

DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

**Names have been changed to protect their identity*



Photo: Moryom in Bangladesh holding a Christmas star.

FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS

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Throughout the world, children and their families are targeted because they and their parents follow Jesus. The holidays are an extremely difficult time. Over the next two weeks, let's pray for peace for the youngest voices and their families.

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Often, school is a difficult place. Pray for true friends for nine-year-old Moryom in Bangladesh, who is often bullied in school.

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Pray for Moryom's protection as she walks two miles to and from school. Because she is a Christian, rickshaw drivers refuse to let her ride in their vehicles.

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Moryom dreams of being a teacher. Pray she can study well at school and ask God to give her the opportunity to teach others about Jesus.

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Our local partner in Bangladesh tells us that when children are discriminated against at school, they can be at greater risk of dropping out or renouncing their faith in Jesus. Pray 2 Timothy 1:7 over them.

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Some Muslim parents have taught their children to hate Christians from a young age. Pray that children who grew up hating Christians would experience the love of Jesus.

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Christian children can be used as pawns to target their families. In Bangladesh, a Muslim neighbor poured hot water on a boy because his parents left Islam. Pray for healing and comfort.

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Persecutors know that if they can damage families and their children, they can destroy the next generation. Today, pray for the future of the Church.

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Our partners ask us to pray with Julie, a young Christian girl living in a poor and unsafe neighborhood in Cairo. Being bullied at school often leads to depression.

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Through counselling and a supportive community, Julie is learning to navigate her challenges. Pray she will always know her value in God's eyes.

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Pray for the growth (both deep and wide) of Open Doors' Children's Center in Colombia. Pray that the Church would be moved to support this vital ministry.

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Open Doors' partners work closely with children of the persecuted church. They provide trauma counselling and healing camps. Pray the Holy Spirit's healing power will be at work.

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Pray with Rumana for protection. She is a nine-year-old Christian girl in Bangladesh and because she follows Jesus, she is bullied, abused and isolated at school. Pray for her resilience as she follows Jesus in a hostile place.

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Rumana came home from school one day to find her house on fire. Her family lost everything. Pray for their strength and for protection over their makeshift house.

EGYPT

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Pray with a Christian family in Upper Egypt who were attacked by radical Muslims. Pray especially for the 14-year-old daughter who was physically assaulted.

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When the family went to the police in their torn clothes (from the attack) to file a report, they were mistreated and insulted. Pray for justice and protection for Christian families facing persecution in Upper Egypt.

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At the police station, they were detained. Their daughter was released late that night, though not before being verbally abused and mistreated by police. Pray for healing from this trauma.

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After repeated threats and insults from their Muslim neighbors, the family has fled their home. Ask God to make a way for this family to safely return to their home.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Pray for Christian boys in sub-Saharan Africa who are growing up without a father due to extremist attacks. Pray they will be supported by faithful men in the church.

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Often, Christian boys must take up financial and parental responsibilities at a young age in their father’s absence. Pray they will know and trust their heavenly Father.

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Chibok families ask us: “Please do not stop praying for us, for our children. Pray we will be reunited with them again in this life.” Pray this prayer with these families today as they head into another Christmas without their daughters.

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Pray Luke 4:18 ... that God would set the captives free. Hundreds of thousands of Christians are imprisoned and held in captivity for their decision to follow Jesus.

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Attacks typically increase at Christmas, as extremists target Christians and attack church gatherings. Pray that God would thwart and confuse their plans—and that our family in Africa could celebrate in peace.

CHRISTMAS EVE

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Today, pray for secret Church in Afghanistan and throughout the world. May believers find opportunities to worship Jesus this Christmas. May God keep them safe.

CHRISTMAS DAY

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For unto us a child is born ... And He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Pray that our brothers and sisters worldwide would experience Jesus’ birth anew.

AFGHANISTAN

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Please pray that God will provide for the hungry, the cold, the sick and those without hope this Christmas – as economic hardship creates suffering for the Afghan population.

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Please God, reunite families and release prisoners. Look after those who are persecuted. Give them hope amid the darkness and a resilience to endure.

NEPAL

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Our field tells us that attacks against Christians in Nepal are getting worse every day. The Madhesh province has become a persecution hotspot. Pray for believers’ resilience in Madhesh.

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Pastor Mohan* whose church in Madhesh was attacked. The extremists assaulted Mohan, threatened church members, seized Bibles and destroyed their musical instruments. But Mohan continues to hold services on the second floor of his house. Pray for peace and blessing on Mohan and this church.

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The 80 members of Mohan’s church are scared, Mohan says. Pray for courage to continue gathering and that church members would realize the importance of fellowship.

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As 2025 approaches, millions of Christians living in more than 70 countries will face the new year, knowing that nothing has really changed for them. They are still oppressed and not able to worship freely. Pray with our persecuted family around the world. Pray that they would put their hope and trust in God, knowing that He is making all things new.



Pray with Christian boys growing up without a father in Africa.

***“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”***

ISAIAH 9:6