

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Tuesday 24th July

We lift up Pastor **Abraham Ben Moses** in prison in Indonesia. We pray for a daily portion of courage, peace and hope from the Lord for Abraham.

Wednesday 25th July

Today we pray for **Naser Navard Goltap** (pictured) who has been unwell in Evin Prison in Iran. We pray for healing and protection over Naser's body and mind in this notorious prison.



Thursday 26th July

We pray that the Lord would bless and keep **Rev Haile Naizghe** safe in prison in Eritrea. We pray for provision and comfort for his wife and children who have fled Eritrea.

Friday 27th July

We pray that this summer a date would be set and kept for **Asia Bibi's** appeal against her blasphemy conviction. We pray for protection over Asia, her lawyer and the judge during the trial and that her appeal would be successful.

Saturday 28th July

Today we stand with Eritrean Orthodox Patriarch **Abune Antonios**. We pray that he would be released from his house arrest and free to worship the Lord!

Sunday 29th July

We pray for **Leah Sharibu** who is still being held captive by Boko Haram in Nigeria. We pray that her captors would treat her well and release her soon.

Monday 30th July

We intercede for Eritrean pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** in prison since 2004. We pray that the Lord would strengthen and sustain him every day.

Tuesday 31st July

We pray for **Alimujiang Yimiti**, an Uighur Christian who has been in prison in China for 10 years. We pray that his 15-year sentence would be reduced.

Thank you for your prayers!



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**I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17: 6**

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st July

Praise God that Chinese pastor **Yang Hua** has been released at the end of his prison sentence. We pray for healing of his body, mind and spirit and for God's blessing on his life and ministry going forward.

Monday 2nd July

We thank the Lord that **Shibu Thomas** from Persecution Relief has agreed to travel from India to Ireland to speak at our annual conference in September. We pray for protection and provision for all the arrangements for his trip.

Tuesday 3rd July

The Singapore summit was disappointing in terms of improving the human rights situation in North Korea, but we continue pray for the thousands of Christians in prison for their faith. We want to see them treated better and set free!

Wednesday 4th July

Give thanks that Church in Chains had a stall at "Fearless Women" in June and was able to distribute many prayer bookmarks featuring **Leah Sharibu**, **Twen Theodros** and **Asia Bibi**. And we still pray for all three women to be set free.

Thursday 5th July

We want to continue to lift up **Andrew Brunson** to the Lord. His trial continues on 18 July and we pray for wisdom and guidance for Andrew and his lawyer on the day and that the defence witnesses would be heard this time.

Friday 6th July

We pray for Early Blessing Church in Chengu, China which was raided repeatedly in the past month. We pray for strength and encouragement after this unsettling time for the congregation and especially **Pastor Wang Yi**.

Saturday 7th July

We pray against further attacks on churches and Christian homes in Egypt. We also pray that the thousands of building permit applications for churches would be granted and new churches be built in safety.

PRAY FOR PAKISTAN

Sunday 8th July

We pray for Christians in Pakistan - most of them are from poor backgrounds, with little education. They work at menial jobs and live together in slums or poor areas of rural villages. We ask for God's protection and blessing over them.

Monday 9th July

We lift up Pakistani pastor **Zafar Bhatti**. We pray for his spiritual and physical protection in prison and that his life sentence be shortened.

Tuesday 10th July

Today we ask the Lord to give Pakistan's politicians courage and wisdom to reform the blasphemy laws which are often used to target Christians. We want to see an end to the imprisonment and killing of innocent people.

Wednesday 11th July

We ask for the Lord's special protection over Christian women and girls who are at risk of abduction, rape, forced marriage and forced conversion to Islam.

Thursday 12th July

We pray for **Shaguffa Kausar** and her husband **Shafqat Emmanuel** who were sentenced to death for blasphemy in 2014. We pray that their sentences would be appealed and they would be released. We also pray for the Lord's provision and protection for their four children.

Friday 13th July

Today we pray for blessing of our partner Release International which works in Pakistan supporting Christian converts from Islam as some experience violence and mental abuse and some have to go into hiding for their safety.

Saturday 14th July

We pray for the release of **Imran Ghafur Masih** who is serving a life sentence because a neighbour falsely accused him of burning pages of the Koran.

Sunday 15th July

We ask that the Lord through His Spirit would reassure and encourage Christians in Pakistan that they have infinite value and worth in Christ even though they are so lowly regarded in their country.



PRAY FOR VIETNAM

Monday 16th July

Vietnam is one of the few remaining Communist countries - Christianity is seen as a foreign influence and highly suspicious by the harsh regime. We would love to see the Vietnamese people free to live and believe in safety.

Tuesday 17th July

We pray that the new Law on Belief and Religion which came into effect in January 2018 will lead to less harassment and persecution of Christians rather than the opposite.

Wednesday 18th July

We pray that **Nguyen Phu Trong**, the General Secretary of the Communist Party, would be moved to oppose the violence and brutality that authorities and the police use against Christians.

Thursday 19th July

Today we pray for Christians from ethnic minority groups who face the greatest persecution. We pray that God would protect them as they face harassment.

Friday 20th July

We thank God for the Christian human rights lawyer **Nguyen Van Dai**. The renowned advocate for religious freedom was released in April after being imprisoned and held under house arrest for many years. We pray that God would restore and bless him as he makes a new start abroad.

Saturday 21st July

We ask the Lord to bless the translation of the Bible into various tribal languages in Vietnam and that tribal Christians would be sustained and strengthened by reading God's word in their own language.

Sunday 22nd July

We pray for Christian activist **Maria Tran Thi Nga** who was recently sentenced to 9 years in prison for highlighting human rights issues. We pray that her sentence would be reduced and she would be reunited with her young children soon.

Monday 23rd July

We thank God that the church is still growing in these difficult circumstances. We pray that God would build up the faith of all new believers.

