

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 24th October

We lift up **Rev Haile Naizghe** in prison in Eritrea since 2004 before the Lord. We pray that the Lord would strengthen and sustain him with His mighty power.

Thursday 25th October

Iranian **Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani** (pictured), who previously spent three years on death row, is behind bars again since July. We pray for his protection from harm in prison.



Friday 26th October

We also pray for **Yasser Mossayebzadeh, Mohammadreza Omid and Saheb Fadaie**, all three members of the same house church network as Pastor Nadarkhani and also serving 10-year sentences in Iran since July.

Saturday 27th October

We intercede for Eritrean Christian **Mussie Eyob**, who has been in prison since 2011. We pray that the Lord would be his rock, his fortress and his deliverer.

Sunday 28th October

We are disappointed that **Asia Bibi's** appeal against her blasphemy conviction was not heard during the summer as promised by the Chief Justice. Our sister has been on death row since 2010 and we long for her to be finally freed.

Monday 29th October

Today we pray for courage, hope and comfort for **Sawan Masih**, a street sweeper and father of three on death row in Pakistan since 2014.

Tuesday 30th October

We pray for patience and endurance for Eritrean pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** in prison since 2004. We pray that he would be released.

Wednesday 31st October

We pray for **Ebrahim Firouzi** in prison in Iran since 2013. We pray that the Lord would strengthen and sustain him every day of his imprisonment.

Thank you for your prayers!



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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Monday 1st October

We lift up **Dr K. A. Swamy** in India before the Lord. The evangelist suffered a brain haemorrhage last year after Hindu extremists threatened him while he was distributing Bibles with the Gideons. We pray for healing as he is still wheelchair-bound and has been unable to walk or speak since the incident. We pray for provision for his family who has been struggling without his income.

Tuesday 2nd October

We pray for protection over the hundreds of Chinese church leaders who recently signed a declaration condemning their government's persecution of Christians. We also pray for all the congregations and groups they represent.

Wednesday 3rd October

We are thankful for the recent Church in Chains conference - it was inspiring to hear how Christians in India are praying for their persecutors. We want to join them and pray that love would triumph over hate and light over darkness.

Thursday 4th October

We ask the Lord to continue to bless and provide for **Shibu Thomas** and his ministry with Persecution Relief. We pray for guidance and wisdom as he seeks to serve the persecuted in India.

Friday 5th October

Once again we pray for US pastor **Andrew Brunson**, detained in Turkey since 2016. We pray that as his trial continues on 12 October, he would be cleared of all terrorism charges and freed from house arrest.

Saturday 6th October

We thank God that we were able to publish the 3rd edition of the *Global Guide* and have started distributing it. We pray that TDs and Senators would be receptive to reading a copy and sign the petition to the Indian Ambassador.

Sunday 7th October

Nigerian school girl **Leah Sharibu** has been held prisoner by Boko Haram since February. We pray urgently for her safety and rescue; her kidnappers have threatened to execute her in October unless the government intervenes.

PRAY FOR SYRIA

Monday 8th October

Since the civil war began in 2011 more than 470,000 Syrians have been killed in the fighting, over a million injured, and over 12 million have been displaced from their homes. We pray for an end to fighting, destruction and suffering.

Tuesday 9th October

In September a family in Mhardeh, a Christian town in northwest Syria, lost three children under 15 and their mother and grandmother were also killed. We pray for comfort for the remaining family members and the peace of God which passes all understanding.



Wednesday 10th October

We thank God for the Syrian Christians who have been trained in trauma awareness and trauma care. We pray for the Lord's blessing as they help support the many victims of violence and that much healing would take place.

Thursday 11th October

We pray for church leaders and pastors who have chosen to stay and minister to their congregations. We pray for strength, protection and for God's wisdom for them so they can encourage their flocks.

Friday 12th October

President **Bashar al-Assad** has been in power since 2000, succeeding his father. We pray for a change of heart and wisdom that he would start making good decisions, that lasting peace will be established and the country rebuilt.

Saturday 13th October

We want to pray for special protection over Syrian Christian refugees living in often squalid and dangerous conditions in refugee camps. We pray that they will be granted asylum soon and find safe long-term housing.

Sunday 14th October

We pray for the two Orthodox archbishops **Yohanna Ibrahim** and **Paul Yazigi** who were kidnapped five years ago. We pray for their safe return to their churches and communities as a sign of hope for Christians of Syria.

Monday 15th October

We ask for the Lord's blessing on all the organisations bringing aid and distributing relief packs. We pray for their protection and that they will have the financial resources to continue this work for as long as it is needed.

PRAY FOR INDONESIA

Tuesday 16th October

Indonesia, with a population of 264 million, has the world's largest Muslim population. We pray against the rise in radical Islam, hate speech and violence which is threatening this previously tolerant nation.

Wednesday 17th October

We pray for continued growth of the church in the midst of intense opposition. We pray also that congregations would be able to get planning permission for their church buildings and that a new generation of Christians who are strong in their faith would be raised up.



Thursday 18th October

We pray for leadership in Indonesia: for government officials, for police and military chiefs, for heads of tribes and households and of course **President Joko Widodo**. We pray that they would serve all Indonesians well, especially the vulnerable and marginalised.

Friday 19th October

Today we pray for the three churches in Surabaya, East Java province, which were bombed by an Islamist family in May. We pray that with God's help they can forgive the militants and be restored and healed from this attack.

Saturday 20th October

We pray for the early release of Jakarta's Christian governor **Basuki Tjahaja Purnama**, better known as **Ahok**. He is currently serving a two-year prison sentence which he received in May 2017 for alleged blasphemy.

Sunday 21st October

We pray for Christians who live in Aceh Province under Sharia law and who have witnessed mobs burning down churches. We pray for their safety and for strength to stand firm in their faith in these difficult circumstances.

Monday 22nd October

We pray for Christian children in public schools in Indonesia who are being discriminated against in their grades. We pray for hope and encouragement from the Lord and that they will have a bright future in spite of this injustice.

Tuesday 23rd October

We lift up **Pastor Abraham Ben Moses** before the Lord. Since May he is serving a four-year prison sentence also for alleged blasphemy. We pray that God would provide for all his needs and the needs of his wife and his baby daughter.