

February 2026 Prayer

Do not those who plot evil go astray?

But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

—Proverbs 14:22

Democratic Republic of Congo—Allied Democratic Forces attacked the village of Mamove, burning homes and businesses and killing residents. One resident said, “More than 50 of our houses were burned, including the small shops that kept our local economy alive. They even destroyed many motorcycles, which are the only source of income for most of our young men.” Another said, “I started my shop a long time ago, step by step, year after year. In one night, the ADF erased all my life ... no longer hope, not only for me but for all people who lost their belongings.” Please pray for this community that has been devastated by the attack. Pray for the children who have been traumatized by what they saw, pray for comfort for those who lost loved ones, and pray for God to provide for this community that lost so much. (*Source: International Christian Concern*)

United States—What exists on the Dark Web is beyond illegal. It is unimaginable evil. One such case was the recent rescue of “Lucy,” a little girl being sexually abused from age 7 to 12 for the benefit of viewers on the Dark Web. Detectives used clues such as electrical outlets to determine she was in the United States, furniture to determine the regions in the US where she might be being held, and ultimately they used brickwork. The resources of the Brick Industry Association and skills of John Harp of the Acme Brick Company allowed detectives to vastly whittle down the list of potential residences where those bricks could be found, ultimately leading to the rescue of “Lucy” and the arrest of the perpetrator. Praise God for this innovative and industrious use of technology and expert knowledge to free this little girl from unspeakable horror. Pray for the swift and thorough execution of justice against the perpetrator and all those involved. Pray for unrelenting pursuit by law enforcement of those who commit these crimes or participate in any way. Pray for the thwarting of this kind of evil and the trafficking of human, and especially children, globally. (*Source: BBC*)

Syria—While five Druze men, Khalid Al-Jirdi, Samer Amer, Hadi Amer, Maher Amer, and Firas Halabi, were working in olive fields in the countryside, a policeman drove by and shot all five of them to death. This murder was unprovoked, and the policeman was taken in for questioning. The Sunni are the majority, and tensions have been high between them and the Druze minority. There have been multiple attacks and hostage situations on both sides. Please pray for peace in this region, and pray for the families of these five men to be comforted. (*Source: Christian Solidarity Worldwide*)

El Salvador—An estimated 4 in 10 women and girls in El Salvador are victims of physical and/or sexual violence. While this is often at the hands of family or domestic partners, increasingly violence against women and girls is related to gang-related exploitation, and intimidation. El Salvador has the highest rate of intentional female homicide in the world, and gangs routinely rape and murder girls and women or claim them as “*novias de las pandillas*”—that is, “girlfriends of the gang,” to be used as gang members choose. These are gangs that are largely funded by drug trafficking, of which the United States is the biggest consumer globally. Access to justice and support is limited for women in El Salvador, especially for those living in more remote communities. Praise God for the diligent work of International Justice Mission, who partnered with leaders in El Salvador to draft a bill making Judicial Facilitators available in every community. These are trusted community volunteers who can guide victims through the judicial process and connect them with protection and survivor aftercare. Pray for the vulnerable women and girls in El Salvador, who have no options, protections, or recourse for the violence they experience. May the Father intervene, heal, and comfort them. Pray for a decrease in

violence in El Salvador across the board, and especially against females. Pray that individuals in countries like the US might understand our own complicity in these systems that result in violence which is also a cause of migration that many in the US are opposed to. Pray that those who seek evil would encounter Christ and be transformed into those who seek good, love, and faithfulness. (*Sources: International Justice Mission; World Bank; Latin American Working Group*)

North Korea—Food is scarce and streets are dark. Propaganda continues relentlessly and everyone's movements are monitored closely. And yet, underground Christians in North Korea also send words of encouragement. One said, "With an unchanging and steadfast faith in the Lord, we have come to deeply realize that we must never abandon our faith in Christ, not even if it costs us our life. We have to stand firm for the truth of God's Word." And another shared, "We give thanks and praise to Him who has granted us hope in this autumn after the heavy rains and intense heat of summer, who has kept us as the apple of His eye, and who is ever with us through His abiding presence, Immanuel." Praise God that His people in North Korea are steadfast in their faith. Pray for their comfort, strength, and provision. Pray that God would meet all their needs. And pray that He would set this country free from tyranny. (*Source: Open Doors*)

