SAAWE PRAYER CALENDAR DECEMBER 2026

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Tuesday 1
Advent: Week 1 Theme: **HOPE** - *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13.* Praise the Lord for the sure **hope** we have in Him.

Wednesday 2
Egypt has been a place of refuge for Sudanese fleeing conflict. Since the outbreak of war in Sudan in April 2023, more than a million Sudanese have fled to Egypt, having lost their homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. Pray for them to find new **hope** and comfort in Jesus.

Thursday 3
*"As we studied Nehemiah, we realized that this time of displacement can also be a time to grow in our faith and **hope** and rebuild our churches and communities, wherever God leads us, here in Egypt, back in Sudan, or in another country."* Praise the Lord for the reponse of the pastors. Pray for them.

Friday 4
The Bible Society of Egypt has been serving Sudanese families for 30 years, growing from a small Sunday School into a ministry caring for hundreds of families through children's programs, education, practical assistance, and spiritual care. Pray for this ministry to continue bringing **hope** to the Sudanese families.

Saturday 5
Recently an 18-year-old Christian girl was beaten to death by her own brother and cousin in South Sudan, after refusing to enter a forced marriage with an older Muslim man arranged by her family. She opposed because of her Christian faith. Pray for an end to Christians girls being forced to marry Muslim men.

Sunday 6
Advent: Week 2 Theme: **PEACE** - *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."* John 14:27. Praise the Lord for giving us **peace** in our hearts.

Monday 7
Christians in Kyrgyzstan continue to face strong opposition from their families and communities, while hostility from the authorities has intensified with the introduction of tighter religious controls. Ask God to protect and sustain those who convert from Islam to Christianity as it can lead to heavy persecution for some converts.

Tuesday 8
Manish, a Bengali man from a Hindu background, received an audio Bible. He listened regularly, and came to believe that **Jesus Christ is the true God and the only source of salvation**. A few months ago, Manish and his family were baptized. Praise the Lord and pray for many more conversions among Hindus.

Wednesday 9
Pray for the pastors and congregation members in Nigeria whose churches and homes are being burned down by extremist Islamic terrorists. They risk their lives when they meet. Pray for their protection and the conversion of their persecutors.

Thursday 10
Pray for FEBA Radio's Christmas project raising funds for audio Bibles and radios to be distributed for the first time in Chad, Niger and Mali. Poverty and only 36% litera-cy rate are huge challenges for reaching these people with the Gospel.

Friday 11
Daffa, living in a small village in Western Mali has been partially paralysed all his life. He listened to Feba radio, then visited a church in a nearby town, where they prayed for him. Praise the Lord for instantly healing Daffa. He immediately committed his life to Christ. Pray for him to boldly share his testimony.

Saturday 12
On October 23, gunmen burst into a church in central Jordan during a funeral service. They sprayed bullets across the crowd, killing nine and injuring a further 50. Pray for comfort and healing for the traumatised survivors and the community.

Sunday 13
Advent: Week 3 Theme: **JOY**
"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" Phil. 4:4
Thank the Lord for the **joy** He gives us, the **joy** of knowing Jesus came to give His life for our salvation, to be deserted by the Father so that we will never be deserted.

Monday 14
The attack in Jordan was particularly shocking because Christians and Muslims in Karak have lived together peacefully for generations. "I still can't sleep properly since the shooting because of the horrors I saw." Pray for freedom to worship safely.

Tuesday 15
"Jesus is the only source of security. I'm not afraid of death." Pray for Christians in the Persecuted Church to be strengthened by God to be secure in Him in the midst of daily attacks, arrests, interrogations and so much pain and trauma.

Wednesday 16
Praise the Lord for the work of ICC, International Christian Concern. "This holiday season, we are coming alongside persecuted believers around the world to equip them with the resources to support themselves in a sustainable, dignified way."

Thursday 17
Through their testimonies, they showed us that joy does not depend on our circumstances. It is rooted in the Good News that the angels proclaimed to "all the people" – the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Immanuel, God with us, is the reason our joy endures, even in the midst of suffering.

Friday 18
Remember our persecuted family: The festive season can be challenging for many persecuted Christian families. Since Christmas celebrates the coming of Jesus, our Saviour, into the world, it can lead to increased persecution. Countless families are forced to celebrate Christmas in secret. Pray for them for peace and protection.

Saturday 19
In early October, Malid Malak, a 20-year-old Egyptian Coptic Christian, was kidnapped and killed by the Islamic State group in Libya. Malak stood strong in his faith until the end. He told his persecutors, "Even if you cut me into pieces, I would never renounce my faith." Pray for Malid's family and church.

Sunday 20
Advent: Week 4 Theme: **LOVE**
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jhn 3:16
"Lord, please fill our hearts with Your love for people."

Monday 21
"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 Jhn 4:10,11. Pray for love to replace the hatred in the world.

Tuesday 22
Pray for us who can freely worship to be faithful in prayer and support, standing with persecuted Christians across the globe. Open Doors and Voice of the Martyers and others testify: "**Your support makes it possible for us to come alongside believers in times of need, providing encouragement and prayer."**

Wednesday 23
"And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." I Jhn.4:21 Pray for the restoration of relationships in families.

Thursday 24
*This took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel.**" Matt. 1:22, 23*
Pray for the Good News of Jesus to reach all nations.

Friday 25
*"The angel said to the shepherds "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause **great joy** for all the people. [11] Today in the town of David a **Saviour** has been born to you; he is the **Messiah**, the Lord." Luke 2:10*
Celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, with joy and thanksgiving!

Saturday 26
Pray for the 388 million Christians living in circumstances of high to extreme persecution, having no freedom to openly celebrate the birth of Jesus, no joy of singing carols together… pray for those in prison, alone and in pain…

Sunday 27
"His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity." Is. 9:7
Thank the Lord for this promise, that Jesus came, and did overcome death.

Monday 28
Imagine you're a pastor: Your church has been burned down. Your community is scared. And the next Sunday morning, you must address your frightened congregation in the hollowed-out shell of their church. Pray for the Christians in Nigeria

Tuesday 29
Saman, single father of 2 children, are believers in a Muslim majority community. "We were talking and praying, asking God for help to change our situation," Samman says. "That's when we heard them outside. Only when they came in and started talking to us did we realise they were believers who had found us. Maybe Jesus told them about our situation. Praise the Lord!

Wednesday 30
Thank the Lord for the unknown number of people that have come to faith during the past year. Praise Him for transforming lives. Pray for good discipleship for each new believer. Thank the Lord for the many blessings you have experienced.

Thursday 31
*"But those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Is. 40:31* Ask this of the Lord to enable you to enter the new year with faith, hope and love in your heart. May we be faithful to His calling on our lives.