



PRAYER DIARY

Praying in Christ's Name for His Suffering Church

June - July 2026



Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

June

MON 1 JUNE • LEBANON (1)

Christ Jesus our hope. 1 Timothy 1:1

“It was a horrible day yesterday!! We were in the office and very scared as the air strikes were nearby and in areas of both Christian and Muslim communities, and no one expected shelling in such civilian areas.” This message was WhatsApped to TBF Trust on 9 April by a Christian leader in Lebanon. The previous day over 300 people were killed by Israeli air strikes, which hit parts of Beirut not previously attacked, including the Mar Elias neighbourhood where many Christians live. There had not been the normal warnings that the strikes were coming. and many Christians were amongst the dead. Please pray for all who have been bereaved or injured in Israel’s war against Lebanon, remembering especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

“ *The suffering of the Middle East is not isolated from the suffering of Christ. The Crucified One is present there. He is present among those who mourn their dead, among those who flee violence, among those who cry out for justice, and among those who continue to pray in the midst of devastation. Jesus’ cry from the cross becomes their cry. His abandonment speaks into their abandonment. His wounds meet them in their wounds. Good Friday tells us that God has not turned away from them. He is near to the brokenhearted. He is with His*

people in their affliction. Bishop Yassir Eric, Sudan, April 2026

TUE 2 JUNE • LEBANON (2)

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 22:2 (NIV)

As well as those in the capital city Beirut (see above), Christians in other parts of Lebanon are being affected by the war. Some Christian villages in southern Lebanon are now empty as their inhabitants have fled the repeated Israeli attacks. The Christian town of Sahel Alma, north of Beirut, was hit by shrapnel from an intercepted Iranian missile on 24 March. It was the first time Sahel Alma, famous for its lemons and other fruit, had been hit. Ask the Lord to heal the quarrels of the nations and to bring His perfect peace.

“ *Change, decay and bloodshed, Bombs and wounds and death, Evil, how long does it triumph? Humanity’s road of destruction. How long will this madness last? In agony we long for salvation. Holy sanity, kindly do return.* Albrecht Hauser, Germany (born 1938)

WED 3 JUNE • LEBANON (3)

And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:15-16

“Many families fled their homes with little notice, often during active

bombardment, leaving behind possessions, documentation, and essential household items,” wrote our project partners in Lebanon, describing the desperate humanitarian need of those displaced by war from southern Lebanon, who include many Christians. Our project partners are providing food, hygiene kits and medicines. Remembering how God fed the widow of Zarephath (Sarafand in modern Lebanon), pray that funds sent by TBF Trust will be multiplied by Him to bring aid to many Lebanese who love His Name.

“ And I would love You, And You shared supper one day with me. May my soul sing a hymn of praise in triumph, Glorifying the name of Christ and living by Him alone. Russian hymn,

THU 4 JUNE • ARMENIA (1)

We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. Hebrews 10:39

On 7 June parliamentary elections will be held in Armenia. They are the first elections since Muslim-majority Azerbaijan seized control of Nagorno-Karabakh in 2023, causing its residents, who were Armenian Christians, to flee en masse to Armenia. The current Armenian government has been strongly persecuting Armenian church leaders, with clergy and lay church leaders vilified, arrested and imprisoned. It seems willing to let go of Nagorno-Karabakh where Armenian Christians have lived for millennia and which is full of Christian holy sites. Pray that those elected on Sunday will cease the persecution of the Church.

“ The spiritual concept of promotions in Church and Service is to bend down to reach the feet. The more your responsibilities, the more you have to bend. Patriarch Tawadros II, Egypt (born 1952)

FRI 5 JUNE • ARMENIA (2)

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:24

“ Heavenly Father, we lift up before You the people of Armenia at this critical moment in their history. As parliamentary elections approach on 7 June, grant wisdom, discernment, and integrity to all who participate in the democratic process. We pray especially for the Armenian Apostolic Church, for its clergy and faithful people, that they may be protected from persecution, injustice, fear, and division. Strengthen all those who suffer for their faith and for their witness to truth. Grant that those entrusted with political leadership may govern with justice, respect for human dignity, and reverence for the spiritual heritage of Armenia. May peace, truth, reconciliation, and righteousness prevail over hatred, oppression, and violence. For You are the God of mercy, compassion, and peace, and to You we give glory, together with Your Only-Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Bishop Hovakim Manukyan, Armenia (born 1976)

SAT 6 JUNE • KOSOVO (1)

I have called you friends, for everything

that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15 (NIV)

Kosovo has a majority of Albanian Muslims and a minority of Serbian Christians. Albanians in Kosovo tend to place much more importance on Islam as part of their identity than do Albanians in Albania. Attempts to radicalise the Muslim community have met with only limited success in both countries. Nevertheless, Muslim families and local communities will often exert pressure on those who decide to follow Christ, particularly if they are young. This is especially true in Kosovo, where many new believers have been rejected by their close relatives. Pray that, even if they lose their families, they will know the close presence of Jesus, their heavenly Friend.

“ *Be still, my soul! your best, your heavenly friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*
Katharina von Schlegel, Germany (1697-1777) translated by Jane Northwick, Scotland (1813-1897)

SUN 7 JUNE • KOSOVO (2)

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Psalm 9:9

Kosovo is in political crisis, following the failure of the Assembly to elect a president in March. The Assembly was therefore dissolved and new elections are scheduled for today 7 June, only 16 months after the last elections. Many Muslim religious sites were destroyed in the 1998-99 conflict and afterwards many Christian religious sites were destroyed. The constitution grants local self-government to Serb communities and supposedly protects

Serbian cultural and religious (i.e. Christian) sites but this protection does not seem to be a reality. The Christians of Kosovo feel under pressure from the central government, which is anti-Serb and anti-Christian. Pray that those who are elected, and the president they will then elect, will ensure the rights of Serbian Christians are protected and their churches and other Christian sites are safeguarded.

