

Open Doors Hong Kong

SEPTEMBER

PRAYER CALENDAR



Pastor Michée, eastern Burkina Faso

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Meet Pastor Josiah. He lost his wife and three sons in extremist attacks in Nigeria. He asks us to pray this prayer with him: *"Lord, be our encourager ... be ever close to us."*

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Pray that all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones martyred for their faith will know God's promise— that He is *"near to the broken-hearted."*

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Pray for your family in northern Mozambique. A recent attack burned down a church, including the kindergarten inside it. Pray for an end to the violence.

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Pray for the families of martyred believers. Ask God to continue to bring comfort, care and peace as they mourn their loved ones and adjust to their *"new normal."*

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Pray with Pastor Bandiba*'s church in eastern Burkina Faso. After a deadly attack, the church that numbered more than 700 people is starting over in a new location. Pray that God would redeem and restore.

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Pray for comfort with the families of two young ministry leaders, Jeremia and Amadou, in eastern Burkina Faso. The two men were killed when extremists entered the church.

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Pray urgently with Nigerian believers still reeling from the abductions of 40-plus children. Pray that God would protect and care for these vulnerable ones in captivity.

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Pray with believers in sub-Saharan Africa who continue to ask us to pray that their faith and testimony amidst persecution would be a light for Christ.

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Mali is still reeling from coordinated attacks by jihadist militants linked to al-Qaeda. Pray with one church leader who pleads *"pray so we can be resilient, faithful and lights in this dark situation."*

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Pray for strength with the family of Nigerian Pastor Gbenga Sanny. He was kidnapped from his home in Ondo State's Illu-Abo community. His family escaped, but his children witnessed their father's abduction.

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Pray for communities attacked for their faith, especially women who are now widows and their children. Pray that God keeps their faith alive.

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Pray with Nathalie* whose husband was killed in an extremist attack on her village in Burkina Faso (25 women were widowed that day): *"Pray for me to be able to provide for my kids,"* she asks.

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Deborah*'s husband was killed in the same attack (see above). *"Pray for God to give me strength,"* she asks. *"Pray that I will follow Jesus 'til my last days."*

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Asabe* has a message for you. Through your prayers and support, she received vital trauma care after her husband and three sons were martyred. *"I thank you for all you are doing for the gospel,"* she says.

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Ask God to strengthen the widows in Asabe's widows' group. *"God selected us [to be widows], and he knows how He will take care of us,"* she says.

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Pray with all widows who need divine strength to walk forward and for provision for their families ... that they would have unexpected manna.

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Pray for wisdom for church leaders as they bring what they have learned in trauma care to their churches and others traumatized by violence.

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Pray for trauma care workers, as they travel to villages. Ask God to protect them and give them glimpses of how He will use them to bring healing.

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Pray for perseverance for all trauma care workers in Open Doors-supported Trauma Center. Pray for their well-being as believers share their traumatic experiences.



Nigerian widow Asabe*

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Pray with Pastor Michée from Burkina Faso. His father, brothers and members of his church community were killed in a brutal attack targeting Christians. He reminds us: *"Your prayers are highly important to us."*

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Pastor Michée asks us to pray: *"Pray for us to keep faith in God. For me to always be devoted in my ministry until the end."*

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Pray for Christians in sub-Saharan Africa who risk so much to follow Jesus. Pray that many more people can get trauma care.

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Today on the International Day Against Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking, pray with women and girls across sub-Saharan Africa where extremists use rape and abduction to cripple the church.

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Our brothers and sisters continue to ask us to pray with them that their attackers will encounter Jesus. *Lord, we pray for the transformation of hearts and lives.*

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Meet Samira*, a 23-year-old Christian mother in Chad. She is ostracized for following Jesus. She asks us to pray for her children ... that they would know Christ.



Open Doors-supported Shalom Trauma Center

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Pray by name for Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu today. Ask God to give him wisdom and courage to protect the country's citizens.

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Today marks four years since the heavenly homecoming of Open Doors founder Brother Andrew. Pray for our ministry and our leaders as we continue Andrew's vision and legacy.

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Pray for Burkina Faso's President Captain Ibrahim Traoré (installed after the 2023 military coup). He is expected to remain in power until 2029. Pray for humility and focus to address the attacks and insecurity in the country.

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Pray that the world will wake up, care about and act against the ongoing violence and injustice that permeates the lives of our persecuted family.

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Pray that as the Body of Christ, we will answer our family's call to pray for our brothers and sisters in sub-Saharan Africa who follow Jesus no matter what.

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**"How long, O Lord?
Will you forget me forever?"**
PSALM 13:1 (ESV)