

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Tuesday 24th November

Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteab is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and physician who has been in prison incommunicado since 2004. We pray that the Lord can use him as a beacon of light in the dark place he find himself in, so that others will come to know God through his testimony.

Wednesday 25th November

Rev Gebremedhin Gebregioris (pictured) is an Eritrean Orthodox priest who was arrested in 2004 because of his involvement in a renewal movement within the Eritrean Orthodox Church. He has remained in prison, incommunicado, ever since. We pray that he would be able to stand firm in Christ despite his difficult circumstances.



Thursday 26th November

Patriarch Antonios (aged 93) of the Eritrean Orthodox church has been under house arrest since 2006. We pray for strength, company and encouragement for him.

Friday 27th November

Saheb Fadaie, a deacon in the Church of Iran house church network, is serving a six-year sentence with other members from his church. We pray for protection for Saheb from Covid-19 which has been spreading in Evin Prison. We also pray for comfort and perseverance for his wife and daughter.

Saturday 28th November

Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani is also serving a six-year sentence in Evin Prison, since 2018. We pray for safety for **Youcef** in prison, strength for his wife **Tina** and hope for their teenage sons, **Daniel** and **Joel**.

Sunday 29th November

South Korean Baptist missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been in a labour camp in North Korea since 2013 and is serving a life sentence. Lord, please give him Your peace which passes understanding and restore and fortify his spirit.

Monday 30th November

South Korean **Pastor Kim Kuk-gi** has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We bring Pastor Kim before the Lord today and ask boldly for his release.

—————Thank you for praying for the persecuted every day!—————



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**But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.
Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.** 1 Peter 3:14

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st November

We pray for guidance for Church in Chains staff about how to progress our work during the pandemic. We pray for new and ongoing opportunities both to advocate on behalf of the persecuted church and to share about it.

Monday 2nd November

We praise God that **Sawan Masih** was acquitted of blasphemy and has been released from prison! Please pray that Sawan and his family, who are currently living in a secret location, will be able to live in safety in Pakistan.

Tuesday 3rd November

We pray that the winter magazine, which is due to be published later this month, will be read and distributed widely despite the increased restrictions.

Wednesday 4th November

An Iranian court has ruled that the adopted daughter of Christian couple **Sam Khosravi** and **Maryam Falahi**, must be taken from them as they are "not fit" to be her parents. **Lydia**, who is chronically ill, was adopted from an orphanage as a three-month old baby in February 2019. Please pray that, despite this ruling, Lydia may be able to stay with Sam and Maryam.

Thursday 5th November

We pray for protection over staff, trustees and supporters of Church in Chains from Covid-19 and peace and strength during these unprecedented times.

Friday 6th November

Ebrahim Firouzi in Iran continues to suffer harassment for his faith while in internal exile, including confiscation of his laptop and mobile phone. We pray that despite this set-back he can use his time in exile for personal growth through online theological studies as he had planned.

Saturday 7th November

Elder Li Yingqiang of Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, China has been harassed again recently by the authorities, following eight month's imprisonment and a year's internal exile. We pray for blessing and protection for him, his wife **Zhang Xinyue** and their 8-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son.

PRAY FOR NIGERIA

Sunday 8th November

For many Christians living in the Middle Belt of Nigeria, everyday life is fraught with threat and danger: constant violent attacks on Christians by Fulani militants are happening with impunity. We pray for safety and peace for all Nigerians!

Monday 9th November

In the majority-Christian south of Nigeria many Christians are not aware of the plight of their brothers and sisters further north. We pray that Christian leaders in Nigeria would unite and bring the church together as one body.



Tuesday 10th November

We pray for the many Christian women and girls who remain captives of the Boko Haram terrorist group. We lift up in particular the **Chibok girls** and **Leah Sharibu** and continue to pray for their release.

Wednesday 11th November

President Muhammadu Buhari is a Muslim from the Fulani tribe, and many Nigerians believe that he is reluctant to take decisive action against Fulani militants. We pray for a real change of heart for Nigeria's president.

Thursday 12th November

We thank God for **Mark Lipdo** and the Stefanos Foundation who work tirelessly to provide much needed relief as well as medical and emotional assistance to Christian victims of attack in the Middle Belt. We pray for protection and provision for their work and for healing and hope for the victims they serve.

Friday 13th November

We pray, as Mark Lipdo suggests, that patriotic political leaders would be raised up in Nigeria who will undo the damage that has been done to the country.

Saturday 14th November

Today we bring **Rose Matthew** before the Lord. She is the mother of three young children and widow of late pastor **Matthew Tagwai**, who was killed in an attack in April. We pray for comfort, courage and hope for Rose at this tough time.

Sunday 15th November

Today on the International Day for Prayer for Persecuted Church we pray again for a miracle in Nigeria; that violence and bloodshed would end and there would be real progress towards Muslims and Christians living in peace together.

PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Monday 16th November

Decades of violent conflict have left Afghanistan with a ruined infrastructure and economy. We pray for provision and healing for the people of Afghanistan who have experienced such terrible suffering.

Tuesday 17th November

Afghanistan is an Islamic Republic and one of the most oppressive countries in the world for Christians. We pray that the Lord would strengthen Afghan Christians and that they may experience freedom through His Spirit.

Wednesday 18th November

We pray for discernment and courage for President **Ashraf Ghani** as he governs this country. We pray for more religious freedom and also for stability and peace.

Thursday 19th November

Praise God that new house churches are being established in Afghanistan and pray for each Christian attending meetings in secret for fear of hostility from the authorities and from some in their local communities.

Friday 20th November

There is huge church growth in neighbouring Iran and we pray for the same openness to the Gospel in Afghanistan. We pray for wisdom for our partners in **Elam Ministries** as they reach out from Iran with the Gospel to Afghans.

Saturday 21st November

We pray for converts from Islam who face strong pressure from their loved ones to recant their Christian faith. Pray for courage, perseverance and protection for these Christians who must keep their faith secret.

Sunday 22nd November

We pray that God would bring isolated Christians together in safe communities, and make Himself known to more and more people.

Monday 23rd November

We thank God for ministries like **SAT-7 PARS** and all other Christian radio, internet and satellite TV in Afghanistan. We pray that the channels can become more accessible and continue to be a blessing and a lifeline for Afghan Christians.

