

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 23rd November

Pastor John Cao is serving a 7-year prison sentence in China. We pray for his mental, physical and spiritual health and that of his wife **Jamie** and adult sons.

Thursday 24th November

We ask God to encourage **Pastor Bao Guohua** and his wife **Xing Wenxiang** (pictured) who have been in prison in China since 2015, serving 14 and 12-year sentences respectively.



Friday 25th November

Pastor Wang Yi of Early Rain Covenant Church (ERCC) in China is serving a 9-year prison sentence since 2018. We pray that *"God would be his refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"*. (Psalm 46)

Saturday 26th November

Chinese **Pastor Zhang Shaojie** has been behind bars since 2013, serving a 12-year sentence. Ask the Lord to bless and keep Pastor Zhang and his wife **Wang Fengrui**, who is disabled. We pray that he would be released early.

Sunday 27th November

Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani has been in prison in Iran since 2019, serving a 6-year sentence. We pray that Lord would fill Youcef, his wife Tina and sons, Daniel (20) and Joel (16) with peace and hope for the future.

Monday 28th November

Saheb Fadaie is serving a 6-year sentence in Evin Prison (Iran). We ask the Lord to lift his spirits and bless his wife **Marjan** and his daughter Martha (15).

Tuesday 29th November

Leah Sharibu was abducted from her school in Nigeria by ISWAP terrorists in 2018 and has been held captive since then. We pray that the Lord would protect her and her two babies and we pray for their release.

Wednesday 30th November

Vietnamese **Pastor Y Yich** is serving a 12-year prison since 2013. We pray for better health and strength for Pastor Yich and encouragement and provision for his wife **Amying H'Dom** and their five children.

Thank you for praying for the persecuted every day!



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*He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak. Isaiah 40:29*

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 1st November

Thank God that none of the Christian prisoners in Evin Prison (Iran) was injured in the fire on 15 October. They helped to prevent the fire from spreading with water buckets and hoses. Please pray for them as they recover from the ordeal.

Wednesday 2nd November

Praise God that after being in prison in Iran for almost 5 years, **Naser Navar Gol Tapeh** was released on 17 October! We pray for him as he adjusts to life outside.

Thursday 3rd November

Praise God that **Fariba Dalir** was also released unexpectedly from Evin Prison on 18 October! We pray for her as she is reunited with her husband Soroush.

Friday 4th November

Members of Trinity Harvest Gospel Church were attacked on 10 September at a beach baptism on China's southeast coast. **Pastor Mao Zhibin** and **Wu Lixin** baptised four Christians despite being stoned, verbally abused and threatened by passers-by. Please pray for courage and hope for them.

Saturday 5th November

Pray for strength and for a new home for Early Rain Covenant Church members **Shu Qiong**, her husband **Wang Song** and their children in Chengdu, China who received eviction notices on 30 September from their landlord. It is believed that he was pressurised by Chinese authorities to terminate their lease.

Sunday 6th November

Today on the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** we remember our brothers and sisters in China who are under enormous pressure from the Communist Party. Lord, please strengthen them in their inner beings!

Monday 7th November

Thank God that we were able to send €26,000 to our partner organisation in Pakistan which is supporting Christians affected by the recent floods by distributing emergency aid. Pray for the ongoing aid distribution work and for the recipients as they rebuild their lives.

PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

Tuesday 8th November

Recent natural disasters, high military expenditure and increased isolation have led to economic crisis in North Korea and brought many people close to starvation. On top of that extreme lockdown measures during the Covid-19 pandemic have meant that food and medicine supplies were and are still being blocked. We pray that aid will get through to those who need it most.

Wednesday 9th November

Pray for wisdom for Christians in the underground church as they look for ways to continue to share the Gospel in such a hostile and dangerous environment.

Thursday 10th November

It is estimated that 50,000 to 70,000 Christians are imprisoned in the notorious system of prisons and labour camps. We pray that God would strengthen all Christian prisoners today.

Friday 11th November

We pray for the complete transformation of **Kim Jong-un** and his family through the power of Jesus Christ. We pray for God's will to be done in North Korea as it is in heaven.

Saturday 12th November

We thank God for VOM Korea which partners with the underground church in North Korea. We pray for encouragement and blessing for **Eric Foley** and his wife **Hyun Sook** and others involved in running VOM Korea.

Sunday 13th November

Every day children are indoctrinated with the regime's rhetoric in school and many parents are afraid to tell their own children about Jesus. Pray that by the Holy Spirit their children will be able to discern what is right and what is wrong in what they are being taught.

Monday 14th November

Korean-Chinese Christian **Jang Moon Seok** ministered to North Koreans in China, where he was abducted in 2014, brought across the border into North Korea and sentenced to 15 years in prison. We pray for good physical, mental and spiritual health for Deacon Jang and for his release.

Tuesday 15th November

Thousands of North Koreans try to escape each year, but many are captured or killed in the attempt. Pray for safety for those who are trying to escape. We pray also for safety for Christian partners working in border regions to help them.



PRAY FOR QATAR

Wednesday 16th November

Qatar is a small wealthy country on the Arabian Peninsula – it is one of the world's largest exporters of gas. It is also a Muslim country where blasphemy and apostasy are crimes and human rights are openly disregarded. Qatar follows the Wahhabi form of Islam, although less strictly than Saudi Arabia. We pray that the hosting of the FIFA World Cup this month would lead to greater freedoms.

Thursday 17th November

Qatar is an absolute monarchy with **Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani** as its reigning monarch. Ask God to soften Tamim's heart that he would open it to the truth of Jesus' love and grace and be transformed into his likeness.

Friday 18th November

Qatar has taken steps to allow non-Muslim worship for expatriates (who comprise over 80% of the population) in a large religious complex on the outskirts of the capital, Doha. Churches that worship in that complex enjoy considerable freedom, but Qatari citizens are not admitted. We pray for blessing and growth for all churches meeting in Doha.

Saturday 19th November

Converts living in Qatar do not have contact with expatriate Christians and keep their faith secret as they face extreme pressure from their families and community. They also encounter legal problems such as loss of status, child custody and property. We pray for faith, strength and protection for these new believers and a real sense of God's presence in their lives.

Sunday 20th November

The FIFA World Cup begins today. It is believed that thousands of migrant workers may have died building stadiums and infrastructure. Pray that migrant workers would be protected from brutal and abusive treatment going forward.

Monday 21st November

Most known Qatari Christians converted abroad and have not returned due to fear of persecution and attack by their families and communities, in a strongly tribal society. We pray for comfort and encouragement for Christians who are homesick and forced to remain in exile due to their faith.

Tuesday 22nd November

Discrimination against women and LGBTI people is widespread in Qatar and we pray for a general improvement in human rights in the country. We also pray for more religious freedom including the right to change religion.

