

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

We lift up Chinese pastor **Zhang Shaojie** before the Lord. We pray for his spiritual and physical protection in prison and that he will rest in the shadow of the Almighty today and every day.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Today we pray for **Twen Theodros** (pictured) who has been in prison in Eritrea since 2005. We pray that the Lord will stand at her side and strengthen her to be a witness to her fellow prisoners.



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

We pray that the Lord would keep pastor **Zafar Bhatti** safe in prison in Pakistan. We pray that his life sentence would be reduced.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

We pray for Eritrean Orthodox Patriarch **Abune Antonios** under house arrest since January 2006. We pray that the Lord would restore his soul and provide for all his needs today.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

In October Boko Haram announced that they would keep **Leah Sharibu** as a "slave for life". We pray for a miracle for this Nigerian school girl - we long for her to stay safe for the remainder of her captivity and for her to be freed soon.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Today we stand with **Leah Ngaddah**, the Christian nurse who is also being held hostage by Boko Haram in Nigeria. We pray that the Lord is her refuge and her shield and we pray for strength and comfort for her small children.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

We intercede for **Bao Guohua** and his wife and fellow pastor **Xing Wenxiang** both in prison in China since 2015. We pray that their sentences would be reduced and we also pray for encouragement for their son **Bao Chenxing**.

**Thank you for your prayers!**



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## Church in Chains Prayer Diary

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**"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16**

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Praise God that **Andrew Brunson** was released and he has returned to the USA. We pray that the Lord would repay him for the two years the locusts have eaten and guide him and his wife **Norine** for their future.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

We look forward to observing IDOP this month and hope that many churches will join us in praying for persecuted Christians in North Korea. We pray that new congregations and groups would take part for the first time.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Every TD, Senator and MEP has received a copy of the *Global Guide* and a petition to the Indian Ambassador. We pray that many of them will sign and return the petition to add weight to our voice as we approach the embassy.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November

We give thanks that **Asia Bibi's** appeal was finally heard and that we can be hopeful it will be successful. We pray for protection for Asia, her family and her lawyer from any retaliation from extremists when the verdict is announced.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

We pray for clarity of thought, concentration and guidance as we prepare the publication of the next *Church in Chains* magazine in November, focussing on North Korea. We pray that it would be widely read and prayed through.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

We lift up all the Chinese churches which are experiencing harassment from authorities, particularly the ones which have been closed. We pray for strength for each day and bright hope for tomorrow for their leaders and members.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

We pray against further attacks on churches and Christians in India and we pray for the church in India to be filled with the Holy Spirit, not fear and no one be lost because of persecution. We pray that the persecutors will turn to Christ and bring the Gospel to the Hindus of India.

## PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Decades of violent conflict have brought terrible suffering to the people and ruined the economy and infrastructure. About half of Afghanistan's population is young enough to have never seen a day of peace. So we pray for peace.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Afghanistan is one of the most oppressive countries in the world for Christians – many have fled abroad. There are no church buildings in the country and Christians must meet in extreme secrecy, changing the times and locations of their meetings. We pray for safety, courage and perseverance.



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

We pray for wisdom, discernment and courage for President **Ashraf Ghani** as he governs the country of Afghanistan. We also pray that he would put his faith in the Lord and be saved.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November

We ask for the Lord's special protection over Muslim converts who face hostility and even violence from the government, armed groups, community and family. We pray that the Lord would be their refuge and strength.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Afghani women have few rights and are denied even basic education or medical care. Afghani children are at risk of child labour, child marriage and malnutrition. We pray for God's special protection for these vulnerable groups.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

We give thanks for all the Christian radio, internet and satellite TV ministries in Afghanistan - some are broadcasting daily programmes for youth, women and children. We pray for provision of these wonderful media outlets.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Afghanistan is one of the world's biggest exporters of opioids. We pray that Christ would break the power of corruption and destruction that this drug trade brings.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Finally we pray that Afghanistan is freed from the tyranny of the Taliban and extremists and the enemy is driven back in Jesus name!

## PRAY FOR LIBYA

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Libya has been in chaos since the fall of the Gaddafi regime in 2011 and Islamist groups have filled the power vacuum left by the former dictator. We pray for stability and peace.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We lift up Christians in Libya, especially those from Muslim backgrounds who are at risk of kidnapping, killing, forceful conversion or enslaving. Lord, please protect our brothers and sisters!

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November

We pray for **Fayez al-Sarraj**, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Council. We pray that his government will manage to exert its authority throughout Libya so that the rule of law can be restored.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

We pray also for the almost 2,000 militant Islamist groups which have built a strong presence in Libya and are reigning with terror. We pray that the scales would fall off the jihadists' eyes and they would turn from evil.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

We are thankful for radio, satellite television, and the internet which offer effective ways to evangelise and disciple Libyan Christians and encourage those who feel isolated. We pray for blessing of these important ministries.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

We pray against human trafficking which often uses Libya as a main starting point to send refugees to Europe. We pray that the traffickers would turn away from evil and their conscience would no longer allow them to pursue this trade.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

We pray for protection over the thousands of migrants who are crossing the Mediterranean from Libya in unseaworthy boats. We pray that no more lives are lost at sea.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We pray for the Holy Spirit to come in power and cover Libya. This nation needs repentance, forgiveness and healing and we ask for that in Jesus' name.

