

Monday 25th March

Today we pray that **Pastor Kim** would be treated well by his guards and released soon.

Tuesday 26th March

We pray that the Lord would encourage and refresh **Pastor Kim**, that He would be his strength and refuge, an ever present help in trouble.

Wednesday 27th March

We ask God to comfort, strengthen and sustain Pastor Kim's wife, **Kim Hee Soon**, who hasn't heard from her husband since 2015.

Thursday 28th March

Before his arrest and imprisonment **Pastor Kim** ran an underground church in Dandong, China. He had moved there in 2003 to take care of displaced North Koreans, including homeless children, and he bought noodle- and tofu-making machines and sewing machines to send to North Korea. We pray that this ministry to North Koreans would continue.

Friday 29th March

We ask God to bless the South Korean businessman **Choe Chun-gil** (59) who was arrested and given a life sentence with Pastor Kim. We pray for his release.

Saturday 30th March

An estimated 30,000 North Korean Christians are locked up in labour camps where they live in brutal conditions, semi-starved, cruelly treated and forced into extremely hard labour. We pray that the Lord is their rock and portion and we pray for a change in the regime that will mean an end to these camps.

LENT PRAYER PROJECT Week 4

Sunday 31st March

Mussie Ezaz (pictured in April Prayer Diary) spent over 14 years as an evangelist and youth leader in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, before his arrest and imprisonment in January 2008. We ask God to give him hope and protect his health.



Church in Chains Prayer Diary

March 2019



Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Friday 1st March

We pray for **Pastor Wang Yi** from Early Rain Covenant Church in China and his wife **Jiang Rong** who are both still in criminal detention. We pray against the lengthy prison sentences they might be facing and that they will soon be reunited with their 11-year-old son **ShuYa**.

Saturday 2nd March

Our hearts go out to the families of the victims of the bomb attack on a Roman Catholic cathedral in Jolo in the southern Philippines in January. We pray for comfort for anybody who lost dear ones and for healing and restoration for all those who were injured.

Sunday 3rd March

Today please pray for the new Junior Lent Prayer Project: that it would get a good reception and introduce many children and Sunday schools to the importance of remembering the persecuted.

Monday 4th March

We give thanks that Pakistan's Supreme Court has dismissed a petition to review its acquittal of **Asia Bibi**. We pray that Asia and her husband, **Ashiq Masih**, will soon be able to join their daughters in Canada.

Tuesday 5th March

Praise God that Church in Chains received a grant to create video content for the website! Please pray for guidance and inspiration for the staff and the videographer as they work on this new project in the coming months.

Wednesday 6th March

Release Eritrea knows of 245 Christian prisoners by name in Eritrea. We pray for sustenance, hope and release for them all, and remember especially those who are incarcerated on the Dahlak Islands in very harsh conditions.

Thursday 7th March

We pray for God's strength for Sukbati Gand, a 38-year-old Indian Christian woman whose husband, Anant Ram Gand, was martyred in mid-February, as she brings up five young children (aged 2-13).

Thanks for praying this month - the Lent Prayer Project continues on 1st April!



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Friday 8th March

We stand with the Persecuted Church in India. We pray for healing, courage, comfort and strength for all Christians who have been attacked in 2019.

Saturday 9th March

As we continue to prepare for the Church in Chains conference in September, we pray that our speaker will soon be able to confirm arrangements.

LENT PRAYER PROJECT

Week 1

Sunday 10th March

Leah Sharibu is a 15-year-old Nigerian school girl who has been a captive of Boko Haram since February 2018. We ask God to protect her, keep her safe and strengthen her faith.

Monday 11th March

Leah has been robbed of over one year of her life. Today we pray that she would be released soon!

Tuesday 12th March

We ask God to comfort and strengthen her parents **Rebecca** and **Nathan Sharibu** and her brother **Donald** on a daily basis.

Wednesday 13th March

We pray for the release of all Boko Haram's captives. We remember in particular **Alice Ngaddah**, a Christian mother of two and nurse with UNICEF, who is being kept as a slave along with Leah.

Thursday 14th March

This day we ask the Lord to strengthen and encourage the church in northern Nigeria, which is mainly Muslim. We pray especially for Christian women in the region who are in a very vulnerable position.

Friday 15th March

We pray for an end to the pervasive violence and bloodshed caused by Boko Haram terrorists as well as Fulani herdsman. We long to see peace established in Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa.

Saturday 16th March

The 2019 general elections in Nigeria were delayed and are now planned to take place on 23rd February. We pray for wisdom for the new Nigerian government that it would be able to establish a stronger rule of law.



LENT PRAYER PROJECT

Week 2

Sunday 17th March

Abraham Ben Moses is a 53-year-old former Muslim and pastor from Java. He has been serving a four-year prison sentence for sharing his faith with a taxi driver in December 2017. We ask the Lord to keep him safe and well in prison.



Monday 18th March

We pray that **Abraham** won't have to serve the whole duration of his sentence but that he would be released early and reunited with his family.

Tuesday 19th March

We pray that God would encourage **Abraham** with His Holy Spirit and that He would strengthen his faith every day that he has to spend behind bars.

Wednesday 20th March

Praise God that **Abraham** has been allowed to preach in the prison chapel. We pray for his continued witness to prisoners and guards - that he may be a blessing and bring light and life to the whole prison.

Thursday 21st March

Today we pray for Abraham's second wife **Sara** and his baby daughter who was born during his imprisonment. We ask God to support, protect and encourage them both.

Friday 22nd March

Previously **Abraham** was married to a Muslim woman who left him after his conversion. We pray for provision and blessing for her and his four adult children from this marriage.

Saturday 23rd March

We pray against the spread of Islamist extremism, hate speech and violence in Indonesia. We also pray for healing and restoration for any Christian victims of terror attacks.

LENT PRAYER PROJECT Week 3

Sunday 24th March

The 64-year-old South Korean Presbyterian missionary **Kim Kuk-gi** (pictured on page 4) is serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray for protection and good health for Pastor Kim and that he would have enough food to eat.