



FUNDRAISING

IDEAS



There are lots of ways you can support your persecuted family by fundraising, whether it's virtually or by following the current social distancing guidelines. Whatever you choose, please ensure you stay safe by following the current government advice. Here are a few ideas to get you started. Oh, and we'd love to see how you get on! Tag us on social media [@opendoorsuk](#)

BY YOURSELF

Sell things you no longer need

Do your cupboards need a clear-out? Try selling some pre-loved items on eBay, Facebook Marketplace or at a car boot sale. Explain that you're fundraising and your buyers may be extra generous.

Celebrate and donate

Celebrate a special occasion by asking for donations to Open Doors instead of gifts. JustGiving is a great tool to use to collect your money or Facebook fundraiser works particularly well for birthdays.

Give up something you love

It could be your phone, social media, or something you love to eat. It will take some willpower but you may feel even more connected to your persecuted church family as a result.

Donate your commute

Maybe you are using your car less at the moment. How about adding up your fuel miles and donating the difference to help your persecuted family?

Haircut

Whether it's shaving it all off or dyeing it purple, the crazier you go, the more money you could raise!

A physical challenge

Set yourself a goal to walk, run or cycle a certain distance. Share your training routes using tools such as Strava and invite your friends to follow your progress.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Wash cars

Start with your neighbours or contact your local supermarket or school. Charge per vehicle and multiply your efforts by getting some friends to help.

Stream a skill

Lots of us are taking up new hobbies at the moment. How about hosting an online tutorial in something you are good at? Think photography, cake decorating, make up, or woodwork...

Gardening

Are you green-fingered? Offer your gardening services to friends and neighbours in return for a suggested donation.

Dog walking

Think about which neighbours have four-legged friends and offer to take their dogs for a walk. Many neighbourhoods have strong dog-walking communities – you might even make some new friends in the process!

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Film night

Host a film night using Netflix party. Buy in some snacks, link up with friends and use the group chat feature.

Games night

Popular with all board gamers and needs minimal organising. Sites such as Board Game Arena are free to join and work well over Zoom, Facebook Live or WhatsApp.

Craft evening

Gather your craft-loving friends and meet virtually to work on your current creation. Share ideas on making handmade cards, jewellery, knitting and patchwork, then sell what you make. Theme your creations around the time of year e.g. Christmas or Easter.

Pub quiz

Use your favourite platform, gather your friends and host your quiz. Don't forget to throw in a round on persecution. You can find lots of facts on the Open Doors website and it's a great opportunity to educate your friends at the same

time. Apps such as Kahoot! offer ready-made quizzes as well as allowing you to create your own.

Exhibition

Are you a keen artist or photographer? Why not create a virtual gallery and charge people to come along and take a look? You could auction off the pictures at the end.

International evening

Choose a country from the World Watch List. Share some photos or use Google Earth to travel virtually. Think about dress code, food and music. Ask your guests to take a photo of their empty bowl and send it in to our [Last In Line](#) appeal.

Talent evening

A great one for all ages! You could even include prizes for the strongest performers!

Coffee and cake

Invite your neighbours to join you for virtual coffee and cake.

SOCIALLY-DISTANCED GATHERINGS

Relay sponsored walk

Choose a route near your house. Carry an item from the [Open Doors Covid-19 relief pack](#) to show you are standing with your family.

BBQ

Always popular and easy to distance. Try asking local farm shops or supermarkets for donated sausages or burgers.

Book sale

Ask everyone in your street to bring along their unwanted books and choose a new one. Leave a donation bucket out with details of your cause.

Cake sale

Everyone loves cake! Try holding one at work, school or in your street. Consider individually wrapped slices or entire cakes as a way of minimising contact. Include a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition where the winner wins the cake or auction off larger cakes.

Plant sale

Gardening has been huge during lockdown. Plant some veggies or flowers from seed and sell in pots. Or take some cuttings and sell on larger plants.

Treasure hunt

Hide some clues around your local area so that the group have to use their skills to solve the clues and find the treasure.

TIP!

Many businesses like to do their bit for charity. Find out if your employer will match your fundraising efforts. This means that if you raise £300, they will make it up to £600.

Job done!