“ *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.* Stuart Townend, England (born 1963) and Keith Getty, Northern Ireland (born 1974)

MON 8 JUNE • ALBANIA

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

Most Albanian people identify as Muslim. However, Islam does not have a strong influence in society, perhaps because many Albanians are Bektashis, a sect which is much more flexible and accepting of other faiths than is mainstream Islam. But Albanian Christians are concerned that in some villages imams are volunteering to teach in schools, apparently with the aim of promoting radical Islam. Also young people in village churches are being attracted to their local mosques to receive free gifts, after which they are strongly encouraged to perform Islamic rituals. Pray that young Christian Albanians will resist all efforts to convert them to Islam.

“ *Those whom you see as young children today are the men of the*

future. Teach them and take good care of them. Bring them up in truth and virtue, sow the seeds of righteousness and grace in them. Draw them close to the church, and teach them to remember the Creator in the days of their youth. Patriarch Kyrillos V, Egypt (1824-1927)

TUE 9 JUNE • KYRGYZSTAN (1)

He prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.
James 5:18 (NIV)

Thank you for your prayers for Kyrgyzstan where a dry autumn and winter were expected to be followed by a dry spring and therefore a poor harvest. However, contrary to the long-range weather forecast, there was plenty of rain this spring. In fact there was so much rain that it hindered repair work on the Christian campsites which are much used every summer. One campsite needs repairs to a utility room destroyed by Muslim neighbours, and another needs repairs to a fence destroyed by the authorities. There are also routine renovations and repainting to complete. Praise God for answering prayer for rain and pray that the campsites will be ready for ministry, which normally begins in June.

“*And at the seventh time he said, ‘Behold a little cloud like a man’s hand is rising from the sea.’ And he said, ‘Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.’”*
And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.
1 Kings 18:44-45

WED 10 JUNE • BELARUS (1)

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me? Psalm 118:6

Three church parishes in western Belarus have been liquidated by the Belarus authorities and have no legal existence. Any activity by the three parishes is now illegal and punishable. The three had gained state registration in the 1990s but, like all religious communities, had to re-register because of a new law in 2024. Their applications to re-register were rejected in 2025 and their appeal against liquidation, was refused on 9 April 2026. (Forum 18) Pray that the Lord will strengthen the faith of each Christian, even though they can no longer gather together for worship, prayer or teaching.

“*We entrust the faithful of the non-re-registered parishes in Brest, Ivatsevichi and Baranovich to ... the prayers of people of good will.* A unofficial church post on Telegram, 9 April 2026

THU 11 JUNE • BELARUS (2)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Early this year, after the church parish in the town of Ivatsevichi was forcibly liquidated, Adam Straczyński, minister of another church in Ivatsevichi, invited the congregation and their minister to worship at his church. Rev Straczyński, originally from Poland, had to renew his permission to minister in Belarus. That permission was refused by the Belarus authorities, and Rev Straczyński was obliged to leave Belarus in early March. His congregation now have

a building but no minister, and the other congregation have a minister but no building. (Forum 18) Pray that these challenges will cause the faith, hope and courage of the embattled Christians to grow.

“ *Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.* Katharina von Schlegel, Germany (1697-1777) translated by Jane Northwick, Scotland (1813-1897)

FRI 12 JUNE • THE GULF

The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Psalm 11:5

Pastors in two Gulf countries have expressed the view that most businesses will close down because of the war. Millions of expatriate workers, many of them Christians from Asia and Africa, will lose their jobs. Some Christians are trapped in the Gulf country where they work, wanting to go to their home country but unable to travel. Others were visiting their home country when war broke out and now cannot return to the Gulf where their possessions are. Pray for a speedy end to the war, and that warmongers will repent and turn from their violent ways. Pray that the Gospel of peace will bring comfort to our Christian brothers and sisters and attract many others to follow the Prince of Peace.

“ *These difficult times remind us of all of the world's desperate need for Christ's holy gospel of truth,*

justice and peace. Victor and Lisa Atallah, March 2026

SAT 13 JUNE • BAHRAIN

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

“Our church has become stronger. Our church attendance has gone up.” This comment came from a church leader in Bahrain after the congregation – expatriate workers of many nationalities – had experienced weeks of missile attacks from nearby Iran. In the early stages of the war, the church was described by a Bahrain government agency as a “first responder” because it was housing displaced people. “As a church we need to remain agile and adaptable and gracious in all that we do,” said the church leader. Pray that the Christians of Bahrain will be strengthened in their faith and will be a blessing to the whole community around them in this time of danger and uncertainty.

“ *I take, content, what he hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.* Samuel Rodigast, Germany (1649-1708)

SUN 14 JUNE • EGYPT (1)

My beloved is mine, and I am his.

Song of Solomon 2:16

Said Abdelrazek left Islam to follow Christ in 2016. In 2025 he was arrested and charged with terrorism-related offences. His supporters say these charges arose out of his conversion and his attempts to change the religion recorded on his identity documents to

show that he is a Christian. In Egypt it is difficult to live as a Christian if one's identity documents say "Muslim". At the time of writing Said is in prison where, reports say, he has been physically abused and has inadequate food, clothing and medical care. Said has already suffered much persecution for speaking about his Christian faith. He sought asylum in Russia but was deported back to Egypt. His next court hearing is tomorrow, 15 June. Pray that that the charges against him will be dropped and he will be able to relocate to a safe country permanently.

“ The most important thing in our life is our love for God and our love for each other. Tamav Youanna, Egypt (1941-2000)

MON 15 JUNE • EGYPT (2)

Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand.” John 13:7

While Egyptian Muslims are becoming Christians, Egyptian Christians from the historic Christian community are becoming Muslims. Often the faith of the Christians is disturbed by hard-to-understand concepts like the Trinity. Islam is presented to them as much simpler and some therefore find it more attractive. Pray for all Christians in Egypt that their love for the Lord Jesus will not waver and that they will be able to wait until heaven for full understanding of holy mysteries.

“ I seek not to understand in order that I may believe; rather, I believe in order that I may understand. Anselm of Canterbury, England, born in Italy (1033-1109)

TUE 16 JUNE • EGYPT (3)

They seized him and led him away. Luke 22:54

A wave of arrests near church sites in Egypt has been reported, apparently part of a crackdown on immigrants from Sudan and South Sudan. It is believed that hundreds are in prison, mostly on baseless charges. Even children are being arrested, for example a 16-year-old boy called Matiok Santino Matiok, who was detained after leaving a church service on 12 April. Matiok and his family have lived legally in Egypt since 2015. Please pray for the release of Matiok and all the other innocent immigrants.

