

**Hebrews 10:36**

*For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.*

**Ephesians 6:18**

*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

**Guatemala-** Since 2013 local farmers in Matequesuintla in southern Guatemala have been embroiled in a massively lop-sided battle to protect their land and resources from a major silver mining expansion which would benefit Tahoe Resources, a US company, and GoldCorp, a Canadian company, as well as the federal government of Guatemala, but threatens the very livelihoods of whole communities. International law mandates that communities be consulted before industries arrive that could affect the well-being and incomes of those already living there. Instead, the community faced a three-week siege when the military arrived with tanks and bazookas to threaten residents, and then the government began a campaign to intimidate and silence outspoken opponents, by falsely accusing and prosecuting them for crimes they did not commit, including murder. It's taken months to have charges dropped and free the wrongly accused. Pray for these communities that their land and resources would be protected. Pray that they would be kept safe from threats of violence and intimidation. Pray that government officials and corporate leadership would act with justice and integrity and pursue development without exploiting the poor and vulnerable. Give thanks for human rights organizations who are advocating for the farmers and indigenous communities and seeking a fair and peaceful resolution to this conflict. (Source: Oxfam)

**Pakistan-** Suicide bombers attacked two churches in Lahore on March 15th, killing 17 people and injuring 78. Please pray for God's comfort and peace. In addition, pray for those affected to have courage and supernatural love and forgiveness toward the attackers. As the perpetrators have threatened further attacks, pray that God would thwart their efforts and instead cause them to turn to Him, and to give great perseverance to believers in Pakistan. (Voice of the Martyrs)

**Ghana-** Pray for the success of a new initiative taking place in Lake Volta, Ghana, to free tens of thousands of children who work as slaves in the fishing industry there. In addition to working 14-hour days with little sleep or food, children as young as four are routinely beaten, abused, and denied schooling and access to medical care. Pray that this joint effort between International Justice Mission and local law enforcement will be successful despite the complex and dangerous nature of the rescue efforts. Pray for the children suffering under these unspeakable conditions, and pray for their healing and that the aftercare setting will help restore them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Pray that all involved might come to pursue justice and more so, come to know the Originator of all justice. (Source: International Justice Mission)

**Cuba-** Reverend Jesús Noel Carballeda has been held in prison in Havana for over a month with no charge. The pastor was imprisoned for four months five years ago for holding church services in his home. After he was released, he was told to not hold church in his home, so he had been meeting in public places and other houses. His family suspects that his continued efforts to lead the church has led to his arrest. Please pray for Reverend Carballeda's continued boldness and witness for Christ. Pray for justice in his case and a fair trial. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

**South Sudan-** The internal conflict which has plagued this fledgling nation has cost tens of thousands of civilian lives and has displaced over 2 million people from their homes. Now it has

created a food crisis of dire proportions. Displaced populations have disrupted farming and food production, destroyed infrastructure and instability have limited food aid from reaching vulnerable people, and recent floods have destroyed crops and livestock. Pray for the millions who have already lost so much and now face malnutrition and even starvation with this recent development. Pray that local leadership would seek peace and stability rather than power and self-interest. Pray for the international community, especially the World Food Program, that they would find the necessary funding to aid in this crisis and would be able to intervene quickly, wisely, safely, and effectively to prevent an even worse humanitarian crisis. (Source: The Guardian; Oxfam)

**Mexico-** Praise God for concerted efforts to provide both clean water and audio versions of Scripture in various dialects in Oaxaca. This is one of the poorest areas of Mexico, with a high rate of illiteracy and poor quality drinking water. Praise God that Christians are making a difference by bringing the hope of the Gospel and such a basic need of water to the various people groups living here. Pray that their work would continue unhindered and that many would be helped and brought to Christ. (International Christian Concern)

**Syria-** Please pray for comfort and strength for the estimated 200 Assyrian Christians who have been abducted by Daesh militants. Pray that the targeting of civilians, including children in schools, would be stopped. Pray for violence to end and displaced people to be able to safely return to their homes. Pray that the Gospel would be heard throughout the country and many would repent and find comfort and hope in Jesus Christ. (Middle East Concern, Human Rights Watch)

**Colombia-** Last year in the town of Guaviare, Bedersein Forero and his son John Sebastian were killed by unknown attackers. Bedersein's wife Laura and her five children moved to a different town where she is now being persecuted by relatives' attacks of witchcraft. Please pray for her comfort, protection, and emotional healing. Pray for God's help as she tries to start her own handicraft business. (Open Doors)

**Sudan-** In the town of Tabit in Darfur, more than 220 women and girls were assaulted over a course of three days. Officers in the Sudanese army reportedly ordered the military troop to rape women in this town where there were no rebel forces present. The civilian men of the town were led away and bound or beaten while the women and girls were attacked. Pray for God's protective, healing comfort and supernatural peace to flow over these precious traumatized people. Pray for emotional healing, and that they would look to Christ for strength. As the perpetrators are clearly so very lost, pray for their repentance and redemption, and that this wicked violence would end. (Human Rights Watch)

**Laos-** Five Christians, Pastor Kaithong, Puphet, Muk, Hasadee, and Tiang have been wrongfully accused of causing the death of Mrs. Chan by "performance of the medical profession without a license" after praying for her. Mrs. Chan had been suffering from a long-term illness and after she became a new Christian she had asked these believers to pray for her healing. They did not perform any medical treatment or give her any medication when they prayed for her. However, when she died later on, they were accused of causing her death and now face up to five years in prison. Please pray for justice in this case and that these Christians will be a light for Christ while they are unjustly imprisoned. Pray that they have great boldness and opportunity to share the Gospel. (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)