



Send a Christmas Card to a Christian Prisoner

At this time of year, many people are preparing to send Christmas cards to family and friends. This year, please add a Christian prisoner to your list. Overleaf you will find brief information about and addresses for prisoners in China, Mexico, Pakistan and Uzbekistan.

By sending a Christmas card, you send a very clear message to their jailers: it shows that the Christian prisoner is known and cared about overseas. This can influence them to be diligent about caring well for the prisoner – even if they don't pass on your card.

Card Writing Guidelines



1. Begin by choosing a Christmas card
(use one with a Bible verse/nativity scene if you like)
2. Write a short greeting
(most of the prisoners listed do not speak English)
3. Assure the prisoner that you are praying for her/him.

DON'T make any criticism of the government

DON'T mention Church in Chains (or any similar organisation)
this could lead to the prisoner being accused of links to a "hostile" organisation

DON'T refer to any harsh treatment that may be occurring
this could lead to the prisoner being accused of spreading malicious information

How should I address the envelope? With great care – many prison addresses are quite long. Print the address clearly and carefully. Affix correct postage and airmail sticker.

What does it cost to post the card? 82c to all addresses
Posting from the UK to China, Mexico and Pakistan costs 76p, to Uzbekistan 68p

When is the latest recommended date for posting for Christmas delivery? Tuesday 6 December
If you do not make that deadline, please do post your card later in December as it will bring encouragement when it does arrive.

Prisoner Names and Addresses

ASIA BIBI has been imprisoned since June 2009, charged under Pakistan's blasphemy law. She was sentenced to death in November 2010 and is currently waiting for her appeal to be heard. Asia is held in solitary confinement for her own safety, due to threats on her life. Asia is married to Ashiq Masih, and they have five children.

Asia Bibi
District Jail
Sheikhupura
Punjab
PAKISTAN



TOHAR HAYDAROV is a 28-year-old Baptist from Tashkent in Uzbekistan who was given a ten-year jail sentence on false charges (selling drugs) in early 2010. He was told in July 2011 that his appeal had failed. Friends who have visited Tohar say that he holds firm to his faith. Prison officials have shown Tohar a sack of letters sent to him but have not allowed him to read them.

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pos. Shaikh-Ali,
g. Karshi,
Kashkadarya Region
180020
UZBEKISTAN

ALIMUJIANG YIMITI is a Uighur Christian from Xinjiang province in north-west China. He has been imprisoned since January 2008 because of his activities as a pastor. Earlier this year, he lost his second appeal against a 15-year labour camp sentence. Alimujiang is married to Guli Nuer and they have two young sons.

Alimujiang Yimiti
Section 11
Xinjiang No. 3 Prison
1339 Dongzhan Road
Urumqi,
Xinjiang 830013
PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA



THE INNOCENT OF ACTEAL group of prisoners, mainly evangelical Christians, have been imprisoned unjustly in Mexico for the past thirteen years on false charges of participating in the 1997 Acteal "massacre". 45 men have been released in the past two years but 34 remain in prison, including those below.

To try to ensure an even spread of cards among the prisoners, choose a name from the list that begins with a letter close to your own name.

Agustin Perez Gomez
Antonio Perez Hernandez
Daniel Hernandez Perez
Elias Luna Vazquez
Elias Perez Perez
Felipe Luna Perez
Ignacio Guzman Luna
Jacintio Arias Cruz
Javier Luna Perez
Jose Perez Guzman
Juan Santiz Vazquez
Juan Vazquez Perez
Manuel Perez Luna

Manuel Perez Perez
Manuel Santiz Perez
Manuel Vazquez Ruiz
Marcos Arias Perez
Mariano Gomez Ruiz
Mariano Perez Jimenez
Mariano Pucuj Luna
Miguel Lopez Gomez
Miguel Luna Perez
Nicolas Hernandez Perez
Pablo Hernandez Perez
Pedro Lopez Lopez

Prisoner Name
c/o Apartado 8,
San Cristóbal de las
Casas Chiapas CP 29200
MEXICO



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