“ Many followers of Christ today endure rejection, hardship, imprisonment, violence, and discrimination because they bear His name. Some worship in secret. Some have lost homes, livelihoods, family ties, and even their lives because of their faithfulness to Jesus. Their suffering is real, and it is costly. But Good Friday reminds us that they do not suffer alone. The Church’s persecution is bound up with the suffering of her Lord. Bishop Yassir Eric, Sudan, April 2026

WED 17 JUNE • EGYPT (4)

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. Psalm 118:5

Pray for Augustinos Samaan (37), a Christian scholar who has been in detention since October 2025. At a secret trial in January, held without his lawyer's presence or knowledge, he was found guilty of "contempt of

religion” (i.e. blasphemy) and “misuse of social media”. These charges were based on the videos he posted on YouTube, in which he answered questions about Christianity, explored the differences between Christianity and Islam, and commented on anti-Christian incitement. His has been sentenced to five years with hard labour. Augustinos, who has a PhD in comparative religion, filed an appeal against his conviction on 24 April. Pray that it will be successful.

“*If the world is against the truth, then I am against the world.*
Athanasius of Alexandria, Egypt
(c.293-373)

THU 18 JUNE • NIGERIA (1)

The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
Job 1:21

Dozens of Nigerian Christians died at the hands of Islamist militants in attacks on Christian-majority communities and church services on Palm Sunday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. Violent attacks on Christians at the time of special Christian holy days often occur in Nigeria. Some were killed as they prepared for an Easter vigil on the night of 4-5 April, some as they left church after Easter Day services. There were also non-Christians killed in the attacks. Please pray for all who are now mourning their loved ones and especially for our Christian brothers and sisters.

“*Promise is the only male child that I have. But I give God the glory. He is the one who gave me, and He is the one who took him back.* A Nigerian Christian mother, whose

teenage son, Promise, was killed in the attacks on Palm Sunday

FRIDAY 19 JUNE • NIGERIA (2)

I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people.
Isaiah 43: 20

Christian-majority villages in certain parts of Nigeria are not only prone to violent attack by Islamist extremists, but also suffer discrimination in facilities such as water and electricity. Nearby Muslim villages are well provided for, but the Christian villages are under-developed. Pray that the Lord will meet the needs of His faithful people or give them grace to endure.

“*Kò s'òrẹ bí Jèsù ẹni irẹlẹ̀, kò s'òrẹ, kò s'òrẹ. Jèsù mọ gbogbo ìṣoro wa, yòd sì tọ wa títí d'òpín.* Nigerian hymn in the Yoruba language, meaning “There is no friend like lowly Jesus, No not one, No not one. Jesus knows all about our troubles, and He will guide till the day is done.”

SAT 20 JUNE • NIGERIA (3)

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

Eleven Christians were killed in attacks on three villages in Barkin Laudi county, Plateau State on 19 and 27 April and 3 May. Five Christians were wounded in the attacks. The attackers were Fulani extremists and the villages were all Christian-majority. Pray that the Lord will intervene in power and bring an end to the Islamist extremist violence against His people in Northern and Middle Belt Nigeria, violence which has continued for about 40 years.

” *Way maker, miracle worker, Promise keeper, light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are. You wipe away all tears, You mend the broken heart. You're the answer to it all, Jesus. Sinach (Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu), Nigeria (born 1972)*

SUN 21 JUNE • NIGERIA (4)

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. Luke 12:6-7

The weekly newsletter of Islamic State (ISIS) for 30 April included an infographic showing the statistics for what their militants had achieved against Christians in ISIS's West Africa Province during the previous month. According to the figures, in 8 attacks in Borno State and Adamawa State, 65 Christians were killed, 103 motorcycles burned, 44 houses burned and 5 churches burned. What are lists of numbers to ISIS are precious children to the Lord. Pray that the survivors will know they are not forgotten by Him and that He sees all they are suffering.

” *Does it look like God has forgotten us? No! Jesus knows all that we are passing through. God does not write our names on His right hand, which He may use to eat and wipe clean. Instead, He writes our names on His left hand, so they remain always before Him because He does not use His left hand to eat. He does not forget us. Rev. Bakare, Nigeria, 26 April 2026, preaching to Christians displaced by violent attacks*

MON 22 JUNE • NIGERIA (5)

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

It is reported from Nigeria that Christians have begun to resist the violent attacks by Fulani extremists. After 34 people were killed by Fulani extremists in in Kogi State and Plateau State between 5 and 9 May, a town in Plateau State defended itself from Fulani gunmen on motorcycles, who surrounded it but were unable to enter. On 10 May three villages in southern Kaduna State, after hearing of planned attacks by Fulani extremists, coordinated a response and managed to repel the attackers. Pray that Nigerian Christians will be Christ-like in their response to violence and will not retaliate against their attackers.

” *If we have the love of God in our hearts, that will guide us to what is truly right to do. If we have the mind of Christ we will know what is right and wrong because that mind will guide us to what is wholesome and good and how to live a Christ-like life. Patrick Sookhdeo, Guyana (1947-2026)*

TUE 23 JUNE • UK

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

A survey by the Pew Research Centre has found that almost a third of the UK population were brought up as Christians but rejected their childhood faith by the time they were adults. Most of those who abandoned their childhood religious upbringing became non-believers, but some joined another

religion. There were also some who switched to another major branch of Christianity. Other research has shown that about a third of Britons consider themselves to be superstitious and follow little rituals to bring themselves good luck or ward off bad luck. Young people are more superstitious than older people, and women more superstitious than men. Pray for a revival of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“ *The Church will remain barren unless she recovers the cross not merely as something to wear but as something to bear, and, if required, something to die upon.*
Bishop Francis Omondi, Kenya (born 1966)

WED 24 JUNE • KYRGYZSTAN (2)

Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost. Luke 15: 6

New converts from Islam to Christianity are being added to Kyrgyz churches. This is happening not only in Kyrgyzstan but also amongst Kyrgyz people living in Russia, where several churches of Kyrgyz believers are developing. Thank the Lord for the extension of His Kingdom among Kyrgyz people and pray that new believers will grow in knowledge and love of the Lord, and that the Holy Spirit will guide and empower them to share their faith in Christ with others. Ask for strength and perseverance for the persecution they are likely to face.

