

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 24th October

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been serving a life sentence in a North Korean labour camp since 2013. We pray for hope and strength for him while he remains in the camp and we pray for his release!

Tuesday 25th October

Jang Moon Seok (pictured) has been serving a 15-year prison sentence since 2014. We pray that the Lord would fortify his heart and soul.



Wednesday 26th October

South Korean pastor **Kim Kuk-gi** has been serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We ask God to fill Pastor Kim with faith and courage today and every day.

Thursday 27th October

We pray for the release of **Pastor Bao Guohua** and his wife **Xing Wenxiang** who have been serving 14-year and 12-year prison sentences respectively since 2016 in China.

Friday 28th October

Chinese **Pastor Hao Zhiwei** has been in prison since 2019, serving an eight-year sentence. We pray for peace for Pastor Hao and for good mental health for her two teenage sons, **Paul** and **Moses**, who are currently left without parents.

Saturday 29th October

We lift up **Elder Qin Defu** from Early Rain Church in China. He was sentenced to four years in prison in 2018 and is due for release in December. We pray that God would sustain him and his young family until then.

Sunday 30th October

Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus, an Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist, has been in prison since 2004. We pray that the Lord would help him in his trials.

Monday 31st October

Rev Gebremedhin Gebregioris is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and theologian who has also been in prison since 2004. We continue to pray for comfort and strength for him as he mourns his wife who died in June.

Thank you for praying with us this month!



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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Saturday 1st October

Two Coptic Christians, **Hany Moussa Waheeb** and his father **Salama Moussa Waheeb**, were shot dead by militants in Egypt on 30 August. We pray for comfort and strength for Hany's wife, his two young daughters and his siblings.

Sunday 2nd October

We thank God for our annual conference with a focus on Iran which took place last month in Dublin. We pray for the Church Overground, Church Underground, Church Online and the Church in Prison in Iran, which we heard about from guest speaker Mansour Borji.

Monday 3rd October

We pray for Christians in Pakistan affected by the devastating floods that have swept across the country. We ask for God's blessing on our Pakistan partner CLAAS as it works to distribute urgently-needed aid to Christians in great need.

Tuesday 4th October

Praise God that three Christians, who had been held in custody on separate charges brought under Pakistan's blasphemy laws, have been released on bail by the Supreme Court. We pray for safety and provision for **Salamat Masih**, **Patras Masih** and **Raja Waris** as they resume their lives outside prison.

Wednesday 5th October

We pray for the families and friends of the five Christian workers who were pushed off a boat by a group of Muslim extremists and drowned in a lake in Uganda because they were preaching the Gospel. Lord, please bless and console the many people who miss them!

Thursday 6th October

Please pray that the Church in Chains team will continue to make good progress with the writing of the 4th edition of the Global Guide.

Friday 7th October

Pray for a young Christian convert (name withheld for security reasons) who has been sentenced to death in Libya. He became a Christian four years ago and has refused to recant his faith. Pray that the death sentence would be halted.



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PRAY FOR INDIA

Saturday 8th October

Christianity is believed to have reached India in the first century and has an honoured legacy of charity, schools and hospitals. Christians enjoy freedom in much of the country, but in some areas they are facing increasing persecution from extremists motivated by Hindu nationalist ideology. We pray that Christianity would be seen as a blessing on the nation.

Sunday 9th October

We pray for protection and blessing for churches and pastors across rural India that they can worship safely and freely.

Monday 10th October

We thank God that earlier this year federal government officials held meetings with Christian representatives to discuss ongoing concerns about anti-Christian violence. We pray that the Indian government will start to protect religious minorities in India.



Tuesday 11th October

In June the Delhi High Court ruled that “conversion from one religion to another is perfectly lawful”. We pray for an end to the “anti-conversion” laws that exist in several states in India.

Wednesday 12th October

We lift up Christian women and girls in India before the Lord. Our sisters are doubly discriminated against due to their gender and religion and are at risk of sexual harassment or violence and, in some reported cases, trafficking.

Thursday 13th October

We pray for provision and protection for our partner organisation **Step International**. It is assisting indigenous pastors, evangelists and church planters facing persecution in north India.

Friday 14th October

We also pray for blessing for our partner organisation **Persecution Relief** as it provides aid for victims of attacks by Hindu extremists and covers medical and legal expenses.

Saturday 15th October

Today we pray using words from **Rev Vijayesh Lal**, General Secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India on the 75th Independence Day in August. We pray “for an India which is inclusive, fraternal, and peaceful; where justice flows freely as a river and where there is equal opportunity for everyone to flourish and contribute to the nation's greatness.”

PRAY FOR SUDAN

Sunday 16th October

Sudan was under the authoritarian rule of President Omar al-Bashir from 1989 until 2019. A new transitional government brought about positive changes for Christians in Sudan. However, there is a great risk that reforms will be reversed since the military seized power in October 2021 in a coup that has plunged the country into chaos. We pray for peace, order and freedom for all Sudanese people.

Monday 17th October

We pray for the church in Sudan to stand strong in the face of oppression and ask the Lord to bless it and provide for all its needs.

Tuesday 18th October

We pray for General **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** who heads up the current transitional government that he would work towards rebuilding the country and holding free and fair elections next summer.



Wednesday 19th October

Christians outside of the capital city Khartoum and converts from Islam are at risk of severe persecution. We pray that amid these challenges, these Christians will continue to grow in their knowledge of and relationship with Christ.

Thursday 20th October

Pray for protection over all Christian NGOs working in Sudan and that their work would bear much fruit.

Friday 21st October

Today we pray for Christian converts **Hamouda Tia Kafi** and **Nada Hamad Shukralah** and their children. The family has had a very difficult time as a Sharia court annulled their marriage due to the husband's conversion to Christianity.

Saturday 22nd October

We thank God that apostasy case against four young Baptist converts (**Bader Haroon Abdel Jabaar**, his brother **Mohammad Haroon Abdel Jabaar**, **Tariq Adam Abdalla** and **Morthada Ismail**) has been dismissed. Pray that they will now be able to come out of hiding and resume their lives in safety.

Sunday 23rd October

We pray using the words of George Makeen, SAT-7 Arabic Channels Director: “After almost three years of the revolution, Sudanese are still trying to find their way. Our prayers are for them not to lose hope, to find support and understanding from the international community so that this country will peacefully find its way to a better future.”