

Christmas Cards to Prisoners

As you prepare to send Christmas Cards to family and friends, we'd like to encourage you to send a card to a Christian prisoner this year.

The addresses for **Wang Yi** and **Zafar Bhatti** are the prisons where they are being held, while the address for **Sara Ahmadi** and her husband **Homayoun Zhaveh** is c/o Church in Chains.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that your card will reach the prisoner, but even if it doesn't there is still great value in sending one as it will make clear that the prisoner is known and cared about overseas, which can influence how they are treated.

Card Writing Guidelines

1. Begin by choosing a Christmas card (use one with a Bible verse/ Nativity scene if you like).
2. Write a short greeting – Wang Yi speaks English but Zafar, Sara and Homayoun do not, although someone may be able to translate.
3. Assure the prisoner that you are praying for him/her.

DON'T make any criticism of the government
DON'T mention Church in Chains (or any similar organisation)
DON'T refer to their arrest or sentence
DON'T include your address

How should I address the envelope?

With great care – prison addresses are quite long. Write the address clearly and carefully and affix correct postage and an airmail sticker for cards to Wang Yi or Zafar Bhatti.

When is the latest date for posting for Christmas?

Wednesday 7 December is the official date but please do post your card any time in December as it will bring encouragement whenever it arrives.

Pastor Wang Yi
Jintang Prison,
Huopan Road,
Qingjiang Town,
Jintang County,
Chengdu City,
Sichuan Province 610409
CHINA

Postage: €2.20 or W stamp
(£1.85 from UK)



Pastor Wang Yi (48) of Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, capital of China's Sichuan province, was arrested in December 2018. He is serving a nine-year prison sentence and there has been no news since November 2021, when his wife Jiang Rong visited him and said that he was healthy but had lost a lot of weight.

Sara Ahmadi and
Homayoun Zhaveh
c/o Church in Chains
PO Box 10447
Glenageary
Co. Dublin

Postage: €1.25 or N stamp
(£1.85 from UK)



Sara Ahmadi (44) and her husband Homayoun Zhaveh (64, who has advanced Parkinson's disease) are converts from Islam who were sentenced to eight and two years respectively for their house-church activities in Iran. They began serving their sentences in August 2022 in separate sections of Tehran's Evin prison. In September, it was reported that Homayoun had been denied medication.

Zafar Bhatti
Special pehra
Circle 4
Adyala jail
Rawalpindi
PAKISTAN 44000

Postage: €2.20 or W stamp
(£1.85 from UK)



Zafar Bhatti (59) has been in prison in Pakistan since 2012 on a false charge of blasphemy. In 2017 he was sentenced to life in prison and in January 2022 was sentenced to death. In November, well-known lawyer Saiful Malook (who secured the acquittal of Asia Bibi) confirmed that he had taken up his appeal. Zafar's wife Nawab (73) is in poor health.