“ *If we trust Him completely, He helps us in every difficulty. When we live for ourselves, God cannot manifest His power in our lives. But if we are willing to follow Him,*

we feel His love, support, and presence. Pastor from Kyrgyzstan, 2026

THU 25 JUNE • KYRGYZSTAN (3)

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Psalm 37:4-6

A Christian campsite in Kyrgyzstan is continually being threatened. In February an employee of the State Committee for National Security told B, the Christian in charge of the camp, to bring the keys and transfer ownership of the camp to the local authorities. B replied that the camp was not going to be given to anyone, and if they had any complaints they could sue. Later the same day came the unexpected removal of the head of the State Committee for National Security by the president of Kyrgyzstan. Since that time no one has approached the Christians on this issue. Pray that peace and quiet will continue and there will be no hindrances to the use of the campsite this summer.

“ *Let us thank the Lord for the fact that everything goes according to His Divine plan; the last word belongs to Him because the powerful of the world cannot do anything contrary to His will.*
Kyrgyz Christians commenting on these events, April 2026

FRIDAY 26 JUNE • TAJIKISTAN

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17

Please keep praying for the church in Dushanbe where 25 Muslims living nearby have signed a collective complaint against the church, and filed it with multiple government agencies. It has emerged that just two individuals initiated and organised the complaint. They collected the signatures, with many people not realising what they were signing. In fact, most of the neighbouring Muslims have a positive attitude towards the church. Praise God that all eight accusations were dropped because the church is officially registered and operates in accordance with the law. The only remaining issue is the paperwork connected with the church's relocation to its current address about a year ago. Pray that this will be successfully completed. The church members ask prayer: (1) for wisdom on how to serve their neighbours and continue to preach the Gospel (2) that government officials will understand that Tajikistan is a multi-faith nation where freedom of religion is guaranteed.

“ If it gets really hard for you, And a harsh world blows away the fire, Do not be discouraged, because the loving Lord is with you. He will keep your lamp burning. Russian hymn.

SAT 27 JUNE • UZBEKISTAN

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Psalm 100:4

“Thanks to you, our house of prayer has become warm and cosy, which is especially important during the cold season. This is not just comfort—it is an opportunity for our people of all ages to freely gather, pray, glorify God, and hear His Word.” This message came to

TBF Trust from a church in Uzbekistan, which we helped with a grant for a heating system. The congregation, including many converts from Islam, had faced multiple difficulties and hardships since the church began in 2003, but they finally gained official registration in 2022. Since then they have no longer been an underground church but can legally worship and do other Christian activities in their church building. But it was far too cold during the bitter Central Asian winters. Pray that each member of the congregation will continue to grow in Christ and that the warm and welcoming building will bring glory to Him.

“ Your participation has strengthened the church and has become part of God's work, bearing fruit in the lives of many. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold for your kind heart, bless you and your families, meet your every need, and fill you with His peace and joy. The church in Uzbekistan, 2026

SUN 28 JUNE • SAUDI ARABIA

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

In the last week of May 1.5 million Muslims from around the world visited Saudi Arabia for the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. The pilgrimage is the spiritual high of a lifetime for Muslims. Included in the rituals is the slaughter of a sheep for the feast of Eid-Al-Adah (the Feast of Sacrifice), which is celebrated by Muslims everywhere. It commemorates Abraham's sacrifice of a ram instead of his son. Pray that

Muslims devoutly seeking Allah will discover the Lamb of God, Jesus, who died to take away the sin of the world, and will put their faith in Him.

“ I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!”
Revelation 5:13

MON 29 JUNE • ALGERIA (1)

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. Hebrews 10:36

A report by the European Centre for Law and Justice has condemned Algeria's repression of Christians. Since 2006 at least 58 Protestant churches have been forced by the authorities, one way or another, to close. It is over a year since there has been a functioning evangelical church building. Evangelicals, who are mostly Algerian Berber converts from Islam, can therefore only worship illegally in homes. Catholics – mostly foreigners – are still allowed to worship in their church buildings, but their humanitarian work has been severely curtailed. Pray that Algerian Christians will be able to persevere with joy as long as the Lord allows these pressures to continue.

“ If God seems slow in responding, it is because He is preparing a better gift. He will not deny us. God withholds what you are not yet ready for. He wants you to have a lively desire for His greatest gifts. All of which is to say, pray always and do

not lose heart. Augustine of Hippo (modern Annaba, Algeria) (354-430)

TUE 30 JUNE • ALGERIA (2)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Elections for Algeria's National Assembly take place on 2 July. Pray that those elected will work for better treatment of Algeria's Christians. Five years ago, the former Minister of Religious Affairs stated, "Algerians can only be Muslim." Pray that the new Assembly will reject such thinking. Pray that "freedom of conscience" will be restored to the Algerian constitution, that Protestant churches will be allowed to function, that religious minorities will be legally recognised, that the Family Code will be reformed to ensure equal treatment between Christians and Muslims, and that the criminal law on proselytism and blasphemy will be amended so that Christians can freely share their faith.

“ Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe. Augustine of Hippo (modern Annaba, Algeria) (354-430)

July

WED 1 JULY • NORTH AFRICA

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

The Holy Spirit is at work in several North African nations, leading Muslims

to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Typically they are devout Muslims who have sought to live out their Islamic faith obediently and reverently, submitting themselves to Allah. But when they meet Jesus and discover they can have a relationship with Him, they find a fulfilment they never found in Islam. Pray that their love for the Lord will continue to grow and that they will also grow in knowledge and understanding.

