

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 23rd October

We pray that **Leah Sharibu**, the Nigerian school girl who has been a slave of Boko Haram since 2018, would be released safely by her captors soon.

Thursday 24th October

We pray for freedom and safety for the Eritrean **Patriarch Abune Antonios** (pictured) who has been under house arrest since 2006.



Friday 25th October

Pastor Bakhrom Kholmatov from Tajikistan has been imprisoned since April 2017. We pray that the Lord would encourage, sustain and strengthen him.

Saturday 26th October

Since 2013 missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea. We pray that the Lord would be his portion today.

Sunday 27th October

Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist, **Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus**, has been detained since 2004. We ask God to provide for his every need every day.

Monday 28th October

Pastor Kim Kuk-gi has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray for protection, strength and good health for him.

Tuesday 29th October

Evangelist and youth leader **Mussie Ezaz** has been in prison in Eritrea since 2008. We pray that he would be released soon and reunited with his family.

Wednesday 30th October

Chinese **Pastor Wang Yi** has been detained by Chinese authorities for 10 months now. We pray that his family and lawyer would be allowed to have access to him and for his physical, emotional and spiritual welfare.

Thursday 31st October

We pray for protection for Iranian Christian convert **Fatemeh Bakhteri** who began serving her one-year sentence in Evin prison in August 2019.

—————Thank you for praying for your persecuted church family!—————



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**Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.**
Psalm 82:3

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 1st October

Praise God for **Bob Fu**'s visit to Ireland last month and the great conference we had with him. We pray for blessing of Bob's important work with ChinaAid and safety for him on his travels around the world.

Wednesday 2nd October

Pray that the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs will respond positively to receiving our new China Report and arrange a meeting of the committee to discuss the persecution of Christians in China.

Thursday 3rd October

Sawan Masih has been on death row in Pakistan since 2013. His appeal hearing took place in September but the case was referred to the Anti-Terrorism court (ATC). We pray that the ATC would hear his appeal soon and he would be freed.

Friday 4th October

Thank God that arrangements have worked out for Susanne to continue to work part-time for next two years as Operations Co-ordinator.

Saturday 5th October

On 12 September, **Zafar Bhatti's** appeal hearing was adjourned for the eighth time. The judge said that "*the decision has been made and everything is prepared*" but adjourned the case and would not listen to arguments. We pray that on the new date of 10 October for the next hearing Zafar would be freed!

Sunday 6th October

Praise God that we were able to launch our new video series "*Pray for my country*" in September. We pray that many people would watch the videos and churches and prayer groups would find them useful.

Monday 7th October

The next quarterly Trustees meeting is taking place later this month. We pray for wisdom for their discussions about the direction of the work and allocation of funds to overseas partners.

PRAY FOR THE MALI

Tuesday 8th October

Mali is a landlocked West African nation which is blighted by drought and desertification. The north and centre of the country have been largely under the control of Islamist rebels since 2012. Despite a ceasefire signed in 2017, the conflict continues. The United Nations reported that the number of children killed in the conflict in the first six months of 2019 was twice as many as for the entire year of 2018. We pray for lasting peace in Mali and an end to terror attacks and violence.



Wednesday 9th October

Today we pray for those Christians who have been displaced from their homes and churches in northern Mali by Islamic militants. We ask God to give them provision, Christian community and healing from their trauma.

Thursday 10th October

Christian converts from Islam face pressure and even violence from their relatives and family members if discovered. We ask the Lord to protect and strengthen them and give them hope and courage to continue in their new life.

Friday 11th October

Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, or as he is often known, IBK, has been the President of Mali since 2013. We pray for discernment, integrity and wisdom for him as he leads one of the poorest nations of the world.

Saturday 12th October

This day we lift up Christian women and girls in Mali before the Lord. They are subjected to sexual abuse, forced marriage, under-age marriage, and are denied access to modern education. We pray for their protection and safety and for better opportunities to live free and fulfilling lives.

Sunday 13th October

Christian missionaries operating in Mali live under the constant threat of abduction; some have been kidnapped by jihadists. We pray for the safe return of all kidnapped missionaries and for comfort and strength for both them and their families.

Monday 14th October

Today we lift up all the church leaders before the Lord. We pray for encouragement, hope and protection for them as they seek to minister to their congregations and build God's kingdom in Mali.

PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

Tuesday 15th October

North Korea is often described as the "Hermit Kingdom" because of its isolation from the rest of the world. For three generations the leading Kim family has been idolised. We pray for an end to starvation, suffering and cruelty in North Korea.

Wednesday 16th October

In the early 20th century North Korea's capital city, Pyongyang, was known as the "Jerusalem of the East," due to its status as a stronghold of Christianity. Nowadays Christians who are discovered are not only deported to labour camps or even killed on the spot, their families will share the same fate. We pray that the Holy Spirit would give Christians comfort, hope and strength.



Thursday 17th October

Hundreds of thousands of our North Korean brothers and sisters are suffering under unthinkable conditions in prisons and labour camps. Please pray for the permanent closure of these brutal camps.

Friday 18th October

We pray for **Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un** who has been the head of state since 2011. We pray that the Lord would reveal Himself to him in a supernatural way and change his heart completely.

Saturday 19th October

We pray for provision and blessing for all North Korean refugees who have managed to escape from this cruel regime and have to start over, that they would experience the Lord's presence in their lives wherever they live.

Sunday 20th October

We pray for protection for our partner VOM Korea which reaches out to North Korea via balloons printed with Bible passages and Gospel radio broadcasts, trains underground Christians and supports Christian defectors.

Monday 21st October

We pray for God's protection over the underground church in North Korea that it can be a light for the country and that it will be able to share the gospel freely someday soon.

Tuesday 22nd October

Romans 8:25 says that nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ: not "trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword". We pray that the love of Christ would sustain our North Korean brothers and sisters!