

Pakistan- Pray that the court decisions in Asia Bibi's case will be overturned and that she will be able to go back to her family. A legal glitch found in Islamic Law has caused the court to reexamine her case, so please pray that God would use this to save her life and to change Pakistani laws for the protection and freedom of its citizens. (Open Doors)

India- In Uttar Pradesh, up to sixty churches have been reconverted into Hindu temples, and many of the members have agreed to follow Hinduism again. Pray for courage, strength, and great faith for the Christians in India during this time of religious cleansing by Hindu radicals. Pray that believers would be bold and not compromise their faith in Christ. (International Christian Concern)

Laos- Please lift up a Laotian Christian worker who mysteriously had his house burned down recently. Due to poverty he is unable to rebuild his home so please pray that God would meet his material needs. Pray also that he would be salt and light in his community for Christ. (Open Doors)

Pakistan- Pray for comfort for the three surviving children of Shehzad Masih and his wife, Shama, who were martyred in November in Punjab province. They were accused of burning a Quran at the brick kiln where they worked and the local mosque announced this by loudspeaker, calling on faithful Muslims to avenge this act. A mob then brutally tortured and burned Shehzad and his pregnant wife to death. Their three surviving children are six years old and younger. Please pray for these orphans to be raised by a Christian family, and pray that God would heal them from this trauma. Pray for the community in Pakistan to recognize the horror of this tragedy and turn to Christ for redemption. Pray also for comfort and peace for the body of Christ in this province. (Voice of the Martyrs)

Nepal and China - The Study for the Center of Global Christianity reports that Christianity is growing more rapidly in Nepal and China than any other country. In fact, the top 20 countries for growth were all found in non-western areas that experience persecution. Praise God that despite hardships, the church is growing. Thanks be to God that Chinese bookstore owner Li Wenxi was released from prison and has been reunited with his wife. Pray for continued strength for other workers on the front lines in Nepal and China, particularly those that are imprisoned. (Open Doors)

Nigeria- Boko Haram has continued to raid Nigerian villages in its mission to establish an Islamic state in the northeast. These terrorists have often targeted Christians, and have recently killed untold numbers of civilians in the predominantly Christian town of Shani. Pray for protection during this terrifying time of destruction, and pray for a supernatural peace and hope for Heaven for those in the midst of persecution. (Christian Post)

Malaysia- Malaysian Muslim authorities in Selangor confiscated hundreds of Bibles this year and finally returned them to Sarawak Christians last month. However, the Bibles are stamped with a warning issued by Muslim authorities that reads, "Strictly for non-Muslims usage only and shall not be published or used in any part of the state of Selangor". Please pray that despite these efforts the Word of God would spread and do

it's mighty work of convicting, encouraging, and converting hearts, and glorifying Jesus Christ in Malaysia.(International Christian concern)

North Korea- Please pray for North Korean women who flee to China and are often forced into prostitution. Please pray for their safety and that they would find havens of believers that welcome them with the Gospel and provide protection. Praise God for the release of Kenneth Bae and Matthew Miller. Praise God for the courage and perseverance of our North Korean family in Christ. (North Korea Now)

Vietnam- Last year a Hmong Christian leader was tortured and killed by the police, leaving his pregnant wife a widow and mother of four. Thankfully, her baby was born healthy this fall, and she has received food and aid. Pray for this large family that surely is still grieving the martyrdom of their father. Pray that God would continue to meet their needs.

(International Christian concern)

Kenya- On Dec. 2, al-Shabaab militants shot 36 quarry workers. The militants asked workers to recite the Shahada, the Muslim profession of faith, and shot those who refused. On Nov. 22, the radical militants hijacked a bus and killed 28 non-Muslims, 21 of them teachers returning home for Christmas. Pray that as this group seeks to eradicate Christians, God will thwart their efforts. Pray for Kenya's churches that are fearful for their own safety. (Washington Post)