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**PRAYER FOCUS**  
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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!**

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**It started out like any other day for Aasiya**, one of the only known Christians in her town.

The Pakistani wife and mother of two had gone out that morning to gather falsa berries with some other local women.

When they asked Aasiya to get water for them from a nearby well, she did. But she was parched, so she also took a sip for herself. Enraged, the other women accused Aasiya of blasphemy and claimed she had defiled their water.

Later, more of her neighbors raided her house. **They left her bloodied and bruised when the police finally intervened.**

She was arrested and taken to trial, where **she was sentenced to death by hanging for blasphemy against the local religion.** Her husband and lawyer fought the verdict.

Eight years and five appeals later, **Aasiya is still sitting in solitary confinement in a Pakistani prison, waiting to see what will happen to her.** She is forced to cook her own meals and often suffers abuse from the guards.

**UNFORTUNATELY, AASIYA'S STORY IS NOT AN UNUSUAL ONE. THIS NOVEMBER, WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR CHRISTIANS LIKE AASIYA, WHO ARE MISTREATED FOR THEIR FAITH? PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHURCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD:**

*Sun:* **ASK GOD** to protect His children who live in dangerous places.

*Mon:* **PRAY** that persecutors will have an encounter with Jesus that changes their hearts and ends their hostility.

*Tue:* **PRAY** for policy changes in countries where the government supports or ignores persecution.

*Wed:* **ASK GOD** to keep missionaries in hostile areas safe from harm.

*Thu:* **PRAY** for the release of those who are currently in prison for their faith.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!**



*Fri:* **PRAY** that Christian refugees will find peace in their new homelands.

*Sat:* **PRAY** that Christians will be given the same education and employment opportunities as everyone else in their countries.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

1. **PAKISTAN** | A political science professor in Pakistan has a particular concern for the treatment of minorities in his country, especially Christians. He is not a believer yet, but he has been reaching out to TEAM missionaries this month. They have been talking to him on the phone and have sent him several audio messages. He is now convinced that the Bible is true and has asked for videos in his mother tongue so he can share them with his family. Pray that God will continue to work in his heart and bring him and his family to Christ!
2. **CZECH REPUBLIC** | Please pray for upcoming church planter training sessions. A team of church planters from Minnesota will be attend the training and learn about church planting in Prague.
3. **INDONESIA** | A TEAM missionary's friend has begun meeting with a local mother for Bible studies. The mom said she is reading a storybook Bible to her sons each night. She is hungry to understand Scripture, yet still cautious. Please pray with us for God to open spiritual eyes and give the gift of faith to this family.

**PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

1. **PAPUA** | After several break-ins, the Lloyds have recently moved to a different home, where they feel safer. God has met all their financial needs and brought them through the move without losing anything. We are so thankful for their newfound sense of safety.
2. **PHILIPPINES** | A few weeks ago, a TEAM missionary partnered with a local church to bring healthcare to people living in the rural Philippine mountains. They cared for over 300 patients, provided children with shoes for school and saw two people come to Christ. Praise God!
3. **THAILAND** | One TEAM missionary started teaching a young man how to disciple others about a year ago. The young man has already helped two others to do the same. He has also started meeting with local children before church on Sunday mornings for Bible school at his house. Praise God!