

# PRAYER CARDS



## UMAR'S STORY, UGANDA

Pastor Umar Mulinde, 37, a sheikh (Islamic teacher) before becoming a Christian, was attacked on Christmas Eve 2011 outside his church. He was on his way to a party with the congregation and hundreds of new Christians when a man approached him and threw acid on his face. Acid burns cover about 30% of his face and has cost him sight in one eye. **"I have to continue fighting this pain – it is too much. My entire body is in pain. Most of the night I miss sleep."**

### USE YOUR VOICE...

- For Umar's recovery. Thank God for his courage and love for Jesus.
- For Muslim background believers who take huge risks to follow Jesus.



## GABAR'S STORY, NIGERIA

Gabar liked to play football and sing and dance. But one night, the dancing stopped. On 6 August 2010, police came to arrest Christians in Gabar's town. When other Christians came to ask why they were being arrested, the police opened fire. Gabar died of his injuries a day later. He was 13.

### USE YOUR VOICE...

- For Gabar's family and all those who have lost loved ones in religious violence
- For children traumatised by witnessing attacks on their families and friends
- For Open Doors staff working with the bereaved, injured and displaced

Violence and persecution against Christians in northern Nigeria is a constant threat.



## YATI'S STORY, INDONESIA

Yati was only eight when she left school. After her Dad died she scavenged on the city streets to support her family. None of their relatives would shelter them. But Open Doors found them space in a safe house. Now Yati, 15, is training at a sewing school. "I dream of becoming a Sunday School teacher...I want to teach children about the love of Jesus because I have experienced it myself."

### USE YOUR VOICE...

- That God would help Yati to fulfil her dream of becoming a Sunday School teacher
- For new believers who lose their jobs and the support of their extended family
- For Open Doors training programmes that help believers stand strong through the storm



## LEAH'S STORY, IRAQ

The letter in the mail contained a chilling message: Leah's family were known as **'Christian dogs'**. They must leave Baghdad within 24 hours, or their house would be blown up. It was no idle threat. Leah and her family had to leave their home, all they had known and start a new life in the north.

### USE YOUR VOICE...

- For Leah, learning to speak and study in Kurdish (her native language is Arabic)
- For Open Doors staff providing counselling to traumatised children
- Ask God to provide shelter, jobs and education for Christian families displaced by the violence.

Pray for Iraq and the church to be strengthened.