

## February prayer

**Jordan-** Please pray for Maha, a 13-year-old Syrian girl living in a refugee camp in Jordan. Her parents forced her to marry at age 13 and she is already expecting her first child. Forced child marriages are increasingly common among the refugee population, so pray that humanitarian efforts of education and prevention are effective. Pray for Maha and girls like her to seek the Lord for comfort, help, and salvation. Pray also that parents would be wise and protective of their daughters. (Walk Free)

**Iran-** While we praise God for the recent release of Christian believer Amin Khaki, please pray for strength and endurance for Pastor Farshid Fathi who has just received an additional year to his six-year sentence. He is in prison for evangelism and trumped up charges. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

**India-** Praise God for the effective ministry of Idhant, a rickshaw driver in a large town in India. He brings Christian literature on his rickshaw and shares his faith with his costumers when he has the chance. Praise God for his courage and faithfulness. Pray that the Lord would continue to use him to bring people to Himself. (Gospel for Asia)

**Tajikistan-** Pray for justice for prominent human rights lawyer Shukhrat Kudratov who has been sentenced to 9 years in prison for bribery. Those who know him assert that these charges are false and simply meant to silence him. Pray for his protection while in prison and that he would be released early so that he can continue to defend innocent people. Pray that other human rights lawyers would not live in fear but would continue to fight for justice. (Human Rights Watch)

**Laos-** In 2004, twenty families in a Laotian village turned to Christ and built a church, only to have town officials burn it down. They also arrested three of the leaders and starved one of them to death. Eight of the families from the church renounced their faith in fear, but the remaining 12 families continue to meet together and stay strong in their faith. Praise God that they have been able to rebuild their church and have not given up gathering together to worship Christ. Pray for their safety and praise God for their example of courage and perseverance. (Voice of the Martyrs)

**Egypt-** Please pray for Bishoy Armia Boulous who is undergoing extreme persecution for his faith in a prison in Cairo. He is in solitary confinement and guards are physically and verbally abusing him because of his trust in Jesus. Pray that this abuse would stop, that he would be returned to a regular cell, and that his faith would remain strong. Pray that God would grant him courage, endurance, and opportunities to bless those around him. His request for a Bible has been denied, so pray that the Lord would bring Scripture to his mind. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

**Vietnam-** Please pray for believers of the 40- member deaf church in Danang City that have been robbed, threatened, and beaten by authorities. Pray for protection for them and their pastor, Hua Van Tuong. Thank the Lord for their ministry among the deaf community and pray that they would continue to be a light in Vietnam. Pray that

authorities would protect them and grant them the freedom to meet as a Gospel church instead of persecuting them. (Voice of the Martyrs)

**Cambodia-** Pray for prime minister Hun Sen to reign with justice and compassion. Pray that his thirty-year rule, that has thus far been rife with oppression and cruelty, would transform to one characterized by goodness through God's power. Pray that he would be convicted of his sin and violence and turn to Christ for salvation. Please pray also for protection over Cambodians while he continues to rule. (Human Rights Watch)

**Pakistan-** In Punjab province, village officials burned down the homes of 13 Christian families because they refused to work as bonded laborers at a local brick kiln. Please pray for protection for these homeless brothers and sisters and pray for them to receive shelter during this winter. In addition, pray for their forgiveness toward their persecutors and that those who have harmed them will turn to Christ for salvation. (International Christian Concern)

**Libya-** Please pray for the release of thirteen Egyptian Christians who were kidnapped on January 3rd while in Libya. Pray for their captors to be convicted, set the Egyptians free, and turn to Jesus Christ for salvation. Pray for the believers, who were targeted because of their faith, to be courageous and not recant their faith. Please pray also that God would protect them and comfort their families during this trauma. (Middle East Concern)