

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Tuesday 24th January

Rev Haile Naizghe has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray that Haile would be released soon and reunited with his wife and daughters.

Wednesday 25th January

Kidane Weldou (pictured) has been in prison in Eritrea since 2005. We pray that the Lord would protect his heart, body and mind while he remains behind bars.



Thursday 26th January

Kim Jong Uk has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2013. We pray for perseverance for him and that he would not waver in his faith.

Friday 27th January

Kim Kuk-gi is also serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea, since 2014. We pray that the Lord would fill him with comfort, peace and joy despite his difficult situation.

Saturday 28th January

Asif Pervaiz has been in prison in Pakistan since 2013 and on death row since 2020. We pray that Asif would be moved back to Lahore District Jail, so he would be closer to his family and could have more regular visitors. We also pray that there would be an appeal hearing for his case soon and that it would be successful.

Sunday 29th January

We pray for the mental, spiritual and physical health of Chinese **Pastor Wang Yi** who is serving a 9-year prison sentence since 2018. Lord, sustain him today, tomorrow and for the remainder of his time in prison!

Monday 30th January

Online Christian bookseller **Chen Yu** has been in a Chinese prison since 2019, serving a seven-year sentence. Ask God to encourage and support this brother and also his elderly parents, who both have health issues.

Tuesday 31st January

Pastor John Cao is serving a seven-year prison sentence in China since 2017. We pray for strength and hope for him as he begins another year in prison.



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'For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.'

Psalm 116:8-9

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st January

Praise God for a new year in which we can partner with Him in serving the persecuted church. Please pray for strength, health, guidance and wisdom for our staff and trustees to continue the work according to His will.

Monday 2nd January

In November **Pastor Abdalla Haron Sulieman** was arrested and jailed for over a week on charges of "witchcraft" and "fraud" for praying for healing for many sick people in his local Sudanese community. Pray for wisdom, guidance and hope for this brave pastor.

Tuesday 3rd January

In early December 66 Christians were expelled from their tribal village in Chhattisgarh state in central India when they refused to renounce their faith at a village meeting. We pray for provision and comfort for these families.

Wednesday 4th January

Elder Qin Defu of Early Rain Covenant Church was released from prison at the end of his sentence in December. We pray that the Lord would bless him and his young family as they are reunited after four long years apart.

Thursday 5th January

Today we pray hope and provision for the family of **Nicholas Mugume** in Uganda. Their house, where a small Christian fellowship was meeting, was burnt down in an attack by Muslim extremists in November.

Friday 6th January

Pray for the launch of our new edition of the *Global Guide*, which is scheduled to take place this month. We pray that it would be widely read and used for prayer for the persecuted church worldwide.

Saturday 7th January

Please pray for healing and recovery for **Pastor Jude Sitaalo** and his wife **Naisiga** in Uganda. They were both injured in an attack on their church in November, a reaction to the fact that the church has been pastoring converts from Islam.

Thank you for praying with us!



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PRAY FOR EGYPT

Sunday 8th January

The largest Christian community in the Middle East lives in Egypt. We thank God for this community and pray that He would protect our brothers and sisters in Egypt particularly as they celebrate Coptic Christmas (which was yesterday).

Monday 9th January

Christian communities are persecuted at a community level, particularly in rural areas and are treated as second-class citizens. We pray for more tolerance and acceptance of Christians in Egypt.



Tuesday 10th January

President al-Sisi has publicly expressed his commitment to protecting Christians, but the lack of serious law enforcement, especially in Upper Egypt (in the south of the country) leaves Christians vulnerable to attack. We pray that the government would act to ensure that Christians can practise their faith freely.

Wednesday 11th January

Thank God that in November a government committee approved legalisation of a new batch of 125 churches and affiliated service buildings. Pray for blessing over these church buildings, the church leaders and members.

Thursday 12th January

Most incidents and mob attacks against Christians take place in Upper Egypt. We pray for an end to all attacks against Christians, and that local police would act to bring perpetrators to justice and protect innocent Christians.

Friday 13th January

Young Christian women in Egypt are vulnerable to forced conversion, marriage and rape. Pray that the Lord would free them from the shame they might feel about what they have experienced.

Saturday 14th January

Pray that Egyptian Christians would be encouraged and blessed through SAT-7's ministry. Pray that as they watch watch Christian TV in Arabic, the Lord will continue to speak to them through live church services and other programmes.

Sunday 15th January

In August two Coptic Christians **Hany Moussa Waheeb** and his father **Salama Moussa Waheeb** were shot dead on the Sinai Peninsula. Please pray for provision, comfort and hope for Hany's widow, their two young daughters and his four siblings.

PRAY FOR LAOS

Monday 16th January

Laos is ruled by a Communist government that closely monitors all religious activity and in some areas police warn Christians against meeting together and forbid children from going to church. Thank God that despite the ongoing persecution, the number of Christians in Laos is growing significantly!

Tuesday 17th January

The registered Laos Evangelical Church has many congregations – the majority do not have church buildings and meet in houses. We pray that the church would find increasing favour with local religious leaders and government officials.



Wednesday 18th January

We pray that **President Thongloun Sisoulith** would come to realise what a blessing the Christian population is for his country and start to grant it more freedom and rights.

Thursday 19th January

Violence against women is culturally widely accepted in Laos and young Christian women are caught up in the increase in human trafficking of brides to China. We ask the Lord to rescue and protect these girls and women!

Friday 20th January

It is very difficult to obtain a Bible in Laos and Bibles can only be taken into the country secretly, which is dangerous work. Pray that the Lord will protect those who are taking the risk of transporting Bibles into the country.

Saturday 21st January

Converts from Buddhism face most persecution from their families and also from local authorities and can face violence and expulsion from their village. We pray for an end to these forced evictions.

Sunday 22nd January

Church leaders are vulnerable to imprisonment, and once detained their families or congregations often must pay considerable amounts of money to ensure their release. Today we pray that the Lord would guard pastors from detention and strengthen imprisoned pastors in body, mind and spirit. We also pray for their imminent release.

Monday 23rd January

Today we continue to pray for the widow and eight children of **Pastor Seetoud**, who was killed in October near his home village. We pray comfort and provision for his family facing into the new year without Seetoud.