

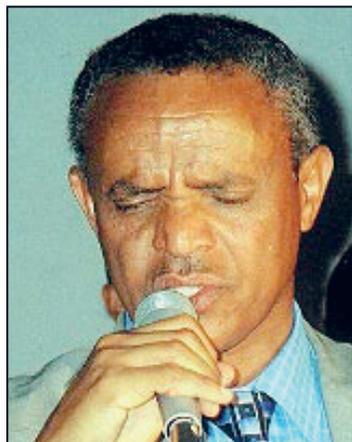
PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Friday 22nd February

Sawan Masih is a Christian street sweeper and father of three from Lahore in Pakistan. He has been in prison since 2013 and on death row since 2014. We pray that his appeal will be heard soon and he would be acquitted and freed.

Saturday 23rd February

We lift up **Pastor Kidane Weldou** (pictured) before the Lord. He has been held in a high-security prison in Eritrea since 2005 and his family hasn't heard from him in almost 14 years. We pray for perseverance and strength for this man of God and his family.



Sunday 24th February

We remember another Eritrean prisoner, **Rev Haile Naizghe**, behind bars since 2004. We pray that the Lord would strengthen and sustain him with His mighty power.

Monday 25th February

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** is serving a life sentence in a North Korean labour camp since 2014. We pray for a daily portion of strength, hope, comfort and courage for this man living in such difficult circumstances.

Tuesday 26th February

Today we pray for **Alimujiang Yimiti**, a Uighur Christian, who is serving a 15-year sentence in China since 2008. We pray that Alimujiang's sentence would be reduced and he would be freed and reunited with his family soon.

Wednesday 27th February

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.

Thursday 28th February

We pray for **Shaguffa Kausar** and **Shafqat Emmanuel**, a married couple on death row in Pakistan since 2014. Shafqat is paralysed from the waist down, having fractured his spine in an accident in 2004. We pray that their sentences would be successfully appealed soon and for provision for their four children.

Thank you for your prayers!



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**I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8**

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Friday 1st February

Two Iranian Christians, **Saheb Fadaie** and **Fatemeh Bakhteri**, refused to renounce their faith when on trial in January. We pray for comfort and strength from them both as they face their prison sentences.

Saturday 2nd February

Early Rain Covenant Church in China has experienced severe opposition over the past few weeks. We pray for an outpouring of peace and comfort over all church members and their families who are anxious and stressed.

Sunday 3rd February

We want to lift up detained **Pastor Wang Yi** and his wife **Jiang Rong** of Early Rain Church before the Lord. We pray for strength and hope for them and also for their 11-year-old son **Shu Ya**, who is being cared for by his grandmother.

Monday 4th February

We ask the Lord to help and guide Church in Chains staff as they prepare this year's Lent Prayer Project. We pray for inspiration especially for the expanded Junior version.

Tuesday 5th February

Praise God for the new Coptic cathedral that was opened near Cairo on 6 January. It resembles Noah's Ark and we pray that the congregation would experience the same protection as Noah and his family did so long ago.

Wednesday 6th February

We thank God that 17 TDs and Senators signed the India petition in 2018. We pray that the new Indian Ambassador to Ireland, **Sandeep Kumar**, would respond to the request for a meeting to receive the petition.

Thursday 7th February

We pray for the release of several Iranian Christians who were arrested in late 2018 and are still in prison: Christian couple **Amir Taleipour** and **Mahnaz Harati** and **Farzad Behzadi** and **Abdollah Yousefi**. We pray also for sisters **Shokoufeh Zanganeh** and **Shima Zanganeh** and **Jamshid Derakhshan** who were released on bail, but are awaiting trial. Lord, sustain and strengthen them all!

PRAY FOR SOMALIA

Friday 8th February

Somalia has a very troubled past with civil war, military coups and rule by warlords. It is also considered the world's most corrupt country. To use the words of a former president, we pray for a country "at peace with itself and with its neighbours, a Somalia that values kindness, respect and human rights".

Saturday 9th February

We pray for the few hundred Somali Christians who are extremely vulnerable to attacks by Islamic militants and can only meet in strict secrecy. The Lord only knows their names and needs and we ask that He would provide for them and keep them safe.

Sunday 10th February

We pray against the pervasive hatred and violence sown by the militant Islamist group Al-Shabaab, which aims to establish an Islamic state in Somalia with Sharia law.

Monday 11th February

We pray that the government of President **Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed** would be strengthened and able to establish and maintain law, order and peace in Somalia. We pray for God's guidance and wisdom for Somali leaders.

Tuesday 12th February

Many Somalis view leaving Islam as a betrayal of family, tribe and nation. Converts from Islam face harassment, intimidation and even murder at the hands of tribal leaders or family members. We pray for safety for converts and more tolerance within families.

Wednesday 13th February

A pastor recently spoke of how his church worships: "We meet secretly in one of our houses and pray. It's always a normal service but there's no shouting or singing loudly." Pray for wisdom and encouragement for this pastor and others like him – who cannot be identified for security reasons.

Thursday 14th February

We pray that the Lord would break the grip of fear and terror in Somalia and build His kingdom in the midst of Islamic and tribal oppression, corruption and crime.



PRAY FOR SRI LANKA

Friday 15th February

"The Pearl of the Indian Ocean" has seen over 25 years of civil war and serious natural disasters such as tsunamis and flooding. We pray for healing in Sri Lanka - for bodies, hearts, minds, relationships, infrastructure and the economy.

Saturday 16th February

Radical Buddhist movements, as well as Hindu extremist groups, are stirring up ethnic, political and religious tensions in Sri Lanka. We pray against hatred, division and violence; that acceptance of minorities would prevail instead.

Sunday 17th February

Traditional churches are generally tolerated, but evangelical Christians experience persecution including church burnings and attacks on individuals. We pray for courage and protection for unregistered churches in particular.

Monday 18th February

President Maithripala Sirisena is known to be more tolerant of minorities than his predecessor was. But incidents of religious persecution have increased since he has taken office. We pray that he would implement the necessary laws to ensure that Christians and Muslims are better protected from persecution.

Tuesday 19th February

Every year there are reports of pastors who are being beaten, threatened, arrested and bullied by authorities. Pray for their protection from violence and verbal assault, asking the Lord to give them wisdom and the appropriate words when responding to questions and accusations.

Wednesday 20th February

Buddhist monks have repeatedly protested and complained about Christians in the village of Bakamuna in central Sri Lanka. We pray for peace in this village so that Christians will be able to worship freely.

Thursday 21st February

We pray for provision, hope and healing for Christians who have been displaced by natural disasters. They are often afraid to seek shelter in relief camps due to fear of Buddhist hostility. We also pray that God will protect them from more flooding.

