

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 24th September

We remember the three Orthodox priests **Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus**, **Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteb** and **Rev Gebremedhin Gebregioris** in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray that they would know God's presence with them daily.

Tuesday 25th September

We pray for missionary **Kim Jong Uk** (pictured) who has been in a North Korean labour camp since 2014. We ask for courage and hope and God's sustenance for the hard work he is forced to do.



Wednesday 26th September

We lift up Indonesian pastor **Abraham Ben Moses** before the Lord. He has been in prison since 2017 for sharing his faith. We pray for strength for him and also for provision for his wife and baby daughter who miss him.

Thursday 27th September

We pray for **Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh** in Evin Prison (Iran) since 2016 serving a 10-year sentence. We continue to pray for God's healing touch on his sick body and that his sentence would be reduced.

Friday 28th September

Today we pray for South Korean pastor **Kim Kuk-gi**, serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray that the Lord would be his rock, his fortress and his deliverer today and every day.

Sunday 30th September

We pray for pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** who has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We ask the Lord to bless him and carry him through each day in prison. We pray for his release in the near future.

Saturday 29th September

We pray for **Sevada Aghasar**, a Christian musician and songwriter, in Evin prison since 2017. We pray that the Lord would be his comfort and peace in this dark place.

Thank you for your prayers!



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**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous be shaken. Psalm 55:22**

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Saturday 1st September

We pray against the plans of Hindu extremists to close down one church every week in the rural Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra state, India. We pray for special protection for all Christians, Christian homes and churches in rural India.

Sunday 2nd September

On 15 September our annual conference is taking place in Liffey Valley, Dublin. We pray that many people will be moved to attend and will be inspired and encouraged on the day.

Monday 3rd September

Please pray for hope and courage for Christians in Pakistan who are concerned that the newly elected government supports Sharia and the blasphemy laws. We also pray that God would soften **Imran Khan's** heart towards Pakistan's minorities, including Christians.

Tuesday 4th September

We thank God that the annual Gospel concert is taking place again on 29 September in Corcaghan, Co. Monaghan in aid of Church in Chains. We pray for success and that lots of funds would be raised for Christians in Nigeria.

Wednesday 5th September

We thank God that 35 prisoners were released in Eritrea in July and lift up the many long-term Christian prisoners who are still held captive. We long to see them all set free and restored to their families and friends.

Thursday 6th September

Praise God that the new edition of the *Global Guide* is due to be published in September! We are planning a press launch for it and ask God for His blessing on the preparations for that event.

Friday 7th September

We continue to pray for Iranian pastor **Youcef Nadarkhani** who was arrested in July. He is reportedly being kept in a windowless, quarantine ward in Evin Prison for "promoting Christianity".



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PRAY FOR TURKEY

Saturday 8th September

After several terrorist attacks and an attempted coup in recent years, the country is now experiencing a crash of its currency. We pray for peace and stability for volatile Turkey.

Sunday 9th September

We pray for a change of heart for President **Recep Erdoğan**. Under his strict rule there has been an ongoing crackdown on Christians and society is becoming increasingly Islamic. We want to see these developments reversed.

Monday 10th September

We give thanks for the ministry of SAT-7 TÜRK. This satellite TV channel has the opportunity to reach the people of Turkey with the message of God's love and is broadcasting 24/7. We pray for all the resources (finance and staff) to keep the programmes going.

Tuesday 11th September

Today we pray for strength and encouragement for Turkish Christians who are treated as traitors when leaving Islam and suffer most.

Wednesday 12th September

We ask the Lord for His support for and equipping of church leaders who have no possibility to be trained in the country as well for protection of foreign church workers who are experiencing harassment.

Thursday 13th September

We pray for the blessing of Iraqi and Syrian Christian refugees in Turkey who are treated with suspicion and experiencing attacks. We want them to be able rebuild their lives and worship in peace and safety in their new home.

Friday 14th September

We thank the Lord that US Pastor **Andrew Brunson** (detained since 2016) was released from prison and moved to house arrest until his next court hearing in October. We pray that Andrew will recover, physically and emotionally, from his time of imprisonment and that all false charges against him will be dropped.

Saturday 15th September

We lift up Turkish school children before the Lord. The new curriculum teaches that being Turkish is synonymous with being a Muslim. We pray children and teenagers would know that this is not the the truth and can be free to believe.



PRAY FOR UZBEKISTAN

Sunday 16th September

We want to lift up the country of Uzbekistan before the Lord. For the past 20 years it has been the harshest in its treatment of Christians in Central Asia. We pray for change!

Monday 17th September

Praise God that the church is growing despite severe persecution. We pray that God would protect Christians, especially church leaders and house churches and keep them safe from raids.

Tuesday 18th September

We pray for President **Shaukat Mirziyoyev**, whose rule since 2016 has been described as an "Uzbek Spring" because he has opened up Uzbekistan to international contacts. We ask for the Lord to give him wisdom and that he will introduce genuine reforms for the benefit of the Uzbek people.

Wednesday 19th September

We lift up the Christians who are arrested, detained and fined for meeting. They are often tortured during their detention to get them to renounce their faith. We pray that God would give them resilience and strength in their hardships.

Thursday 20th September

We thank God for Christian organisations working to strengthen churches in Central Asia by providing Christian literature, training, relief aid and socio-economic developments projects.

Friday 21st September

We pray for a change in attitude of those in government towards Christians and other religious minorities. We pray that the many restrictions would be lifted soon and Christians would no longer be monitored so heavily.

Saturday 22nd September

Today we pray against the expulsion of Christian students and dismissal or harassment of Christian employees due to their faith. We pray that Christians would be able to pursue a career in safety and be a shining light in their work.

Sunday 23rd September

Thank God for the new Uzbek Bible which was presented in 2017. Christian literature is often confiscated, so we pray for special protection over this publication and that this Bible would bring hope and future to its readers.

