

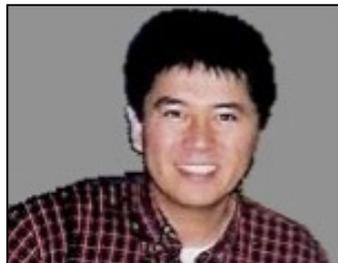
## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for the release of husband and wife **Bao Guohua** and **Xing Wenxiang** who have been in prison in China since 2015, serving 14 and 12-year sentences respectively.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Uighur Christian **Alimujiang Yimiti** (pictured) has been in prison since 2008 and is serving a 15-year sentence. We pray for peace and perseverance for this brother.



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

**Elder Qin Defu** is serving a 4-year prison sentence in China since 2018. His wife Xiao Hongliu and their two children have not been allowed to see him since his arrest. We pray for strength and hope for the whole family today.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus** is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist who has been in prison since 2004. He is a widower with a son he has not seen since his imprisonment. We pray for Futsum and his son today that they would both have a real sense of God's love for them and His presence in their lives.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We ask the Lord to keep him well and safe, physically, mentally and spiritually and we pray that he would be released soon.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Pakistani **Pastor Zafar Bhatti** has been in jail since 2012 serving a life sentence for blasphemy. We pray that his appeal would be heard soon and he would be freed and reunited with his elderly wife Nawab before long. We also pray about all the various health issues Zafar and Nawab have and pray for healing and comfort for them both during this difficult time.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Saheb Fadaie** is serving a 6-year prison sentence in Iran since 2018. We pray that his Father in Heaven would encourage and equip Saheb every day he has to spend behind bars.



# Church in Chains Prayer Diary

## August 2021

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7*

### PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August

We pray for Christians in Eritrea who continue to suffer at the hands of their government. We pray also for blessing on the work of UN Special Rapporteur **Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker** whose mandate to examine human rights in Eritrea has been extended for another year.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Praise God that **Shaguffa Kausar** and **Shafqat Emmanuel** have finally been released from prison and reunited with their children in a safe place. We pray that the Lord "will repay them the years the locusts have eaten" and we pray for healing for Shafqat whose health has been very poor recently.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

We pray for the safe release of the 140 Nigerian students who were kidnapped at **Bethel Baptist High School** in Kaduna state in July. We also pray for peace and strength for their families who fear for their lives.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Please pray for Chinese Christian **Wu Wuqing** and his family. They were locked inside their own apartment for three weeks in June by Chinese police. Minister Wu is being harassed because of his church leadership role.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Back in January, a court in Uzbekistan fined **Tatyana Akhmadiyeva** two weeks' average wages for offering Christian magazines to her neighbours at a Christmas celebration in her home. Today we pray for courage and hope for this sister.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August

On 30 June **Pastor Vinod Kumar** was beaten to death in Haryana state, India. We pray for provision, protection and comfort for his widow, **Sunita Kumar**, their 11-year-old daughter and members of his church.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Pray for guidance and blessing for Church in Chains staff in their preparations for the autumn issue of *Church in Chains* magazine and the annual conference in September, both focused on North Korea.

—Thank you for partnering with us in prayer!—



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## PRAY FOR CHINA

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August

The Chinese government is increasing restrictions on Christians and putting them under intense pressure. We thank God that the church still continues to grow in the midst of this mounting pressure.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Ask the Lord to give church leaders wisdom, discernment and guidance as they lead congregations in light of increased restrictions and surveillance.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

There has also been an increase in raids and harassment of individual Christians and families. We pray for blessing, hope and future for Christian families.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

We pray that **President Xi Jinping** would stop repressing and mistreating Christians, Uighur Muslims and Tibetan Buddhists in China.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Today we pray for **Pastor Wang Yi** who is being kept in solitary confinement. The authorities are reported to be withholding medical treatment and feeding him mouldy rice. Nobody has been allowed to visit him since he was jailed in 2018.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Pray for Christians from Muslim or Buddhist backgrounds – many of whom face persecution from their families and local communities. Pray for strength, protection, encouragement and fellowship for each one.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Our partner **ChinaAid** continues to expose the systematic persecution of Christians. It supports Christians and their families financially and provides leadership and rule-of-law training for Christian leaders to defend their rights. We pray for blessing and provision for this important work.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August

On 11 July, Shenzhen Trinity Gospel Harvest Church had its worship service on Zoom raided and stopped by Communist Party agents. We pray for peace and courage for everyone in this congregation, especially **Pastor Mao Zhibin** and **Elder Chu Yanqing**.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August

We ask the Lord to open the eyes of those in authority to the power and beauty of the Gospel and for transformation within the Chinese Communist Party.



## PRAY FOR UGANDA

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Uganda has long been known as “the pearl of Africa” for its natural beauty, but its people have suffered much, especially during the dictatorship of Idi Amin. While Uganda is a Christian majority country with religious freedom, there has been increasing pressure from Islamists on Christians in Eastern Uganda. We pray for strength for those who can't live out their faith freely.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Thank God that the Ugandan church has grown strongly in recent decades with a vibrant Christianity expressing itself in various ways.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**President Yoweri Museveni** has been in power since 1986 and his rule has been described as authoritarian. In January 2021, he was re-elected despite allegations of electoral fraud and violent suppression of the opposition. We pray that President Museveni, who professes to be an evangelical Christian, would be changed in Jesus's likeness.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for blessing on the work of **Fields of Life** in the midst of a third wave of COVID-19 that is sweeping through the country. We pray that its staff continue to educate and train young people, inspired by faith, hope and love to transform their communities.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Persecution of Christians is becoming much more common among Muslim majority communities in eastern Uganda. Many new Christians suffer at the hands of their families and former friends due to conversion. We pray for safety and courage for these converts.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

**Kareem Wafula**, husband and father of two, gave his life to Christ in 2020. The chairman of his local mosque mobilised some men to attack him and destroy his business. We pray for protection and provision for Kareem and his family.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Hajat Habiiba Namuwaya**, mother of three, is struggling to recover after her Muslim father beat her and forced her to swallow a toxic substance for leaving Islam. We pray for healing for her and that she can be reunited with her children.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

We pray for complete recovery for **Abudlawali Kijwalo** who was attacked by his Muslim brother with a machete in late June after he refused to renounce his newfound faith in Christ.

