the Christians will stand firm and cling to the Lord without wavering. GSIM, which is linked to Al-Qaeda, has also resumed its “preaching tours” in the ancient city of Timbuktu, central Mali. Centuries ago Timbuktu was a famous centre of Islamic scholarship. Mali today has many moderate Muslims and a constitution that upholds religious freedom and forbids religious discrimination. But the GSIM “preaching tours” are seeking to persuade moderate Muslims to adopt more extreme interpretations of Islam.

“ *Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day.* Richard of Chichester, England (1197-1253)

#### **SUN 15 MAR • NIGERIA (1)**

*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* 1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

An evening service at a church in Eruku, Kwara State, was attacked on Tuesday 18 November. At least two worshippers were killed, with the pastor and some others abducted. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria that their faith may not fail with the continuing violent onslaught. Ask that their hearts will be focused on the life to come, when they will see the Lord face to face. Ask too that they will be given the grace to forgive their kidnappers and the killers of their loved ones.

“ *The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.* Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

**MON 16 MAR •****REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17

As presidential elections scheduled for 22 March approach, armed clashes have broken out yet again in the troubled Pool region. The people of the Republic of the Congo (often called Congo-Brazzaville) endured two bouts of civil war in the 1990s. The second civil war ended when the Angolan army intervened and re-instated President Denis Sassou Nguesso, who remains president to this day. The Church is praying for peace to continue as the population is still traumatised by the civil wars. Please add your prayers to those of our Congolese brothers and sisters. Pray also for leadership who will be able to reverse the country's decline into greater poverty.

*“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes.* Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515-1582)

**TUE 17 MAR • DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)**

*A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.* James 3:18

“Jihadi Harvest in Central Africa” was the title of an infographic in the weekly newsletter of Islamic State (ISIS) on 20 November 2025 (issue 522). It showed the “harvest” of 318 Christians killed by Islamic State Central Africa Province in DRC

between 21 August and 19 November 2025. Twenty-eight Christians had been beheaded in the previous three days. Pray that Christians in DRC will not be terrified by the terrorists but will rejoice to suffer for Jesus.

*“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.* Revelation 20:4 (NIV)

**WED 18 MAR •****MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE**

*There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.* Luke 15:10

Today is scheduled to be the last day of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, and Muslims will soon be joyfully celebrating its end. Pray that many will discover the joy of salvation through Christ, realising that Jesus has died to take away their sins so that they need not desperately strive to earn God's favour by acts of merit like long and arduous fasting or (as Islamist extremists believe) killing non-Muslims.

*“Lord, my heart is before you. I try, but I myself can do nothing. Do what I cannot. Admit me into the inner room of your love.* Anselm of Canterbury, England, born in Italy (1033-1109)

**THURS 19 MAR • UK (1)**

*When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?* Luke 18:8

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has cut government funding for its citizens who want to study at universities in the UK. It appears that extremist versions of Islam are so strongly entrenched at British university campuses that the UAE is worried its young people will be at risk of Islamist radicalisation if they study in the UK. Pray that the UK, whose culture and heritage were dominated by Christianity for more than a millennium, will see a renewal of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, especially in our centres of learning.

*“ Very often it has come to my mind what men of learning there were formerly throughout England, both in religious and secular orders; and how there were happy times then throughout England; and how the kings, who had authority over this people, obeyed God ... and how people from abroad sought wisdom and instruction in this country; and how nowadays, if we wished to acquire these things, we would have to seek them outside. King Alfred the Great, England (849-899)*

#### **FRI 20 MAR • UK (2)**

*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage to fear any more, but ye have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry Abba father. The same spirit certifieth our spirit that we are the sons of God. If we be sons, we are also heirs, the heirs I mean of God, and heirs annexed with Christ: if so be that we suffer together, that we may be glorified together. Romans 8:15-17 (Tyndale's translation of 1534 with modernised spelling)*

Sales of printed Bibles have soared

in the UK since 2019. This may have been triggered by the Covid pandemic and lockdowns, which gave people reason and time to reconsider the purpose of their lives and what happens after death. But the trend has continued post-Covid, with 2025 seeing the highest number of Bibles sold. More traditional Bible translations are the most popular. It is thought that people may want to read something that feels different from everyday life so are rejecting the accessible and easy-to-read Bibles. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through the Word to transform lives.

