

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

We lift up **Ebrahim Firouzi** (pictured) in prison in Iran since 2013 before the Lord. We pray for healing for his teeth and jaw, that he will finally receive medical treatment and be able to eat solid food and regain his strength.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Today we pray for a Christmas miracle for **Leah Sharibu**, a captive of Boko Haram since February. We pray that Leah would be unharmed and released!



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

We intercede also on behalf of **Alice Ngaddagh**, who is being held captive with Leah Sharibu. We pray for her protection, welfare and release.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December

We continue to pray for **Twen Theodros** who has been in prison in Eritrea for 13 years. We pray that Immanuel would comfort her and provide for her every day that she remains in behind bars.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December

We ask for God's blessing on Pakistani **Pastor Zafar Bhatti**, serving a life sentence since 2012. We pray that he would be able to appeal his sentence and be acquitted and we also pray for safety and provision for his family.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Today we lift up Indonesian **Pastor Abraham Ben Moses** in prison since December 2017 before the Lord. We pray for peace and joy from the Lord and that many of the Christmas Cards from Ireland will reach him.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for **Pastor Kim Kuk-Gi** who is serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We ask the Lord to be his strength and refuge, ever present in trouble.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December

We remember Iranian **Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani** who is in prison again since July. We pray for his spiritual and physical protection in prison.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and every blessing for 2019!**



## Church in Chains Prayer Diary



### December 2018

**We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.  
Psalm 33:20**

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Praise God that at last **Asia Bibi** has been released from prison and reunited with her family. We still pray for protection over Asia and her family and that they will be able to relocate to a safe country where they can live in freedom.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We pray for healing for any physical or psychological injuries caused by the terrorist attack on two buses carrying Coptic pilgrims to a monastery in Egypt in November. Please Lord, bind up broken bodies, hearts and lives!

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Praise God for all the work Church in Chains was able to do this year on behalf of the persecuted church. We are thankful for the generosity, faithfulness and encouragement of our supporters.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for Christian worker **David Byle**. David had to leave his family behind in Turkey as he was ordered to leave the country in October. We pray for strength, wisdom and hope for the whole family and that they can be reunited soon.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

We are encouraged that we have a new prayer group in South Dublin which met for the first time in November. We pray that more people would be led to start more prayer groups in Ireland especially in Cork, Kerry and Waterford where there are currently no Church in Chains prayer groups.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We thank God that **Brendan Howlin TD** joined us in our Protest and Prayer Vigil outside the Embassy of Pakistan last month. We pray that the Lord would guide and bless Brendan and he would continue to support persecuted Christians.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for protection over the churches in India, Iran and Egypt whose Carol services and Christmas programmes are at risk of disruption and attack. We long and pray for "peace on earth and goodwill to mankind".



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## PRAY FOR MEXICO

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Even though Christianity is the predominant religion in Mexico, it is a country where some Christians face serious discrimination and persecution and one of the most violent countries in the world. We pray for change in Mexico!

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for protection from kidnapping or killing of all Christians who are actively engaged in transforming society. They are often seen as a threat to drug cartels and other criminal groups. We pray that they would be strengthened and sustained.



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We want to lift up **President Enrique Peña Nieto** before the Lord. We pray that he would have wisdom and seek God's righteousness to start fighting crime and corruption which is so pervasive in his country.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Mexico is one of the most dangerous countries in the world to be a priest or pastor with several murdered every year. Pray for courage, safety and protection for church leaders so they can continue their ministries.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for God's provision for Christians in Chiapas and other southern states who are denied access to basic social services and resources such as water and electricity.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We pray particularly for Christian children in these states who are barred from going to school by local leaders. We pray that the government will take action to protect the right of minority faith children to an education.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Today we pray for Christians who have been displaced from their home towns because of their faith and driven into the mountains. We pray that they would be able to find new homes where they can live in peace and safety.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Finally we pray that the strongholds of crime, violence, and corruption would be overcome in Mexico and instead love and forgiveness would triumph, in Jesus' name!

## PRAY FOR SAUDI ARABIA

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has one of the worst human rights records as was recently highlighted by the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. We pray for justice and a curbing of such heinous human rights abuses.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

No church buildings are permitted in Saudi Arabia and if Christians share their faith with Muslims they face detention or deportation. But migrant Christians (from India, Philippines and Ethiopia) still meet for worship and we pray for strength, protection and safety for all house churches.



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

We pray for the head of state, **King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, that he would govern his kingdom more fairly and justly. We pray also that Salman and the rest of his family would discover Jesus.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

We also want to lift up his son **Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman**, the deputy prime minister, before the Lord. Last year he announced that Saudi Arabia would start to follow a more moderate form of Islam and we pray that he would make true this promise and allow more religious freedom.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Today we pray for the small number of Saudi Christians from Muslim backgrounds who face the greatest pressure. We pray that the Lord would strengthen them in their newly found faith and protect them from violence.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

We pray for SAT-7 ARABIC and SAT-7 KIDS which broadcast satellite TV in Arabic and bring a positive influence to society. We pray for the Lord's blessing on these ministries as they seek to help to strengthen the church, prevent radicalisation and transform the Middle East.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

We thank God that women have more freedom since the ban on female drivers was lifted, as well as better access to education and healthcare. We pray that Saudi women would be empowered more and more.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

We pray that more Saudis will hear the gospel and the truth will set them free. We long to see this country completely transformed according to God's will.