“ *Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.* Augustine of Hippo (modern Annaba, Algeria) (354-430)

THU 2 JULY • UGANDA

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Psalm 34:5

Pray for Ochora Awali (aged 28), who recently left Islam to follow Jesus. In response, his wife moved back to her Muslim parents, taking their child too. On 2 May his brother-in-law phoned Ochora, crying and saying that the child was seriously ill. Ochora went to the home of his parents-in-law, who are Muslims, accompanied by his pastor, but the family would not let the pastor in. Ochora entered alone and the family began accusing him of bringing shame on them all by becoming a Christian. They punched him, and beat him with sticks until he lost consciousness. The next thing he knew was waking up in a clinic. Pray that Ochora's family may discover the joy of salvation through Christ, who was despised and rejected (Isaiah 53:3).

“ *I love the One Who took away*

my shame. Christ's hand touches the strings of my soul, And my soul ecstatically sings. May the song never end, A song about the One Who took away my shame.
Russian hymn

FRIDAY 3 JULY • TANZANIA

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you. Isaiah 26:3

Tanzania is predominantly Christian, but Muslims hold many key positions in politics, education, business and the judiciary. Off the mainland are the islands of Zanzibar. Here the population is 98% Muslim. Churches in Zanzibar have needed police protection and Christian converts from Islam are vulnerable to violent attack. Pray for wisdom, vision and courage for all Christians in Tanzania and for the Lord's protection over those in Zanzibar, particularly those who have left Islam to follow Jesus.

“ *Amidst the vicissitudes and challenges we face daily, Christ keeps watch over our ship. Though its sails are torn and its masts are broken, it will sail safely to the shore.* Bishop Francis Omondi, Kenya (born 1966)

SAT 4 JULY • KENYA

From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise. Matthew 21:16 (NIV)

“The challenges of starting new missions are real and are evident in our tired bodies and daily obstacles, but we find joy that surpasses these struggles... The work is demanding, but our children have shown great

strength... We are grateful for their health, which allows us to serve together as a family in this remote area." These are the words of a Kenyan couple who are pioneer missionaries, bringing the Gospel to an unreached Muslim people-group in their country. They combine spiritual work with practical help for the community, especially through a farming project which has built trust "in a community where physical hunger and spiritual thirst are deeply connected". The missionaries were greatly encouraged recently when they came home to find a group of local Muslim children singing joyfully with their own children *Salama Rohoni* (*It is Well with my Soul* in Swahili), so loudly that it echoed through the village. Pray that the whole family will persevere and their work will bear eternal fruit.

“*Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded My helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; It is well,
it is well with my soul.*” Horatio Gates Spafford, USA (1828-1888)

SUN 5 JULY • NORTH KOREA

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done. Psalm 118:17 (NIV)

South Korean Christians were greatly encouraged when it was announced that three of their number – missionaries who are serving life sentences in labour camps in North Korea – were to receive a human rights award from faraway Argentina. “The mere fact that people on the other side of the globe remember us has been

a great source of strength,” said the families of the missionaries. The three men have all been in detention in North Korea for over a decade and are now in their 60s or 70s if they are still alive. Many people die from the rigours of North Korean labour camps. Pray for the missionaries, Choi Chun-gi, Kim Jong-uk, Kim Kuk-gi, and their families.

“*One family we dwell in Him, One church above, beneath, Though now divided by the stream, The narrow stream of death; One army of the living God, To His command we bow; Part of His host have crossed the flood, And part are crossing now.* Charles Wesley, England (1707-1788)

MON 6 JULY • CHINA

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

The Chinese authorities seem to allow Chinese Christians to evangelise if the Christians are respectful of the government. But they will step in to repress evangelistic efforts which they consider to be a threat to national security or which are funded by foreign organisations who are critical of the Chinese government. Pray that Christians in China will have wisdom from above and will keep in step with the Holy Spirit as they share their faith with others.

“*I do not consecrate myself to be a missionary or a preacher. I consecrate myself to God to do His will where I am, be it in school, office, or kitchen, or wherever He may, in His wisdom, send me.* Watchman Nee. China (1903-72)

TUE 7 JULY • VIETNAM (1)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation. Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

The situation of Christians in Vietnam varies according to where they live and whether they are ethnic Vietnamese or from an ethnic minority such as the Montagnard or Hmong. In some of the cities there is considerable freedom and churches operate without hindrance. But in the mountains of the Central Highlands and the North West Highlands, where Christians are mainly from ethnic minorities, there is harassment of many kinds and sometimes violence. Pray that every believer will be strong in the Lord, especially those facing persecution, and that the Church will grow.

“ I want to share with people and tell them that God’s the one who knows everything ... We can trust him, and he is the one who leads us to the right way. Ho Nha Ca, Vietnam, 2025

WED 8 JULY • VIETNAM (2)

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

The Communist Party of Vietnam won 482 out of the 500 National Assembly seats at elections in March. This was roughly the same number that it had before the election. The National Assembly has almost no power to challenge key decisions by

the Communist Party, but occasionally amends proposed laws. In April the new National Assembly elected as the country’s president Tô Lâm, who has been General Secretary of the Communist Party since January. Like neighbouring China, Vietnam now has a single individual holding both top positions in the nation. This is a change from decades of collective leadership in Vietnam. Mr Lâm is expected to focus on restoring stability, increasing the state security apparatus, combating corruption and consolidating his power. Pray that he will also stop the persecution of Christians.

“ If you want the rain, before you do the prayer you need to bring the umbrella. Nam Nguyen. Vietnam, 2025

THU 9 JULY • INDONESIA

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Psalm 84:4

“We, all Muslims, strongly reject the establishment of a church/prayer house or any activities in our neighbourhood in Kappuna village, Masamba District, Luwu Utara Regency.” This was the message displayed on banners by Muslim protestors in April when Christians began building a wall around the plot of land on which they hoped to erect a “prayer house”. The local authorities responded by banning the work from proceeding. In November the Christians had also been banned from proceeding with construction work of the building itself. It was only a wooden frame when local residents and the Kappuna village chief asked the Christians to stop, which they did. The much more senior regent, however,

told the pastor not to demolish what had already been built. Pray that the regent will use his authority and wisdom to enable the Christians to complete their prayer house.

