

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 24th November

Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteb is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and physician who has been held in prison incommunicado since 2004. We pray for good physical and mental health for Tekleab and blessings for his wife and three daughters.

Thursday 25th November

Abune Antonios (pictured), patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox church, has been under house arrest since 2006. We pray that Antonios won't be lonely and would be allowed to leave his house again soon.



Friday 26th November

Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist who has been in prison since 2004. We pray for hope and a future for Futsum.

Saturday 27th November

Eritrean pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** was arrested in 2004 and has remained in prison ever since. We ask God to keep him firm and steadfast in his faith and we pray that he would be released soon.

Sunday 28th November

Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani has been serving a six-year sentence in Iran since 2018. We pray for the Lord to protect his body and soul in this dark place and to encourage his wife **Fatemeh** and their teenage sons.

Monday 29th November

Saheb Fadaie has been serving a six-year prison sentence since 2018 along with Youcef. Ask for strength and comfort from the Lord for Saheb and also for his wife **Marjan** and 14-year-old daughter **Martha**.

Tuesday 30th November

Pakistani **Pastor Zafar Bhatti** has been in prison since 2012 and is serving a life sentence. Zafar's latest appeal hearing was due to be heard on 18 October but the judge refused to hear it and instead referred the case to another court. Please pray for an end to this never-ending cycle of scheduled and adjourned appeal hearings and freedom at last for Zafar!

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



Church in Chains Prayer Diary

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We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Monday 1st November

We pray that many churches throughout Ireland would take part in this year's **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** on Sunday focusing their prayers on India.

Tuesday 2nd November

Thank God that five more of the kidnapped Bethel Baptist High School students were released on 8 October, along with the school matron. We pray that the remaining four students will also be released.

Wednesday 3rd November

In October, we were thrilled to forward €6,000 (from supporters) to our partner in Nigeria. Please pray for 200 families who were displaced in recent attacks in Kaduna state who received emergency aid in the form of food and shelter.

Thursday 4th November

Milad Gourdazi, **Amin Khaki** and **Alireza Nourmohammadi** are three Christians who were sentenced to three years in prison in Iran. They remain out of prison for the time being and were recently informed that they will have an unexpected appeal hearing on 16 December. Please pray that they will be acquitted!

Friday 5th November

Please pray for comfort and strength for the parents and three brothers and two sisters of 14-year-old **Nitish Kumar** who died in hospital in India in September about six weeks after suspected Hindu extremists threw acid over him.

Saturday 6th November

Pray for our partner **Nasir Saeed** of CLAAS who has recently had many contacts with Pakistani Christians and others in positions of authority in Pakistan. Pray for wisdom as he works with others seeking to secure justice for Christians.

Sunday 7th November

Pray for health, strength and wisdom for our partner **Shibu Thomas** as he leads Persecution Relief's work in India.



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PRAY FOR INDIA

Monday 8th November

Persecution of Christians in India is on the rise as Hindu militants harass and attack Christians and accuse them of following a “foreign faith” and forcibly converting Hindus. The Covid-19 pandemic brought disproportionate hardship for Christians who were deliberately overlooked when official aid was distributed. We pray for courage for India's Christians today.

Tuesday 9th November

Pray that the church in India will be filled with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel boldly, especially pastors, and evangelists who are particularly targeted.

Wednesday 10th November

Since 2014 the Indian government has been promoting Hindu nationalism, which has increasingly led to sectarian violence. Pray that Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** would stop sowing division among religious groups and start promoting unity instead.



Thursday 11th November

Praise God that many are coming to faith in India through miraculous healings and the courageous witness of Christians. Pray that this will continue, and many more will come to know Jesus.

Friday 12th November

Christians in rural areas are being boycotted in their villages when it comes to access to essential resources and some have been expelled from their homes and villages altogether. We pray for provision and fellowship for these families.

Saturday 13th November

We pray for protection for our Indian partner, **Persecution Relief**, from those who are actively opposing the work. We pray also for good progress for the project PARAN to build a refuge centre for Christians who were expelled from their villages.

Sunday 14th November

In June, **Pastor Vinod Kumar Haryana** was martyred in Haryana state. We pray for comfort and protection for his widow, **Sunita Kumar**, her 11-year-old daughter and the congregation of Pastor Vinod's church at this difficult time.

Monday 15th November

Pray that the persecutors of the Indian church will be changed, like Saul to Paul. Hindu militants want to destroy the church – like Saul in the New Testament. Pray that they too will meet Jesus and be changed.

PRAY FOR KENYA

Tuesday 16th November

In Kenya, Christianity is the majority religion, but Christian persecution is on the rise. Christians from a Muslim background in the northeast and coastal regions live under constant threat of attack even from their immediate family. We pray for protection over all our Kenyan brothers and sisters.

Wednesday 17th November

Pray that the church in Kenya would be equipped to disciple believers, to train godly leaders and to encourage their members to remain strong.

Thursday 18th November

We pray for **President Uhuru Kenyatta** and his government to start keeping their vows to bring perpetrators of violence against Christians to justice and tackle the corruption and organised crime that is so prevalent in Kenya.



Friday 19th November

Pray for Christians in the northeast who face threats of deadly attacks from Islamic extremist group al-Shabaab. Ask God to protect them, to shelter them from violence and to give them a peace that only comes from Him.

Saturday 20th November

We lift up the families of three Christian teachers who were killed in an al-Shabaab attack in early 2020. We pray for healing from trauma for teachers **Anne Gideon** and **Lucy Wanjiru**, who survived the attack.

Sunday 21st November

Pray for continued grace for Christians from a Muslim background. Pray that through trials and persecution they would experience the Lord's faithfulness in protection and provision. Pray that the Lord would grant them joy and courage in and despite their suffering.

Monday 22nd November

In January five churches were burnt down and three Christian homes set ablaze in coordinated arson attacks in West Kenya. We pray for healing, recovery and provision for all the families and individuals affected by this attack.

Tuesday 23rd November

We pray for the persecutors of Kenyan Christians, first and foremost al-Shabaab, which is based in neighbouring Somalia. We pray that many militants would turn from causing terror and destruction to becoming instruments of peace.