

“I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME”

Psalm 23 is a great psalm to pray at this time of uncertainty and fear. Join with a family in Sri Lanka in praying the psalm and finding comfort and hope.



Every Sunday, Dukashini would go to the Zion Church in Sri Lanka with her mother, Girija, and her siblings. And every night Girija would read the Bible to them.

Dukashini’s father, Prashanth, did not accompany them— as an illiterate day labourer, he was scared of losing work. “Come to church with us,” Girija would beg him, but he never did.

On Easter Day 2019, Dukashini was at church when a suicide bomber attacked. She found her mother, sprawled on the floor, her little brother standing nearby crying.

“I thought she had fainted, so I sprinkled some water on her face,” Dukashini recalls. “But she didn’t wake up.”

Girija never recovered consciousness and died eight days later.

‘YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME’

Thanks to your support and prayers, an Open Doors team has been standing with Dukashini and her family – and with many others affected by the bombings in Sri Lanka.

“We have seen the family of Christ unite together, to grieve, to comfort and to support,” said Open Doors partner Sunil* “No persecuted Christian should have to feel alone. We will continue to stand by them, for as long as it’s needed.”

Open Doors helped Prashanth buy a tuktuk, a small three-wheeled taxi, to support his family. Because he now works for himself, he can choose when he works.

“My only aim now is to take care of my children,” he says.

So, every Sunday, Prashanth takes his three children to church – just as his wife always wished.

And every evening Dukashini reads the Bible to them all.



“THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD...”

Open Doors staff asked Dukashini to read a passage from the Bible – and she chose Psalm 23.

Dukashini’s reading is a gift to us all. What better Psalm could there be for us during these anxious times? Why not play the recording of Dukashini and read it along with her?

[Listen to Dukashini reading Psalm 23](#)

It feels a bit as though we are all walking through some dark valleys at the moment.

Let us take heart from the courage of this 12-year-old girl and remind ourselves that God is our shepherd; He is with us, so there is no need to fear.

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