*“ Do you know who taught the eagles to find their prey? Well, that same God teaches His hungry children to find their Father in His Word. William Tyndale, England (c.1492-1536)*

#### **SAT 21 MAR • UK (3)**

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)*

Reports continue about a Christian revival amongst Britain's young adults. Many are the children of people who rebelled in their own childhoods against being sent to church by their parents. Therefore many of today's young people have been raised by atheists or agnostics and lack any knowledge or experience of Christianity. Typically, they encounter a diversity of faiths at school which prompts them to go back to their roots and discover the Christian faith of their grandparents and earlier generations. Living in a digital age of AI and virtual reality, they find the Bible is the one source of

information they can truly trust. In the midst of their anxieties they find they can rely on God. Praise God for these young believers and pray that they will grow into mature disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“ *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.* William Williams, Wales (1717-1791)

### SUN 22 MAR • NIGERIA (2)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.* Philippians 4:4

About 303 children and 12 staff were abducted from a Christian school in Papiri, Niger State, Nigeria on 21 November. Some escaped, some were released in batches and, praise God, after a month had passed none were left in captivity. The school educates children from nursery up to secondary school. A Nigerian church leader commented, “I am deeply grateful to God for his providence and protection during this extremely difficult period... a testimony to answered prayers and the power of faith in sustaining hope amidst fear and uncertainty.” Pray that the children will soon be healed in body, mind and spirit from their weeks of captivity in the bush. Many looked emaciated and in a state of shock when they were seen shortly after their release.

“ *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds And drives away his fear.* John Newton, England (1725-1807)

### MON 23 MAR • NIGERIA (3)

*... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.* Philippians 3:10

Archbishop Daniel Okoh, president of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), has re-asserted CAN's long-held position that there is a Christian genocide in parts of Nigeria. He said towards the end of last year, “It would be a grave injustice to deny the painful reality of what has transpired. Lives have been brutally cut short, communities uprooted from their ancestral lands, families torn apart, churches razed, and hopes shattered.” He stressed that years of coordinated attacks, unpunished massacres, and the forced displacement of indigenous Christian populations fit the pattern of intentional extermination. Pray that the Nigerian authorities will find an effective way to protect their citizens from the violence.

“ *We have made up our mind to die for Jesus. And no matter what may be, we have made up our mind and we will serve the Lord. Nothing, nothing will stop us.* Pastor Gaba, Nigeria, after his village was attacked by Boko Haram militants, killing and burning everything Christian, and his church building was left in ruins

### TUE 24 MAR • NIGERIA (4)

*The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.* Psalm 34:18

Fulani extremists attacked a cluster of four mainly-Christian villages

near Donga town, Taraba State. Ten Christians were killed and many properties were burnt down during the attack, which took place over the night of 10-11 January. "When are we going to have peace in Taraba state?" asked a local resident called Mercy Emmanuel in a message to Christian Daily International-Morning Star News, "O God, have mercy on us." Another resident said, "Your prayers are needed for us living in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba state." Please pray as Pastor Zachariah suggests below, and as the Lord leads you.

*"I want to tell people who find themselves in situations like we have experienced, my prayer for you is that we should rely on God, because he is everything we live for. Pastor Zachariah, Nigeria, after an attack on his community by Islamist militants*

### **WED 25 MAR • AFGHANISTAN**

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. 3 John 2*

"What if someone finds out we are studying the Bible, and we are in danger?" This question came from a woman in Afghanistan to a ministry worker who was reading the Bible with her online. The ministry worker talked to her about God being our help and protection and prayed for her. Please add your prayers for this unknown woman and many others in Afghanistan, secret believers in the Lord Jesus Christ or Muslims who are sincerely seeking the truth. Their danger is very real. Around the time

she asked this question, an Afghan man who often listened to Christian radio, wrote in to say that family members had killed his daughter who also listened to Christian radio.

*"When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." Horatio Gates Spafford, USA (1828-1888)*

### **THURS 26 MAR •**

#### **AFGHAN DIASPORA**

*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. James 4:8*

Praise God for the Afghanistan Bible Society in Diaspora (ABSiD), which was officially registered in Canada last year. ABSiD will unite and steward the ongoing work of many translation teams, with its overall aim being to translate, promote, and make the Bible available to the people of Afghanistan. ABSiD sees a growing hunger for the Word of God among Afghan people, reflected in increasing reading of Scripture through online platforms. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide all at ABSiD as they seek to respond to this hunger. There are estimated to be 6.1 million Afghans living outside Afghanistan as refugees, most of them in Iran or Pakistan.

*"Lord, draw me until my whole being revolves around you. Joyce Huggett, England (1937-2017)*

### **FRI 27 MAR • IRAN (5)**

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)*

Thank you for your prayers for Aida Najaflou, a Christian convert from Islam. She was released from prison on bail on Sunday 21 December. Please pray for healing for her back, injured when she fell from a top bunk in the prison. She has rheumatoid arthritis and when arrested was still recovering from spinal disc surgery. Her older son (aged 13) also has arthritis and had serious spinal surgery last year. Pray for the Lord's healing hand to rest on him.

*“ So he says this, “Pray inwardly, even though you find no joy in it. For it does good, though you feel nothing, see nothing, yes, even though you think you cannot pray. For when you are dry and empty, sick and weak, your prayers please me, though there be little enough to please you. All believing prayer is precious in my sight.” Julian of Norwich, England (1342–1416 or later)*

#### **SAT 28 MAR • IRAN (6)**

*Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel... 2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV)*

Husband and wife, Qasem and Nayereh, were arrested at their home in northern Iran on 7 July 2025. Both Christian converts from Islam, they had recently travelled to Turkey to attend a Christian seminar with other converts. (Because of the severe penalties for converts who gather for Christian worship in Iran, some travel to neighbouring countries to attend worship and receive Christian teaching.) Nayereh must serve five

years in prison for “promoting deviant propaganda and teachings contrary to Islamic law” and began serving her sentence on 23 December. Qasem has a shorter sentence and it has not yet been enforced because he is receiving chemotherapy for cancer. During earlier periods of detention Nayereh had to endure psychological torture, including being threatened with execution. Pray that Qasem and Nayereh may find the Christian fellowship and teaching for which they yearn, despite the situations they are now in.

*“ Take heed often to come together to give thanks to God and show forth His praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith. Ignatius of Antioch, Syria, but now in Turkey (martyred c.107)*

#### **SUN 29 MAR • PAKISTAN (4)**

*Whoever receives this child in my name receives me. Luke 9:48*

With your donations and by God's grace, TBF Trust is able to support many Christian schools that provide an education for poor Christian children in Pakistan. Because TBFT helps to pay the teachers' salaries etc, the schools charge only nominal fees. Without these schools the Christian children would face harassment, discrimination and sometimes violence in government schools, due to their Christian faith. Some would not get any schooling at all and would grow up illiterate

and vulnerable like their parents. The schools provide an education in a loving environment where all staff and pupils are Christians and the children are helped grow in their Christian faith. Pray that whole families and Christian communities will be strengthened spiritually and economically through these simple schools.

*“ In God’s Kingdom, the great one is not the one who rules with power, but the one who humbles himself, serves, and opens his heart to the needs of others. To receive the small, the forgotten, the weak, is to receive CHRIST Himself...: Bishop Hovakim Manukyan, Armenia (born 1976)*

**MON 30 MAR • PAKISTAN (5)**

*The least among all of you is the greatest.*  
Luke 9:48 (NRSV)

Today we share with you prayer requests from some of the schools supported by TBF Trust. “Pray for our children and their families that they would not only receive quality education, but also find hope, encouragement, and the possibility of a better future through their experience at school. Pray for our teachers and principals, that they would be true instruments of blessing in the communities they serve. May their work go beyond academics, becoming a source of light, support, and transformation. Pray for changed lives and powerful testimonies that students would discover their God-given purpose, find open doors for further education and employment,

and become positive examples in their families and communities.”

*“ Greatness is not measured by what we possess or how we appear, but by our goodness, our mercy, our humility. We become great not when we rule over others, but when we humble ourselves in love. Bishop Hovakim Manukyan, Armenia (born 1976)*

**TUE 31 MAR • WORLD**

*I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods. Daniel 3:25*

“The world is on fire.” This is what people are saying about the turmoil, threats and violence erupting across the globe. Ask the Lord God Almighty to intervene. Ask that powerful leaders of nations will be guided by reason and by a love of peace and justice. Ask that the Lord, in His mercy, will spare us from a third world war, but that, whatever happens, Jesus will be among us and we will be faithful to Him.

*“ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” Daniel 3:16-18*



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