“ *There is a hope that burns within my heart, That gives me strength for every passing day; A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, Yet drives all doubt away:* Stuart Townend, England (born 1963) and Mark Edwards, England

FRI 10 JULY • IRAN (1)

I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20

At the time of writing there is a ceasefire in the war between Iran and the USA/Israel. But within Iran there is great anxiety and tension. The streets are full of new checkpoints and foreign soldiers while ordinary people are rarely seen. Rampant inflation has accelerated still further. Prices are now five times higher than in 2021. The Christian minority face even greater danger than before the war. They must guard their communications, their devices and their relationships. Many Christians are isolating themselves from their support networks, hoping to avoid notice. TBF has sent funds for food and hygiene items for Christian families. Pray for all in Iran. Pray especially for our fellow-Christians that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard their hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Ask that those who have isolated themselves from contact with other believers will know that the Lord Jesus Himself is with them always.

“ *We continue in prayer and confidence that the Lord will have His victory and that Iran’s story will ultimately reflect the glory of God.* TBF Trust’s Iranian project partners, May 2026

SAT 11 JULY • IRAN (2)

Your heavenly Father knows. Matthew 6:32

Simin Soheilinia (48), a Christian from a Muslim background, was due for release from Tehran’s notorious Evin Prison before the war began on 28 February, but her family have heard nothing of her since then. Simin was originally given a 10-year sentence for “acting against national security by establishing and leading an illegal Christian house-church”. (These charges are typical of the accusations against Christians involved in churches that worship in Farsi, the national language.) Her sentence was later reduced to 3.5 years. Conditions in Evin and other prisons reportedly worsened after the war began: guards abandoned their posts and other forces took charge; family visits and hospital appointments were cancelled; and in some prisons just one small meal per day was being given. Pray for the safety of Simin and all other Christian prisoners.

“ *Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.* Stuart Townend, England (born 1963) and Keith Getty, Northern Ireland (born 1974)

SUN 12 JULY • IRAN (3)

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. 1 Peter 3:14

Amidst all the alarming news from Iran, let us rejoice at the release from Evin Prison of Amir-Ali Minaei (aged 32) on 29 April. Like Simin (see above), he is a convert from Islam and was sentenced for “propaganda activities against the regime through establishing a house-church”. He had spent two years in prison. Amir-Ali has a heart condition but his repeated requests for referral to a cardiologist were refused by the prison authorities. After one request he was beaten by a prison officer, who struck him in the chest, worsening his condition. Pray for Amir-Ali's physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.

“ *Why what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the blind their sight.* Samuel Crossman, England (1624-1683)

MON 13 JULY • TURKEY

To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: “The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. I know your tribulation...” Revelation 2:8-9 [Smyrna is modern Izmir.]

There are approximately 214 Protestant churches worshipping in the Turkish language, mostly in Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir. But only 152 of them have managed to obtain legal entity status. Twelve of them meet in historical church buildings, 123 rent meeting places, 57 meet in premises they own and 22 meet in homes. There are also about 100 other Protestant fellowships who worship in other languages,

principally attended by refugees from Iran. At present the Turkish authorities are putting pressure on Protestants, but the historic Orthodox denominations are treated better. Pray for protection and encouragement for all Christians in Turkey.

“ *Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.* John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, now called Istanbul (347-407)

TUE 14 JULY • SOMALIA

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD. Habakkuk 3:17-18

A terrible drought is afflicting Somalia. Rivers are drying up, crops are withering. Many animals have died and now people are starting to die. At the same time, the US has drastically cut its aid to Somalia and the increasing cost of fuel, due to the Middle East war, means that trucking in water and therapeutic food for malnourished children is far more expensive than before. The small community of Somali Christians are almost all converts from Islam; they face danger from family, community and zealous Muslims. Pray for all Somali citizens suffering so greatly, and especially for Somali Christians, who endure the same and also the constant risk of persecution.

“ *Even as Habakkuk awaited impending disaster, he caught a rare vision of God enthroned in His holy temple. From that vision arose unshaken confidence. He*

trusted God's promises even when circumstances contradicted them. We are called to do the same.
Bishop Francis Omondi, Kenya
(born 1966)

WED 15 JULY • ERITREA (1)

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Ephesians 6:19-20 (NIV)

Many evangelical Christians are in prison; some are pastors and leaders, some are ordinary church members. Prison conditions are extremely harsh and the Christians have very little contact with their relatives. But they continue steadfast, which is a testimony to the guards and prison staff, amongst whom the number of secret disciples of Christ is growing. Thank the Lord for the faithfulness of His Eritrean “ambassadors in chains”. Pray for the prison staff who have become Christians through the witness of the prisoners, that they will be kept safe at work and at home.

*“ He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace,
Emptied Himself of all but love, And
bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis
mercy all, immense and free For,
O my God, it found out me. Charles
Wesley, England (1707-1788)*

THU 16 JULY • ERITREA (2)

My times are in your hand. Psalm 31:15

Praise God that another 24 Christians were released from prison in April, making a total of over 400 in the previous year. Only 200 to 220

Christians are now in prison, the lowest number for two decades. Those still behind bars include seven Christian leaders who have been in prison for more than 20 years. The reason for the releases is not known. At the same time evangelical Christians continue to be arrested. Recent police raids of church meetings in private homes in Adi Keyh and Asmara resulted in 43 arrests. Pray that all will be used by the Lord for His purposes during their time in prison, however long or short that may be.

*“ 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.* Charles Wesley, England
(1707-1788)

FRI 17 JULY • ERITREA (3)

*For whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.* Matthew 16:25

Despite persecution and the ever-present threat of arrest and imprisonment without charge or trial for an indefinite period, believers are “burning with love for God and a desire to preach the Gospel and plant new churches. In rural areas, electricity is available only one hour a day, and even trucked-in 'drinking water' is unsafe for consumption. However, believers pray not for improved living conditions, but for even greater dedication to the Lord and the filling of the Holy Spirit for ministry.” Praise God for their zeal and pray that the Lord will work through them to extend His Kingdom.

“ I am dead and have nothing to fear.
An Eritrean pastor who had spent 10 years in prison and, as soon as he was released, started a new church. He made the comment when asked if he was afraid that he might be jailed again. Within a year he was in prison again.

