

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Thursday 24th July

Shagufta Kiran is a former nurse and mother-of-four from Pakistan who has been in prison since July 2021 and on death row since September 2024. We pray for blessing, hope and comfort for Shagufta and also for her husband **Rafique** and their four children.

Friday 25th July

We pray for good mental, physical and spiritual health for **Asif Pervaiz** (pictured) who has been in prison in Pakistan since 2013. We pray that his death sentence would be overturned and that he would be acquitted soon. We also pray for provision for his wife **Marilyn** and their four children.



Saturday 26th July

Haile Naizghe has been in prison in Eritrea since May 2004. We pray for peace of mind for Haile and strength for his wife **Rahel** and their three adult children.

Sunday 27th July

Pastor Kidane Weldou disappeared from the streets of the Eritrean capital, Asmara, in 2005. Pray that God would help Kidane to continue to be a witness for His love among the other prisoners and guards. We also pray for his release.

Monday 28th July

Fu Xuanjuan is serving a six-year prison sentence in China, due for release in July 2026. She has been suffering from uterine fibroids, so we pray for healing and adequate medical care. We also pray that she would be released early.

Tuesday 29th July

Jang Moon Seok has been serving a 15-year prison sentence in North Korea since 2014. We pray that the Lord would help him in his trials and tribulations.

Wednesday 30th July

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2013. We pray for good health and that he would be treated well by the guards.

Thursday 31st July

South Korean **Pastor Kim Kuk-gi** has been serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray for strong faith and perseverance.



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For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 1st July

Vietnamese **Pastor Y Yich** was recently released after twelve years in prison. Pray for his recovery as he has had several health issues due to mistreatment in prison.

Wednesday 2nd July

In May **Laleh Saati** was released from prison in Iran. She is reportedly in a "psychologically unstable state". Pray for healing for Laleh and that she receives the care she so urgently needs.

Thursday 3rd July

We pray for protection for all Iranian Christians during the current conflict and especially for those working on the ground with our partner organisations.

Friday 4th July

Thank God that Christians from Mexico's Hidalgo state have begun to settle in the neighbouring state of Veracruz. The 151 Christians were forced out of their villages last year by authorities. We were able to provide building materials and tools to them and now we pray for blessing for them in their new homes.

Saturday 5th July

Pray for preparations being made for our annual supporters day, to be held at The Exchange (Trinity Church) on Gardiner Street in Dublin 1 and online on Saturday 27 September with guest speaker **Shibu Thomas** from India.

Sunday 6th July

A 15-year-old Christian girl who was kidnapped in January in Pakistan and forcibly converted and married to a Muslim was returned to her parents in May. Pray for healing and recovery for the girl who was found to be four months pregnant. Pray that she receives the medical care she requires.

Monday 7th July

Aida Najafloo was arrested in Iran in February and remains in Evin Prison because she is unable to afford the bail of around €115,000 set for her. