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PRAYER CALENDAR
March 2017

March 1: Lord, we bring the nation of Burma to You in prayer. We pray Burma will one day be a nation of peace and freedom for all its citizens, despite their religion or ethnic background.

March 2: Burma recently elected a new government ending decades of an oppressive regime. There's a long way to go before the damage of the past is repaired. Pray for Burma's new government.

March 3: Please pray for Burma as it continues to step forward into a new, more democratic era following its elections. Burma was, until recently, ruled by a brutal military dictatorship. Pray government officials work for a more peaceful and just future

for all citizens, regardless of their religious or ethnic background.

March 4: Thank God for the work of civil society organizations in Burma, especially those working to counter hate speech. Pray for an end to hate speech, intolerance, discrimination and religiously motivated violence.

March 5: Pray for Aung Ko Latt, a Christian human rights activist in Burma, serving an 11-year prison sentence after being falsely accused of bombing a market. Please pray for him and his family.

March 6: Burma has always been a multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation, but serious racial and religious tensions can surface quickly. Pray security forces would act swiftly to protect those at risk of attack and prevent violence from escalating.

March 7: Please pray for the nation of Burma. Pray for the people, government and the democracy movement to work together to improve inter-faith relationships, protect religious freedom and promote religious harmony.

March 8: Almighty God, we ask You to pour out Your loving care upon the people of Indonesia. We pray community leaders and politicians will unite to reject violence and work for freedom of religion. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, with the Christian community making up less than 10% of the population.

March 9: Pray for the millions of Christians in Indonesia who face hardship and persecution for their faith in Jesus. Dear Lord, help them to find Your peace and joy in the midst of oppression so they can be a beacon of hope in the darkness.

March 10: Pray for CSW advocates working for religious freedom in Indonesia. Lord, we pray they will be able to continue supporting Christians there and be a force for justice and truth in Indonesia.

March 11: Indonesia has a long history of respecting other faiths, but militant Islamists have pushed through a number of measures with serious, long-term implications for religious freedom and minority rights. Almighty God, we pray for Your protection upon Christians in Indonesia.

March 12: Christians often cannot worship peacefully in Indonesia. Congregations have been locked out of their churches and must meet outside, where they're the targets of abuse. Pray for peaceful worship for these congregations.

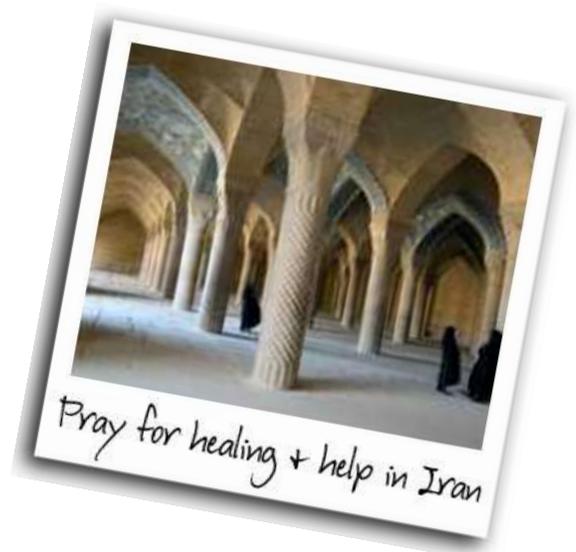
March 13: Please pray for church leaders in Indonesia whose congregations have been forced from their places of worship. Pray for pastors to have strength, wisdom and safety as they lead their churches in very difficult circumstances.

March 14: Pray for peace and harmony between religious communities in Indonesia and that the government would act quickly if violence occurs against churches.

March 15: Please pray for the nation of Iran. Dear Lord, we pray for Your guidance and wisdom upon CSW as it continues to be a voice for the voiceless and advocates for the rights of Iranian Christians.

March 16: Pray for strength and safety for church leaders in Iran. Pray they can continue to be bold, courageous witnesses of God's love. Arrests and prosecutions of Christians and church leaders are continuing at an alarming rate.

March 17: Praise God for the release of Pastor Behnam Irani in October 2016, following the completion of his six-year sentence. His unjust imprisonment was marked by repeated beatings, terrible conditions, and poor health. Pray for his health as he recovers from his ordeal.



March 18: Dear God, we pray for all Christians who remain in prison in Iran. We pray for their faith to be strengthened and for them to be released without charge. Comfort them with Your peace and provide for all their needs.

March 19: Lord, please protect Christian leaders in Iran who come under pressure to recant their faith. We pray they would receive the support they need to endure the injustice they face. Please encourage their families and protect them from danger.

March 20: Today is Nowruz, the Persian New Year. Pray for all those wrongfully imprisoned in Iran because of their faith. Pray they would be able to face the coming year with courage and hope and be released soon.

March 21: Dear God, we pray for prisoners of conscience and human rights defenders in Iran, jailed for peacefully expressing opposing views. As Iran marks the Persian New Year, we pray this year brings freedom and peace and that Iran becomes a country where everyone can worship freely without fear.

March 22: Pray for the many house churches in Iran that have to operate in secret. Pray that one day soon Iranian Christians will be able to worship without fear and share their faith freely.

March 23: Government harassment in Iran is not confined to house church networks and their members. Pray for government-recognized denominations, such as the Assemblies of God and Presbyterians, facing closure and the prospect of their property being seized.

March 24: Members of house churches in Iran are regularly detained, mistreated and pressured to hand over details of other Christians they know. Pray for courage, safety and wisdom for Christians in Iran.

March 25: Iran executes more people per capita than any other country in the world, including a disproportionate number of Christians. Please pray for an end to this horrible injustice.

March 26: Dear Lord, we pray for Your comfort and strength upon the families of all Iranian Christians who have been executed or who face execution. Give them courage and protect them.

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March 28: Pray for the Iranian authorities to respect the right to freedom of religion, which is guaranteed in the international covenants to which Iran is a signatory, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

March 29: Almighty God, we ask that You would convict the hearts of Iranian spiritual and political leaders, causing them to reconsider the harsh use of the death penalty and to overturn sentences that have been passed unfairly.

March 30: Pray for the Holy Spirit to move across Iran, erasing the tensions between different faith communities, particularly where Christians live in fear and intimidation.

March 31: Dear Lord, we pray for Your Holy Spirit to bring about a deep conviction upon the nation of Iran as never before. May the whole nation, young and old, in cities and rural areas, fall on their knees and cry out to God.

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