SAT 18 JULY • ERITREA (4)

This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Because evangelical Christianity is banned, there are no cemeteries in which evangelicals can bury their dead. In one village the authorities recently sent evangelical believers to the forest to bury a deceased believer there. When they returned from the forest, all who had attended the funeral were arrested and put in prison. The reason was that during the funeral service, they had read the Bible and prayed. Pray that those who are persecuted so severely may be enabled by the Holy Spirit to count it all joy (James 1:2).

**“ No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive
in Him, my living Head, And clothed
in righteousness divine, Bold I
approach the eternal throne, And
claim the crown, through Christ
my own.** Charles Wesley, England
(1707-1788)

SUN 19 JULY • PAKISTAN (1)

*When the Lord saw her, he had compassion
on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”*
Luke 7:13

Thank you for your prayers for Maria Shahbaz, abducted at the age of

13, forcibly converted to Islam and married to her abductor. The Pakistani government has reacted to the court judgement in February which upheld the validity of Maria's marriage. In response, the government announced the formation of a committee to review the court judgement and make recommendations to the Ministry of Law and Justice. Pray that this will result in real change for the better and an end to incidents like this, in which Christian and Hindu girls and young women suffer so much. Pray also that Maria will soon be returned to her parents.

**“ I will walk with Jesus in His light.
Even in the darkest night, I will not
fear. I will lift my feet, I will sing from
my heart. Jesus is my crucified
Saviour.** Pakistani hymn by M.A.
Dennis, translated from Urdu *Yeshu
ke noor mein saath chalunga*

MON 20 JULY • PAKISTAN (2)

*He regards the prayer of the destitute and
does not despise their prayer.* Psalm 102:17

Over 100,000 Christians live in Christian-majority *bustees* (slums) in the capital city Islamabad. The government want to clear the settlements that have encroached on state-owned land. Last year a mixed Christian-Muslim settlement was removed and all the residents given compensation which enabled them to move elsewhere. They have also demolished one Muslim community. Now about 25,000 Christians in three *bustees* have received notices telling them to vacate their homes but without any arrangement in place for where they can live next. The Christians in all the *bustees* are very fearful.

Accustomed to discrimination and abuse because of their poverty and faith, they doubt whether they will be given proper compensation. Please pray that the Lord will give them new and better homes.

“ I will walk with Jesus in His light. Whenever I hear His voice, I will say to Him, “I will give You everything”. Jesus is my crucified Saviour. Pakistani hymn by M.A. Dennis, translated from Urdu *Yeshu ke noor mein saath chalunga*

TUE 21 JULY • PAKISTAN (3)

I am the LORD, your healer. Exodus 15:26

Mishal, the youngest of four daughters in a poor Christian family, is illiterate because her parents could not afford to send her to school. But she worked in a beauty parlour and her wages helped the family income. At the age of 18, she was abducted and forced to put her thumbprint on documents she could not read. Afterwards she was told that she had converted to Islam, changed her name to Fatima, and married her abductor. In February 2026, after three years of violent abuse from her husband, neighbours heard her screams and helped Mishal escape with her infant daughter. Mishal's face showed marks of the physical violence, but, say the Christian lawyers helping her, the emotional scars are worse: “sleepless nights, sudden panic at loud noises, and the lingering fear that her persecutor may return”. Pray that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, will meet all Mishal's needs and that she and her family will be kept safe from her furious husband.

“ I will walk with Jesus in His light. Though weary, I will receive help every day. Whether sorrow or joy, or even death draws near. Jesus is my crucified Saviour. Pakistani hymn by M.A. Dennis, translated from Urdu *Yeshu ke noor mein saath chalunga*

WED 22 JULY • AFGHANISTAN

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. Exodus 13:21

Many Afghan refugees in nearby countries are being threatened with repatriation to Afghanistan and some have already been sent back. Amongst the refugees being forcibly returned are some Afghan believers who have left Islam to follow Christ. Their lives will be in grave danger when they are back in their homeland, which is under the rule of the Taliban and where the law lays down a death penalty for leaving Islam. Pray that the Lord will go before them to guide and protect them wherever they find themselves.

“ Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us O'er the world's tempestuous sea. Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee. James Edmeston, England (1791-1867)

THU 23 JULY • NEPAL

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

Praise God that Pastor Janmejaya Bhattarai was acquitted in a legal case

about “religious conversion activities”. The court ruling on 24 March ended a 15-months legal battle. This is being seen as a landmark decision in the context of Nepal, where vaguely worded laws can easily be used against Christians who are simply sharing their faith. Pray that it will set a precedent for other cases and that full religious freedom will be established in Nepal, both in law and in practice. At the moment minorities labelled as “non-Sanātani” (effectively meaning those who are neither Hindu nor Buddhist) face many problems.

“ *The Lord delights in hearing His children make their requests known unto Him — telling their troubles all out to Him; and then we should wait for His time. We do not know when that is.* Dwight L. Moody, USA (1837-1899)

FRI 24 JULY • INDIA (1)

The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

A proposed new law would drastically increase the Indian government’s control over non-profit organisations that receive funding from outside of India. It would authorise the government to take over an organisation and to seize and liquidate any of its assets that were created partly or wholly with foreign funds. Past experience indicates that Christian organisations are likely to be the main targets. The proposed new law could be applied to schools, hospitals and church buildings even if they were created hundreds of years ago. The trigger for such takeovers would be the organisation losing its

licence to receive foreign funds. Losing a licence could occur if the Indian government accused the organisation of converting Hindus to Christianity by fraud, force or allurement; engaging in religious liberty or human rights advocacy; or failing the strict administration and compliance rules. Pray that this law will not be passed.

“ *During an earthquake it sometimes happens that fresh springs break out in dry places which water and quicken the land so that plants can grow. In the same way the shattering experiences of suffering can cause the living water to well up in a human heart.* Sadhu Sundar Singh, India (1889-c.1929)

SAT 25 JULY • INDIA (2)

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3

Chhattisgarh state has passed a stringent new law on religious conversion, replacing a more lenient 1968 law. It aims to prevent Hindus from converting to Christianity or Islam. The onus is on the person who “caused the conversion” to prove that they did not use “glorification, misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means or by marriage, including through digital mode”. If found guilty, there is a punishment of 7-10 years in prison for “unlawfully” converting one person; 10-20 years if the convert is child or woman; 10 years to life imprisonment for mass conversions (defined as two or more converts at a single ceremony). Groups and individuals must submit annual reports giving the name, address, age

and gender of all the people they have converted during the year. Individuals seeking to change their faith must apply to secular authorities 30 days in advance of the ceremony. These applications are published, to allow objections to be made during the 30 days. Ask the Lord to give courage to the Christians of Chhattisgarh.

“ Many people despise those who spend their health, strength and money for the salvation of others, and call them mad. And yet it is they who will save many and be saved themselves. Sadhu Sundar Singh, India (1889-c.1929)

SUN 26 JULY • INDIA (3)

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:44

The Evangelical Fellowship of India's Religious Liberty Commission has published its report for 2025, which documents 747 incidents of hostility, intimidation, violence and discrimination against Christians across India. This compares with 640 incidents in 2024 and 147 in 2014. Incidents include disruption of church services and prayer meetings, threats and harassment, social opposition or boycott, organised hate campaigns, physical violence, damage to property including church burnings, and arrests following allegations of unlawful religious conversion. It is thought that many other incidents were unreported due to fear of retaliation or other reasons. Pray that Indian Christians will love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

“ The true Christian is like sandalwood, which imparts its

fragrance to the axe which cuts it, without doing any harm in return. Sadhu Sundar Singh, India (1889-c.1929)

MON 27 JULY • INDIA (4)

In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Maharashtra has become the 12th Indian state to have a “Freedom of Religion” law. Widely known as “anti-conversion laws”, these laws aim to prevent Hindus converting to other religions. Generally they forbid conversion by “force, fraud or allurement” but are often mis-used against Christians who have been simply sharing their faith. They also become a pretext for physical attacks on Christians by extremists. Civil society groups warn that such laws could criminalise charitable and educational work. The bill was passed by the Maharashtra state legislative assembly on 16 March, and is awaiting the required assents. Pray for all Christians who are active in evangelism in Maharashtra and now face possible prison terms and fines for obeying the Lord's command to make disciples and baptise them (Matthew 28:19).

“ He who searches for Divine Reality with all his heart and soul and finds it, becomes aware that, before he began to seek God, God was seeking him, in order to draw him into the joy of fellowship with Him, into the peace of His Presence. Sadhu Sundar Singh, India (1889-c.1929)

TUE 28 JULY • MALI

*Trust in the LORD for ever, for the LORD
God is an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4*

Shockwaves reverberated across West Africa when a series of near-simultaneous attacks on 25 April completely changed the scene in Mali. The attackers were an alliance of Islamists (JNIM) and ethnic Tuareg separatists (FLA). They entered Mali's capital city Bamako and assassinated the government defence minister, while the FLA seized control of northern areas of the country. Mali has had a security crisis since a Tuareg rebellion in 2012. An FLA spokesman announced that the FLA intends to take more territory and to govern it by sharia (Islamic law). The jihadists also want to impose sharia. Pray for equality and moderation to be restored in Mali and for protection of its small Christian minority.

“ O how the grace of God Amazes me: It loosed me from my bonds And set me free! What made it happen so? His own will, this much I know, Set me, as now I show At liberty. Emmanuel T. Sibomani, Burundi (c.1915 -1975) translated from the original song *Ubuntu bw'Imana* by Rosemary Guillebaud

WED 29 JULY • CHAD

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

A Christian leader from Chad asks prayer “for God to rule in the affairs of our nation”. Although Christians make up about 35% of the population, only 3 of Chad's 23 provinces are headed

by a Christian and only 4 out of Chad's 32 ambassadors are Christians. “Dhimmitude is here,” comments the Christian leader, referring to the classical Islamic teaching that Christians and Jews in a Muslim-majority nation are *dhimmi*, that is, subjugated and treated as second-class with fewer rights than Muslim citizens. Another concern of Chadian Christians is that when the new academic year starts in September, it will be mandatory for schools to teach Arabic as well as French. Although Arabic and French are co-official languages in Chad, French has in practice been the primary language of government and education and for inter-ethnic communication.

“ My God has chosen me, Though one of nought; To sit beside my King In heaven's court. Hear what my Lord has done: O, the love that made him run To meet his erring son! This has God wrought. Emmanuel T. Sibomani, Burundi (c.1915 -1975) translated from the original song *Ubuntu bw'Imana* by Rosemary Guillebaud

THU 30 JULY • MOZAMBIQUE

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy— Hebrews 11:36-38

The Islamic State Mozambique Province (ISMP), an affiliate of Islamic State (ISIS), claimed responsibility for two attacks targeting Christian communities in Cabo Delgado province,

northern Mozambique. According to the statement ISMP fighters attacked the village of Minhuene on 30 April, setting fire to a "major" local church and destroying 50 homes belonging to Christian residents. On 2 May, its fighters shot dead a Christian in the nearby village of Macaiamo. Pray that the Lord will bring an end to the relentless and brutal violence against the Christians and moderate Muslims of northern Mozambique.

“ *Those who have left the deepest impression on this sin cursed earth have been men and women of prayer.* Dwight L. Moody, USA (1837-1899)

**FRI 31 JULY • DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)**

His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. Psalm 91:4-5 (NIV)

There is an upsurge in violence against the mainly Christian population of

eastern DRC committed by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) who are linked to Islamic State (ISIS). The ADF seem to be seizing an opportunity to increase their attacks while the attention of the DRC military and international community are focused on the M23 armed group. The ADF's activities include killings, abductions, torture, forced labour, recruitment and use of children, sexual violence and other crimes against women and girls, all of which "amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity" says a new report. Pray for an end to the violence and the humanitarian crisis which it has created.

“ *Now all my heart's desire is to abide in him, my Saviour dear, In him to hide. My shield and buckler he. Covering and protecting me: From Satan's darts I'll be Safe at his side.* Emmanuel T. Sibomani, Burundi (c.1915 -1975) translated from the original song *Ubuntu bw'Imana* by Rosemary Guillebaud



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