

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

In May **Leah Sharibu**, who has been a captive of Boko Haram since 2018, turned 18. Earlier this year it was reported that Leah had given birth to a second child fathered by a terrorist commander. Please pray for strength, comfort and the miracle of her release.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Chinese pastor **Zhang Shaoije** (pictured) has been in prison since 2013 serving a 12-year sentence. In January, he was transferred to a different prison to serve the remaining 5 years of his sentence. We pray for protection for Zhang in the new prison and that his family would be allowed to visit him soon.



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Pastor John Cao** is serving a 7-year prison sentence in China. We pray that the prison would allow his mother to visit him again and that he would be given permission to have a Bible delivered to him.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Chinese **Pastor Wang Yi** has been in prison since 2018 serving a 9-year sentence. We pray for hope and courage for Pastor Wang and also for his wife **Jiang Rong**, his teenage son **Shu Ya** and the rest of the family.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Dr Kiflu Gebremeskel** has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray that Dr Kiflu would experience God's strength and provision in prison.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Rev Gebremedhin Gebregioris** is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and theologian who was arrested in 2004. We pray that Rev Gebremedhin would be released soon and reunited with his wife and three children.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Saheb Fadaie**, a deacon in the Church of Iran, has been in prison since in 2018 serving a 6-year sentence. We pray for courage, peace and faith in all challenges that he, his wife **Marjan** and his teenage daughter **Martha** face.

**As always, thank you for praying with us this month!**



## Church in Chains Prayer Diary

### June 2021

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27*

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

We pray for India's government, healthcare workers, rural population and church during this Covid crisis. We pray that the incidence would start declining and the vaccine programme would soon make a difference.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Pastor Manu Damor**, his wife **Asha** and their three young children were attacked during an Easter service in India. Following the attack Pastor Manu was detained for a month on false anti-conversion charges. We pray that the family can recover from the trauma and for protection over the whole congregation.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Salamat Mansha Masih** was tortured by Pakistani police into a false blasphemy confession after studying the Bible in a park in Pakistan. We pray that Salamat would be released on bail and for protection for him and his lawyer and family.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

We continue to pray that **Sam**, **Maryam** and their little adopted daughter **Lydia** in Iran would be able stay together despite a court deeming them unsuitable parents due to their faith. We also pray for peace and wisdom during this time.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June

In March Christian converts **Sara Ahmadi** and her husband **Homayoun Zhaveh** (who has advanced Parkinson's disease) were summoned to prison in Iran for belonging to a house-church. We pray that their appeal to the Supreme Court would be successful and that they would be acquitted.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Elder Zhang Chunlei** of Guiyang Ren'ai house church in China was arrested following a police raid on a Christian retreat in March. We pray that he would be cleared of the false charge of "suspected fraud" and released.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Christian doctor **Zakariya Dogonyaro** was shot dead and four women were abducted in April when armed Fulani militants attacked a Baptist church in Nigeria. Please pray for Zakariya's family and a safe release of the four women.



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## PRAY FOR NEPAL

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Nepal's population is over 80% Hindu with Buddhist (over 10%) and Muslim (4%) minorities. There are over 1 million Christians (about 3% of the population). Today we lift up our Nepalese brothers and sisters before the Lord.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

A second Covid-19 wave has gripped Nepal and Christian Covid patients in hospital find they are discriminated against. Burying Christians who have died of Covid is also made difficult. We pray for protection, hope and comfort for Christians in these desperate circumstances.



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Due to the pandemic more than 15,000 churches in Nepal are closed, leaving thousands of pastors penniless, as there are no offerings collected. Yet their church members continue to look to their pastors for practical help as well as spiritual care. We pray for provision and strength for these pastors.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Since 2008 Nepal is officially a secular state; however it is forbidden for anyone to change their religion except to Hinduism. We pray that **President Bidhya Devi Bhandari** will allow more religious freedom which has declined in recent years.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Nepal has been in political turmoil with no party able to form a government. Elections have been scheduled for November – pray that those holding power in the interim will exercise it wisely.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Pray for Christian women in Nepal who face persecution from their family members. Many are beaten, threatened, not allowed to go to church, rejected and left alone. Pray that these women will continue to stand strong in their faith, and that through them God would bring their entire families to know Jesus.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Thank God for **Pastor Manish Bohra** and his church in Galkot which has grown from two families to over 45 members in 2020. We pray for premises for the church that can accommodate them all and where they can worship freely.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

It is difficult for Christian organisations to contact and help Christians living in very remote villages when they go through persecution. Pray for these Christians, that God would strengthen them and provide for their needs.

## PRAY FOR PAKISTAN

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Christians in Pakistan face extreme persecution in every area of their lives. Most Christians are given jobs perceived as low, dirty and dishonourable, and many are victims of bonded labour. We pray for courage and strength for our Pakistani brothers and sisters.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Pakistan's notorious blasphemy laws are used to target Christians, resulting in many innocent people spending years in prison awaiting trial, while their families are forced into hiding for fear of attack by extremists. We pray for hope and freedom for everyone under this charge.



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Successive Pakistani governments have refused to discuss repeal or even reform of the blasphemy laws for fear of offending Islamist fundamentalists. It was very disappointing that in April **Prime Minister Imran Khan** even called for international blasphemy laws. We pray that his government would stop giving in to the demands of violent extremists.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Please pray for protection for Christian women and girls who are at risk of becoming victims of forced conversion. They are often abducted, raped and then forcefully married to Muslim men. Pray that those who are currently in captivity will know God's love, even in their terrible situation.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

We thank God for lawyer **Saiful Malook**, who has taken on blasphemy cases despite the danger that he is putting himself in, and we pray for his protection.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

We pray for God to bless and provide for our partners who provide practical and much-needed aid to Christians in Pakistan: CLAAS, Release International and the British Pakistani Christian Association.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Praise God that released prisoner **Nabeel Masih** is recovering from surgery on large, painful lipomas he developed in prison, where he was denied treatment. Please continue to pray for his health and safety and for acquittal.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Many Christians have been killed in attacks on churches, schools and hospitals. We pray that God would comfort and strengthen the widows, widowers and orphans of these martyrs. We pray for provision so that they are not left destitute.