

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Pastor Bao Guohua** and his wife **Xing Wenxiang** have been in prison in China since 2015, serving sentences of 14 and 12 years. We ask the Lord to give them endurance, patience and strength and pray for an early release.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

We intercede for Chinese **Pastor Wang Yi** (pictured) who has been in prison since 2018. We pray that the Lord "will cover him with His feathers, and under His wings he will find refuge" every day he is detained.



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Alimujiang Yimiti** 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.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Pastor Jin Tianming** has been under house arrest in Beijing since April 2011. He has never been brought to court. Today we pray that his house arrest would be lifted and we pray for peace and strength for him and his family.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Pastor John Cao** has been behind bars since 2017, serving a 7-year-sentence. His appeal was dismissed in July and he was then moved to Kunming Prison, Yunnan province. We pray for encouragement and protection for John.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Mussie Eyob** is an Eritrean Christian who has been in a prison run like a labour camp since 2011. We lift Mussie up before the Lord and pray for sufficient food, strength, good health and that he would be released soon.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Mohammadreza Omid** has been serving a 10-year sentence since July 2018. We pray for courage, hope and strength for him while he is in prison in Iran.



# Church in Chains Prayer Diary

## September 2019

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.* Ephesians 6:18

### PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Thank God that **Li Yingqiang**, an elder in Early Rain Covenant Church (China), was released on bail in August after serving eight months in prison. We pray for recovery, peace and healing for Li and blessing for his wife and children.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Pakistani Pastor **Zafar Bhatti**, who is serving a life sentence for blasphemy, has his appeal hearing scheduled for next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. We pray that the hearing would go ahead and he would be found not guilty and set free.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Praise God that Church in Chains is able to send €3,000 to Iran, €1,500 to Pakistan and almost €4,000 to Central Asia. We pray for wisdom and guidance for our local partners as they use the money for New Testaments, discipleship training, Christian prisoners and their families and underground ministries.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Please pray for healing and that justice would be done for **Pastor Shelton Viswanathan** from India. In June he was badly beaten by Hindu extremists while distributing gospel tracts and the police told him they could take no action!

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

On 16 September **Bob Fu** from ChinaAid will launch Church in Chains' China Report in Dublin. We pray that the report will shine a light on Christian persecution in China which is not being reported in the mainstream media.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Our various prayer groups in Ireland will resume their meetings this month after their summer breaks. We pray for steadfastness and growth in all of those groups.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Pakistani street sweeper **Sawan Masih**, who has been in prison since 2013, has his appeal scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> September. We pray against any further adjournments of this case, a successful appeal and for freedom at last for Sawan.

— Thank you for praying with us! —



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## PRAY FOR CHINA

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

China is a country of immense human need: there is a big gap between rich and poor, high levels of environmental pollution, staggering divorce and suicide rates, vulnerable North Korean refugees, as many as 13 million abortions per year, over 3 million children in orphanages. We pray for the 1.4 billion Chinese people and especially for all those who need a healing touch from their Creator.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Praise God that the church in China continues to grow during these years of discrimination and persecution! We pray for courage and perseverance for Chinese Christians, especially for those whose churches have been shut down.



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

We pray that through the Holy Spirit **President Xi Jinping** and his government would come to understand that Christianity is a positive influence for Chinese society and not a threat and stop cracking down on churches.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

We pray for the persecutors in China: Bureau for Ethnic and Religious Affairs officials, Communist Party leaders, police officers and prison guards - may their hearts be transformed and they change their ways.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

**Pastor Yang Hua** from Living Stone Church in Guiyang was released from prison in June 2018. The following month he signed the joint statement protesting against the increase in religious freedom violations. We pray for healing from any trauma he suffered in prison and for his safety and freedom.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

We pray for encouragement and strength for the other members of Living Stone Church. The church was raided in early August by a hundred government officials and has been ordered to close down.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Today our annual conference with **Bob Fu** will be taking place in Dublin. We pray that many people would come along and be inspired by stories of our persecuted church family in China. We also pray for blessing and protection for Bob and his work with ChinaAid.

## PRAY FOR KENYA

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Kenya is more than 80% Christian and most of the Muslim minority lives in coastal and north-eastern parts of the country. They have traditionally lived in peace, but there has been increasing tension in recent years. We pray for a return of peace and harmony for Christians.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

We pray with the words from Matthew 5 that Kenyan Christians would let *"their light shine before others, who may see their good deeds and glorify the Father in heaven"*.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Islamic terrorist group Al-Shabaab, which is based in neighbouring Somalia, has been committing targeted violence against Kenya's Christians. We pray for the defeat of Al-Shabaab and an end of their campaign of terror and destruction.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Uhuru Kenyatta** is the current president and son of Kenya's founding father and the first president Jomo Kenyatta. We pray for President Kenyatta and his government that they will keep their vows to bring perpetrators of violence against Christians to justice.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

We pray for protection for Christians in predominately Muslim regions, who are under pressure by the implementation of Sharia law and an increasingly Islamised society.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Christians from a Muslim background face persecution from their families and Muslim leaders. We pray that they would be encouraged and supported both by the Lord and their new family in Christ.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Christian student **Reachel Ginkonyo** was injured in 2015, when terrorists attacked Garissa University. She is confined to a wheelchair, but she is now in her final year studying psychology and wants to work in trauma care. Thank God for the inspiration and witness she is!

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

We ask for God's healing for all those who have been injured in attacks and for comfort for those who have lost loved ones. Lord, please restore and help them.

