

SAawe PRAYER CALENDAR JULY 2026

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<i>"But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless."</i> Ps. 10:14	<i>"For the Lord is righteous, He loves justice; the upright will see his face."</i> Ps. 11:7	1 Iran (Nr 10): Christian:<1% Extreme persecution Persecution type: <i>Government crackdown, secret police, imprisonment.</i> Pray for the underground church — one of the fastest growing in the world. Pray for protection and courage.	2 Saudi Arabia (Nr 13): Extreme persecution % Christian: <1% (mostly migrants) Persecution type: <i>Government-enforced Islamic law, total ban on public Christian practice.</i> Pray for migrant Christians who worship quietly and secretly.	3 Iraq (Nr 18) Very high persecution. Christian: 1% Persecution type: <i>Islamic extremism, militia violence, political instability, discrimination.</i> Pray for Christians rebuilding their lives after war and displacement. Ask for peace and restoration, rebuilding lives.	4 Algeria (Nr 20) : Very high Persecution. Christian: <1%. Persecution type: <i>Government oppression, legal restrictions, and social pressure.</i> Pray for courage, community, safe discipleship for isolated believers who follow Christ in secret. Pray for pastors facing persecution.	5 Morocco (Nr 23): Very high persecution. Christian: <1% Persecution type: <i>Government restrictions, Islamic cultural pressure, and family opposition.</i> Pray for seekers who encounter Jesus through dreams and media. Ask for protection and conversions.
6 Uzbekistan (Nr 25) Very High persecution. Christian: 4%. Persecution type: <i>Government surveillance, raids, registration laws, community pressure.</i> Pray for believers facing surveillance and interrogation. Ask for endurance and joy. Praise the Lord for courageous believers.	7 Today the SAAWE staff meet for prayer. Ask the Lord to guide us in our prayers as we pray for different events on the SAAWE calendar, the unreached peoples and persecuted. Pray with us for the arrangements for our 50 year anniversary celebration.	8 DR Congo (Nr 29) — High (not "closed," but severe) Christian: 96% Persecution type: <i>Violence from armed groups, instability, targeted attacks on churches.</i> Pray for protection from violence, comfort for victims of violence. Pray for courage and hope.	9 Mexico (Nr 30) High (violence-driven) persecution. Christian: 89%. Persecution type: <i>Criminal/cartel violence, corruption, targeted attacks on pastors.</i> Pray for Christians in cartel-controlled regions. Ask for safety, justice, and courage. Pray for and end to evil cartels.	10 Tunisia (Nr 31): High persecution. Christian: <1%. Persecution type: <i>Social and family pressure, government monitoring.</i> Pray for young believers navigating family pressure. Ask for spiritual maturity and strong local fellowship. Pray for courage for believers.	11 Turkey (Nr 41): Restrictions Christian: 0,2%. Persecution type: <i>Government pressure, nationalist hostility, legal discrimination, and social intimidation.</i> Pray for believers for courage, protection, and open doors for genuine gospel witness.	12 Egypt (Nr 42) : Restrictions Christian: 10% (<i>Coptic and other traditions</i>). Persecution type: <i>Islamic extremism, community discrimination, and targeted violence.</i> Pray for unity between historic and newer churches. Ask for healing for victims of violence. Pray for protection.
13 Praise the Lord for the ± 75 pastors and mission leaders who attended the SAAWE breakfast in June. Giepie's message on discipling made a significant impact, and we look forward to closer cooperation among the various organizations.	14 Pray for wisdom for the SAAWE team meeting today. Pray that we will be sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our discussions and decisions. Pray for us as we process the feedback from the leaders meeting in June.	15 Qatar (Nr 44): Restrictions % Christian: 13% (<i>mostly expatriates</i>). Persecution type: <i>Government restrictions, pressure on converts, monitored churches.</i> Pray for freedom for house churches and for workers far from home. Ask for spiritual hunger among locals.	16 Colombia (Nr 47): Restrictions. Christian: 94% (<i>mostly Catholic; evangelicals 15%</i>) Persecution type: <i>Criminal and cartel violence, armed groups, corruption, targeted attacks on pastors.</i> Pray for safety for Christians in regions controlled by cartels and armed groups.	17 Jordan (Nr 49): Restrictions Christian: 2%. Persecution type: <i>Family and tribal pressure, restrictions on evangelism.</i> Pray for refugees and local believers who serve them. Ask for the gospel to bring comfort and dignity to the suffering. Pray for boldness for believers.	18 Pray for FEBA Sudan, Living Hope Radio. They have been forced off the air by increasing violence. Pray for peace in Sudan, currently regarded as the biggest humanitarian crisis on earth, with more than 15 million people displaced and traumatised by war and famine.	19 Pray for Giepie from Disciples Go Ministries, visiting disciples-makers in Zambia and Malawi until 25 July, providing further training. Ask the Lord for His protection, spiritual and physical strength, and that this training will result in greater discipling movements.
20 Pray for wisdom for Bettie as she compiles the next edition of <i>Opportunities in Christian Service</i>, which advertises vacancies from mission organizations in South Africa and around the world. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest field.	21 SAAWE celebrates 50 years of ministry this year! We are planning to celebrate this on Sunday, 13 September, in Pretoria. Please diarise the date and pray with us for wisdom regarding the arrangements.	22 Praise the Lord for the ± 40 Christian students and leaders from North-West University in Potchefstroom who attended the training presented by the SAAWE team last month. The students are planning to participate in short-term outreach trips this year.	23 In Nigeria, Christians suffer significant and severe persecution to such a degree that Nigeria has been the most violent place in the world for followers of Jesus for several years. Pray for the protection of Christians, especially in the northern regions.	24 Nearly 75% of India's population of 1,435 billion is Hindu. Hinduism is highly divided by language, ethnicity, and caste. India has the highest number of people groups in the world, over 2,200. Pray for poor and persecuted communities and religious minorities.	25 Across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and beyond, secret followers of Jesus are courageously advancing the Gospel in places where faith comes at a tremendous cost. They are planting churches, discipling new believers, and sharing Christ despite threats, even death.	26 Pray for Phillip, who will be speaking about SAAWE this morning at the Dutch Reformed Church North-East Pretoria congregation. Pray for receptive hearts for the urgency of world evangelization. Ask the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and call workers for the harvest.
27 SAAWE is going camping again! We are planning a Prayer Camp 25–27 September at Cyara Lodge near Hekpoort. Please keep that weekend open and pray for wisdom regarding the planning of the programme	28 Pray for Mali to overcome severe political instability, extremist violence, and compounding humanitarian crises. The country faces profound challenges, including internal displacement, high child mortality, and targeted persecution of Christian minorities.	29 Pray for Mali: • For peace, security, and an end to violence by extremist groups. • Protection for believers and pastors who face intense persecution for their faith. • For provision and safety for the internally displaced.	30 Pray for Niger: a nation facing severe poverty, political instability from recent military rule, and regional extremist violence. Pray for courage, wisdom, and safety for those providing medical aid, education, and humanitarian relief in difficult conditions. Pray for the displaced.	31 Pray for Niger: • More church planters to share the Gospel with the Muslim majority. • Encounters with Jesus among Jihadists who use abduction for financial gain. • Believers to stand firm in the face of persecution.	<i>"Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart."</i> Ps. 15:1,2	<i>"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer."</i> Ps. 17:6

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