

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Sunday 24th June

We pray that the Lord would bless and keep **Pastor Yang Hua** safe in prison in China. We pray for better health for him and safety and provision for his wife and two children who have been threatened in the past.

Monday 25th June

Today we pray for **Leah Sharibu** (pictured) in Nigeria, who is a 15-year-old school girl who was captured by Boko Haram in February. She refused to convert to Islam and has therefore not been released. We pray for strength and protection for this brave girl and for her release.



Tuesday 26th June

We lift up Chinese **Pastor Jin Tianming** before the Lord. He has been under house arrest in Beijing since 2011. We pray for endurance and encouragement for him and that he would soon be free to leave his house.

Wednesday 27th June

Today we pray for **Ebrahim Firouzi** in prison in Iran. He went on hunger strike last year to protest about the conditions in prison. We pray that God would sustain him, he will be treated better and for provision for his mother and sister.

Thursday 28th June

We pray for Indonesian pastor **Abraham Ben Moses** who was sentenced to four years in prison for religious defamation in May. We pray for his spiritual and physical protection in prison and for his wife and young daughter.

Friday 29th June

We pray for **Bakhrom Kholmatov** serving a three-year sentence in prison in Tajikistan. We pray that the Lord would stand at his side and strengthen him to be a witness to his fellow prisoners.

Saturday 30th June

We intercede for **Sawan Masih**, who has been sentenced to death for blasphemy in Pakistan. We pray that he would be able to appeal his sentence soon and that God would be his refuge and strength, ever present in trouble.

Thank you for your prayers!



Church in Chains Prayer Diary

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**Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12**

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Friday 1st June

We lift up the families of the two young men **Rahid Khalid** and **Azhar Iqbal** who were killed in Pakistan in April before the Lord. We pray for financial provision for Azhar's young widow and Rahid's parents and for comfort in their grief.

Saturday 2nd June

We are encouraged that Pakistan's Chief Justice said that the Supreme Court will hear **Asia Bibi's** appeal against her blasphemy conviction "soon". We pray that a date would be set and Asia, her lawyer and the judge would all be kept safe during the trial.

Sunday 3rd June

We pray for new opportunities and invitations for Church in Chains to speak in churches, prayer groups, schools and universities in Ireland to raise more awareness about the persecution of Christians around the world.

Monday 4th June

We lift up our brothers and sisters in Indonesia. We ask for the Lord's blessing on those who are grieving or injured after the attacks on three churches in May. We also pray for healing, restoration and protection of these churches.

Tuesday 5th June

We want to continue to stand with **Andrew Brunson** on trial in Turkey. We pray that God would sustain him in prison until his trial continues on 18 July and that Andrew's defence witnesses would be heard next time.

Wednesday 6th June

We thank God that Eritrean pastor **Oqbamichel Haimanot** was released from prison in April. He is in his 70s now and in poor health - we pray for his physical and mental recovery.

Thursday 7th June

We are thankful that Church in Chains has a stall at the upcoming national event "Fearless Women" on 16 June. We pray that we would be able to inspire many women with the stories of the many bold and brave women in the persecuted church and make our work known more widely.



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PRAY FOR INDIA

Friday 8th June

We pray for India - the world's largest democracy. We know that official India is currently on the side of the militant Hindus and Christians are attacked with impunity. We pray for justice for all Indians regardless of creed.

Saturday 9th June

We want to pray for special protection for Christians living in rural areas and members of small house churches who are at greatest risk of attacks. We pray that they can live and worship in peace and safety.

Sunday 10th June

Today we pray for Pastor **Rakesh Kumar Masih** who was viciously attacked in March. He is still in pain so we ask for complete healing for his body and for protection for him, his family and church.

Monday 11th June

We pray for an end to "anti-conversion laws" in certain Indian states which allow the prosecution of Christians for sharing their faith. We pray that God will give wisdom and protection to Christians who love to share their faith there.

Tuesday 12th June

We pray for Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. Since his party came to power in 2014 radical Hinduism has increased steadily. We pray that God would move his heart and that he would no longer turn a blind eye to religious attacks.

Wednesday 13th June

We pray for four pastors **Muniyandi Elangoan Jebraj, Karthik Chandran, Khel Prasad Kurre** and **Harjot Singh Sethi**. They were pictured in the recent postcard campaign and have all suffered violent attacks in the past year.

Thursday 14th June

We pray that the Indian ambassador to Ireland **Vijay Thakur Singh** would take action in response to the many postcards that were sent to her on behalf of Indian Christians and that her actions would make a real difference.

Friday 15th June

We ask for the Lord's blessing on those who are grieving for **Pastor Gideon Periyaswamy** before the Lord. He was found dead in January a week after he complained to police about opposition from Hindu extremists.



PRAY FOR NIGERIA

Saturday 16th June

Nigeria is Africa's leading oil producer, but the majority of Nigerians live under the poverty line and corruption is ubiquitous. More Christians have been martyred in northern Nigeria in recent years than anywhere else in the world. We pray for an end to this bloodshed.

Sunday 17th June

We pray for all the congregations which were brutally attacked in April in Benue State and which lost church members and clergy. We pray for restoration of these bodies of Christ.

Monday 18th June

We pray for **President Muhammadu Buhari**. We want him to do everything in his power to ensure that all Nigerians are protected from violence or failing that, make way for new leadership.

Tuesday 19th June

Today we pray for a complete defeat of Boko Haram. We pray for heaven's army to help with this battle and for good to overcome evil in this country.

Wednesday 20th June

We lift up the remaining 112 Chibok schoolgirls before the Lord. We ask for them to be rescued and returned to their families. We also pray for healing and blessing for those girls who have been released.

Thursday 21st June

We pray for the many Christians who have been displaced by Boko Haram militants and often face discrimination when aid is distributed. We pray that Christians are no longer treated as second-class citizens and are provided for.

Friday 22nd June

We pray for **Rev Dr Soja Bewarang** who came to the Church in Chains conference in 2016. We pray that the Lord would protect him with his work for the Christian Association of Nigeria and also keep his family safe.

Saturday 23rd June

On this day we intercede for Christian women in Nigeria in danger of kidnap and forced marriage to Muslims. We pray for God's protection for our sisters!

