

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Today we want to remember **Kim Dong Chul** who is serving a 10-year sentence in a labour camp in North Korea. We pray for strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Once again we lift up **Asia Bibi** before the Lord. We are encouraged to see that the EU is insisting on her release for the trade deal with Pakistan to continue. We pray that her Supreme Court appeal would be fixed soon and that it would be successful.



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

We intercede on behalf of **Kim Jong Uk**, imprisoned for life in a labour camp in North Korea. We pray for his physical, spiritual and emotional welfare in these harsh circumstances.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

We pray for our sister **Twen Theodros** who has been in prison in Eritrea for 13 years. May she be safe and treated kindly by prison guards and we pray that she will be released soon.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

We ask for God's blessing on **Shagufta Kausar** and **Shafqat Emmanuel**, a Pakistani married couple sentenced to death for blasphemy. We pray that Shafqat would receive sufficient medical care and his health would improve.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

We want to remember **Slimane Bouhafis** in prison in Algeria in our prayers today. We pray for his physical and psychological well-being and that he would be transferred to a prison nearer home where his family can visit him.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

This day we pray for encouragement for **Andrew Brunson** in prison in Turkey, for protection and provision for his family in the USA and for wisdom for Andrew's lawyer as they work on his release.

**Many thanks for your prayers!**



## Church in Chains Prayer Diary

### April 2018

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**

*Romans 12:12*

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

On this Easter Sunday we pray for all Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. May they be victorious as Christ was in his resurrection and be protected from attacks of the enemy.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

We lift up **Patras Masih** and his cousin **Sajid Masih** in Pakistan before the Lord. We pray that the charges of blasphemy against Patras that were made in February 2018 would be dropped and for healing from trauma for both men.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

We pray also for the 800 families who had to flee their Christian neighbourhood from a mob of 3,000 Muslims which threatened to burn down their houses in response to this blasphemy case. We ask God to keep them safe and make it possible for them to return to their homes.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Today we pray for upcoming Explore afternoon on Saturday 14 April in Crinken Church in Shankill, County Dublin. We pray for a safe trip for **Malcolm McLeod** as he travels from Scotland to share about his work in Iraq.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April

We pray that the Irish government would take some action in response to the report that CIC issued about the rise of persecution in India. We also pray for a meeting with the Indian Ambassador.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

We want to pray for the trustees and staff of CIC. We pray for the Lord's blessing, inspiration, wisdom and guidance as they plan and carry out their work in Ireland.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Please pray for the Russian Orthodox congregation in Dagestan which witnessed the killing of five of its members in February. We pray that the Lord would bind up their broken hearts and keep them safe.



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## PRAY FOR EGYPT

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Give thanks that the church in Egypt is growing despite the opposition it faces. Let's pray using the words of the Egyptian praise song "Heavenly Church" that "the church will continue to not fear death, pray, forgive and always love".

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for protection over the congregation which meets in St George's Cathedral, Tanta. We ask the Lord to heal the physical and emotional wounds of this body of Christ after the Palm Sunday bombing in 2017.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

We want to lift up **Bishoy Armia Boulous** before the Lord. He became well-known in 2007 as the first citizen to attempt to change the religious status on his ID card from Muslim to Christian. He suffered greatly and after his release from prison Bishoy announced that he had returned to Islam. May he know that God still loves him the same.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

We pray for the Copts in Kom El-Loufy who after many years of waiting are finally being allowed to construct a church. We pray that the work progresses well and for protection on the workers and building.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Today we pray for the congregation in Helwan which was attacked last December. Ask the Lord to comfort them in their loss and protect their hearts in their grief.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Please pray to God to bless all churches in Egypt. May they be able to meet together in safety and peace and continue to grow. We pray for a special blessings on all of the festivals that usually take place during the summer.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for the safe release of the many Christian girls who have been kidnapped and forced into marriage with Muslim men. Pray also for protection for other girls vulnerable to abduction.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

We give thanks for the ministry of SAT-7 in Egypt which makes God's love visible to millions of people via satellite TV. Lord, please bless and protect their work!



## PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

While North Korea is very much cut off from the rest of the world, God still knows and loves every single North Korean. We pray that all Christians there would experience His presence and love in a real and meaningful way.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Today we pray for **Kim Kuk-gi** serving a life-sentence in a labour camp in North Korea. We pray for strength for the hard work he has to endure, for his sentence to be reduced and that ultimately he would be freed.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

We want to join many underground Christians who are praying that **Kim Jong-un** will come to know Christ and that God would convict his whole family of their sins. We want to see a change of heart of this cruel regime.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April

We pray for protection and strength for organisations that provide aid and support to North Korean Christians in China or who even risk travelling to North Korea. Please keep them safe as they serve you, Lord!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

We ask the Lord for the thousands of Christians, whose names we don't know, who suffer for their refusal to deny their faith. May He give them hope and strength to endure their hardships.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Please bless those who are orphaned or widowed or have lost a family member to imprisonment. We pray for financial provision and a healing of their broken hearts and lives.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

We want to stand with the fast growing "refugee church" of North Koreans who have come to faith in China, that the new believers' faith would grow and they would be wise about how to share it with their families.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

We pray for an end to the imprisonment, torture and execution of the tens of thousands of Christians. We long to see the enemy's tight grip on this country broken!

