

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for **Pastor Kim Kuk-Gi** who is serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray for protection over his body, mind and spirit in these difficult circumstances.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Today we lift up Chinese **Pastor Xing Wenxiang** and her husband **Pastor Bao Guohua** (pictured) in prison since 2016 before the Lord. We pray that their long sentences would be reduced.



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August

We intercede on behalf of **Pastor Kim Jong Uk**, imprisoned for life in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray that he would be treated well.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August

We continue to pray for **Twen Theodros** who has been in prison in Eritrea for 13 years. We pray that the Lord would be her portion and her strength every day.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

We ask for God's blessing on Pakistani **Pastor Zafar Bhatti**, serving a life sentence since 2012. We pray that God would sustain him and keep him safe.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

We want to remember **Asia Bibi** on death row in Pakistan since 2009 in our prayers today. Her appeal was supposed to be heard before the summer recess - we pray that God would give her and her family patience and endurance until the trial takes place.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Again we pray for **Pastor Andrew Brunson** detained in Turkey since 2016. We thank God that he was allowed to move from prison to house arrest and pray the Lord would give him strength until his trial continues in October.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Keep praying for **Ebrahim Firouzi** in prison in Iran since 2013. Pray that the Lord will stand at his side and strengthen him to be a witness to his fellow prisoners.

**Many thanks for your prayers!**



## Church in Chains Prayer Diary

### August 2018

**This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14**

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Today we want to pray for Iranian **Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani** who was arrested in July and is in the notorious Evin Prison in Tehran. He was in prison for several years in the past - we pray for comfort and strength for him and his family, especially for his teenage son **Danial** who was injured during his arrest.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

We lift up the survivors of the Fulani attacks in Nigeria. We pray that God will give the victims the fortitude to bear their losses and turn to Him in their grief.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

We pray also for our partner in Nigeria, the Stefanos Foundation, which is trying to meet the immediate needs of feeding and sheltering over 11,000 displaced people and also providing trauma counselling and support for those in hospital.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for our upcoming annual conference on Saturday 15 September in Liffey Valley, Dublin. We pray for a safe journey for **Shibu Thomas** as he travels from India to share about his work and all the other preparations under way.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Praise God for the barbecue that has been planned for Saturday 18 August in Galway Christian Fellowship Church to raise awareness about persecuted Christians. We pray for good weather and that many churches would join in.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August

We thank the Lord that we have the resources to produce an updated Global Guide this year. We pray for His blessing and help with this publication. And we pray that it will be a useful resource and widely read.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Praise God that Chinese **Pastor Yang Hua** was released from prison after completing his two and a half year sentence. We pray that he would receive all the right medical treatment to bring him back to full health and for God's blessing also for his wife and two sons as they try to live a normal life again.



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## PRAY FOR ALGERIA

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Christianity in Algeria dates back to the early church, but was gradually wiped out by the Arab Muslim invasion. Thank God that today there are at least 100,000 Christians in Algeria.



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August

In the last 12 years no churches belonging to the Association of Protestant Churches of Algeria have been authorised. We pray for protection over churches that are compelled to operate on an illegal basis and so are vulnerable to closure.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August

We want to lift up **President Abdelaziz Bouteflika** before the Lord. The 81-year-old has not given a speech in public for years and critics call him "the living dead". We pray for wisdom that he would retire when he is no longer able to serve his country properly and that he would turn to the Lord before his life ends.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August

We pray that the government would be more open towards Christians and would acknowledge their rights as lawful citizens. We pray against the bureaucracy created by the government that is suppressing the church.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August

We give thanks for the ministry of SAT-7 in Algeria which is such a blessing to churches and Algerian Christians as it broadcasts testimony programmes via satellite TV. We pray that it can do its work without restrictions.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for protection for Christians who are being persecuted by their families, that they would be able to love and forgive them and remain strong.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Praise God that the Algerian church continues to grow despite persecution, especially among the Berber people, and that increasing numbers of Arabs are turning from Islam to Christ.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for Algerian girls and women from Muslim families who convert to Christianity and who are sometimes forced to still wear a headscarf and even to marry a Muslim by their families.

## PRAY FOR CHINA

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

The church is the largest social force in China not controlled by the Communist Party. The government only recognises 22 million Christians, but it estimated that there are nearly 100 million Christians. We thank God for every single one.



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Today we pray for Uighur Christian **Alimujiang Yimiti** serving a 15-year sentence since 2008. We ask God to give him endurance, patience and strength in prison.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August

We want to lift up **President Xi Jinping** before the Lord. The Communist Party orders its members not to seek "value or belief in religion". We pray that President Xi shall see the truth and the truth would set him free.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for ChinaAid which promotes religious freedom and the rule of law in China. We pray for God's blessing on our partners, as they "expose abuses, encourage the abused and equip the leaders".

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August

We ask the Lord to bless **Pastor Zhang Shaojie** who has been in prison since 2013. We pray that he would be treated well by the prison guards and that the Lord would be his fortress and his shield.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Today we pray for protection for all overseas Christians seeking to support Uighur Christians. We pray that they would be free to do their good work.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Since February new religion regulations have lead to a crackdown on churches in China's central Henan province. We pray against harassment and detention of church leaders and the demolition of any more churches.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

We pray for **Pastor Jin Tianming** who has been under house arrest since 2011. He has never been brought to court. We pray for justice for this brave and steadfast pastor and that he would soon be free again.