

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Tuesday 24th October

Asif Pervaiz is a Christian father of four from Pakistan, who has been in prison on a blasphemy charge since 2013. He is currently on death row. We pray that his appeal would be heard soon and Asif would be acquitted and released.

Wednesday 25th October

Ashfaq Masih (pictured) has been in prison in Pakistan since 2017, also accused of blasphemy. We pray that his death sentence would be overturned and for blessing for his wife and his young daughter.



Thursday 26th October

Rev Haile Naizghe has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray for the miracle that Haile would be released soon and reunited with his family.

Friday 27th October

In 2005 **Pastor Kidane Weldou** disappeared from the streets of the Eritrean capital, Asmara. We pray for health and strength for Kidane and comfort and hope for his wife **Tirhas** and their four grown-up daughters.

Saturday 28th October

Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist who was arrested in 2004. We ask God to fill Futsum with love, joy, peace and patience every day he remains in prison.

Sunday 29th October

Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteab is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and physician who was arrested in 2004. Today we pray that Dr Tekleab can be a witness for God's love among the other prisoners and guards.

Monday 30th October

Y Pum Bya is a church leader who has been serving a 14-year prison sentence in Vietnam since 2019. We ask the Lord to protect his body, spirit and mind.

Tuesday 31st October

Vietnamese **Pastor Y Yich** has been serving a 12-year sentence since 2013. We pray for his safety in prison and that he would be released early.

Thank you for praying with us this month!



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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st October

Praise God that Iranian house-church leader **Joseph Shahbazian** was released from prison after a court granted him a full pardon. We pray for healing and blessing for Joseph, who recently discovered that he was suspected to be suffering from a serious illness.

Monday 2nd October

The same day that Joseph was released from prison, Iranian pastor **Anooshavan Avedian** was summoned to begin his 10-year sentence. Please pray for protection, courage and strength for Anooshavan.

Tuesday 3rd October

Please pray for the preparations for the International Day of Prayer which will take place on 5th November and that many churches in Ireland will get involved.

Wednesday 4th October

Thank God that **Pastor An Yankui** of Zion Reformed Church was able to share the Gospel, sing and pray with other detainees during the 30 days he was behind bars this summer.

Thursday 5th October

Thanks to your support we were able to send over €8,000 to the victims of the mob attack in Jaranwala (Pakistan). Apart from having their churches and houses destroyed, many Christians in the area were unfairly dismissed from their jobs following the attack. We pray for provision and hope for this community,

Friday 6th October

Praise God for the encouragement we got from hearing **Berhane Asmelash** and **Twen Theodros** share their testimonies at our annual conference last month. We pray for guidance for them both as they continue to serve the Lord.

Saturday 7th October

Thank God that about half of the 103 young singers known as **The Mahalians**, who were arrested in April while making a praise video in Eritrea's capital Asmara, have been released. We pray for comfort and peace for all members of this praise group, especially those who remain in detention.



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