

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Thursday 23rd May

Today, as the protest vigil is held at the Eritrean Embassy in London, our sister **Twen Theodros** remains in prison, where she has been since 2005. We thank God that she can receive visitors who pray with her and bring food and medicine. We continue to pray for her release.

Friday 24th May

We intercede for Eritrean Christian **Mussie Eyob** who has been in prison since 2011. We pray that although he *"sits in darkness, the Lord would be his light"*.

Saturday 25th May

Alimujiang Yimifi (pictured), is a Uighur Christian who has been in prison in China since 2008 serving a 15-year sentence. We pray for hope and strength for him.



Sunday 26th May

We ask God to sustain **Sawan Masih**, a Pakistani street sweeper who has been in prison since 2013, sentenced to death and awaiting an appeal hearing.

Monday 27th May

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been behind bars in North Korea since 2013, serving a life sentence. We pray for courage and good health.

Tuesday 28th May

We pray for Chinese **Pastor Zhang Shaojie** serving a 12-year sentence since 2013. We pray for blessing for him and provision for his wife, who is disabled.

Wednesday 29th May

Ebrahim Firouzi has been in prison in Iran since 2013. We pray for comfort for him as he mourns the loss of his mother and that he would be released soon.

Thursday 30th May

Iranian **Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani** has been serving a 10-year sentence since last July. We pray for courage and strength for him, his wife and teenage sons.

Friday 31st May

Pakistani Christian **Imran Ghafur Masih** has been serving a life sentence since 2009. We pray that an appeal hearing would be scheduled and be successful.

Thank you for praying with us!



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God has put the body together... so that... its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it.

1 Corinthians 12:24-26

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday 1st May

We pray for all those who have been bereaved as a result of the Easter Sunday bombings on churches and hotels in Sri Lanka. We pray that they will know God's comfort and support in their devastating loss.

Thursday 2nd May

We pray especially for the parents of the twelve young children killed at Zion Evangelical Church in Batticaloa, just after their Sunday School class had finished during which they had been taught about being willing to die for Jesus.

Friday 3rd May

We also pray for all those who have been injured and especially those whose lives will be changed forever by their injuries. We pray that they will receive all the support and provision that they need.

Saturday 4th May

We thank God for an encouraging meeting for Church in Chains at the Indian embassy. We pray that permission would be granted so it can be followed up soon with the presentation of the petition signed by TDs and Senators.

Sunday 5th May

Today we remember our brothers and sisters who are part of Shouwang Church in Beijing which was raided and banned in late March. We pray for courage and perseverance in their faith.

Monday 6th May

Church in Chains will be taking part in the annual Prayer and Protest vigil at the Eritrean embassy in London on 23 May. We pray that the vigil would have a tangible impact on the situation of Eritrean Christian prisoners.

Tuesday 7th May

For too long Boko Haram and the Fulani herdsmen have been committing horrific crimes against Christians in Nigeria. We pray for an end to this bloodshed and for protection and provision for all displaced Christians.



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PRAY FOR YEMEN

Wednesday 8th May

Yemen is experiencing a civil war and the world's worst humanitarian crisis at present, with over 22 million people in urgent need of aid. Our hearts go out to this country and we pray for an end to war and famine.

Thursday 9th May

Aid is often channelled through tribes and families and the small Christian community (a few thousand) is often excluded. We pray for provision for those who miss out on relief aid because of their faith.

Friday 10th May

In the past two years Yemen has experienced the world's largest outbreak of cholera and it is still ongoing. We pray for clean water and sanitation for the people of Yemen, particularly children who are especially vulnerable.



Saturday 11th May

We pray for protection and strength for first generation Yemeni Christians who are threatened and under pressure from their families and communities. Lord, help them to keep strong and give them opportunities to minister to those around them!

Sunday 12th May

We thank God that the small church in Yemen continues to grow, and more people are turning to Christ. We pray for protection for Christians who must gather in secret and be careful in accessing ministries on social media.

Monday 13th May

Three years of war have created a nation of people who have buried loved ones, been injured physically and suffered extreme mental trauma. Remembering the words from Isaiah 61, we pray that the Lord would bind up the brokenhearted and proclaim freedom to the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Tuesday 14th May

Today pray that the Lord would soften the hearts of those who are lost in darkness – those who are fighting for terrorist groups like al-Qaeda, Islamic State and the Houthi rebels. We know that they are not beyond the reach of the Holy Spirit and pray for a complete transformation of their lives.

PRAY FOR TURKMENISTAN

Wednesday 15th May

Turkmenistan is considered one of the most restrictive countries in the world and is extremely repressive for religious minorities. We pray for freedom for this nation!

Thursday 16th May

Police, secret services and local authorities closely monitor all religious activity. Unregistered churches suffer repeatedly from police raids, threats, arrests and fines. We pray for strength and perseverance for all Christians groups and churches.



Friday 17th May

President Kurbanguly Berdimukhamedov

has exercised total control over all aspects of public life in Turkmenistan since 2007. We pray for wisdom and integrity for him and that he would depart from the oppressive policies and start respecting human rights and religious freedom.

Saturday 18th May

In 2018, six evangelical churches appealed to the president for permission to register, have their own buildings for services and open a Christian book shop but they did not receive a reply. We pray that they would finally receive permission for their ministries.

Sunday 19th May

Pastors, church leaders and elders are under constant surveillance by the secret services. We pray that they experience comfort, peace and even joy despite the constant monitoring.

Monday 20th May

Christians from a Muslim background experience pressure and occasionally physical violence from families, friends and local community to force them to return to their former faith. We pray that they would be encouraged and supported both by the Lord and their new family in Christ.

Tuesday 21st May

School officials have reportedly brought Muslim clerics into schools to intimidate non-Muslim children. Pray for the safety and protection of Christian pupils who face discrimination from both teachers and classmates.

Wednesday 22nd May

We pray for police officers and secret service members who are infiltrating churches and monitoring Christians. We pray that they would encounter Jesus during church services and that God's Word would speak to their hearts.