Iran—On February 19, Middle East Concern (MEC), Open Doors, Article 18, and Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) together compiled and released a report titled, "Scapegoats: Rights Violations Against Christians in Iran," revealing a troubling increase in targeted Christian persecution. One of the most striking and disturbing developments is the handing down on increasingly harsh and long prison sentences, none under 10 years. According to the report, Christians in Iran cumulatively received a total of more than 280 years in prison for their faith in 2025. Such was the case of Aida Najafloo, a Christian convert, who received a 17-year prison sentence after being arrested in February 2025 "for evangelism, prayer, and celebrating Christmas." According to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), Najafloo was charged with "propaganda against the regime" and "acting against national security." Since then she has been denied appropriate medical care for a serious spinal injury she sustained while in prison. This is just one example of the what the "Scapegoat" report calls "a concerning trend in 2025"—the increasingly frequent reporting of the mistreatment of Christian prisoners, including denial of healthcare, psychological torture, and even physical abuse. Pray for the Holy Spirit to encourage and heal our imprisoned brothers and sisters in Iran. Pray for their families and churches to remain bold while these believers are behind bars. (*Source: International Christian Concern*)

Laos—Mai Yea came to Christ four years ago when her uncle shared the Gospel with her. But when she told her husband, he beat her and threatened to kill her because he was afraid that her faith would anger the house spirits. She lived with her married son for a while, but he asked her to leave when he feared that her Christian belief would cause illness in his home. Both her husband and son told her she could return if she abandons her faith in Christ, but she refuses to do so. She is now building a hut on her uncle's property to live in with her 13-year-old daughter. Praise God for her salvation and for her courage. Pray that God would protect Mai and provide for her and pray that she would be a witness for Christ to her family and neighbors. (*Source: Voice of the Martyrs*)

Egypt—Christian YouTuber Aughustinos Samaan was sentenced to five years hard labor for "contempt of religion" and "misuse of social media" for content defending Christianity. This comes after months of illegal pretrial detention—a practice routinely employed by Egyptian authorities to make it nearly impossible for detainees to secure a trial or release. For instance, Egyptian-American Mustafa Kassem was held in pretrial detention for five years under this system before dying in custody in 2020. Weeks before Aughustinos Samaan was arrested, fellow believer Saeed Mostafa was arrested for allegedly

“joining a terrorist organization” and “contempt of Islam” because he converted to Christianity from Islam. He remains in pretrial detention with no indication of an impending trial or release. Pray for both of these Christian brothers that they will remain strong in their faith and bold in their witness despite the injustice of their situation and the horrible conditions they are enduring. Pray that the law in Egypt will be used to uphold justice and protect their citizens rather than as a tool to avoid due process and intimidate and terrorize their population. Pray that many will see these injustices for what they are and also find Jesus. (Source: CBN)

Yemen—The recent arrest of at least twenty Yemeni Christians in recent months is both tragic and encouraging. Yemen is one of the most dangerous countries to be a Christian, as Christian faith is punishable by death. All Christian foreign workers have been killed or have left. But these recent arrests point to a growing Christian underground. As ICC states, “Far more than a crackdown on religious minorities, they demonstrate a growing Christian presence in Yemen significant enough to provoke a response from various ruling entities.” Praise God that in a country that is officially 100 percent Muslim, there truly is a growing hidden Christian population. Pray that the Gospel spreads. And pray fervently for these twenty believers who face torture and possible death. (Source: *International Christian Concern*)

Sudan—While the world is largely preoccupied with other news, Sudan continues to face the worst humanitarian crisis in the world—possibly in history. The UN recently conducted a fact-finding mission that suggests a genocide is being perpetrated in Sudan. They found that Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a nongovernmental militant group battling for control of Sudan, carried out a “coordinated campaign of destruction against non-Arab communities in and around El-Fasher, the hallmarks of which point to genocide.” Amnesty International further reports, “The elderly have been shot with machine guns. Children are fleeing alone in sheer terror after witnessing their parents murdered or raped in front of them.” The US Department of Treasury just sanctioned three individuals in particular related to the atrocities in El-Fasher: Elfateh Abdullah Idris Adam a.k.a. “Abu Lulu,” a brigadier general who filmed himself in El-Fasher killing unarmed civilians and bragging about killing thousands; Gedo Hamdan Ahmed Mohamed (Gedo), also known as “Abu Shok”; and Tijani Ibrahim Moussa Mohamed a.k.a. “Al Zeir Salem.” Each of these men were documented massacring thousands and committing abductions, torture, and sexual and gender-based violence. Join International Christian Concern to pray for everyone in Sudan suffering from violence, hunger, and poverty. Pray that Sudanese Christians will remain focused on Christ and proclaim the gospel. Pray for a miraculous intervention in this horrific crisis, where beyond the violence, many are starving and dying of disease. (Sources: *International Christians Concern; United States Department of Treasury; United Nations; Amnesty International*)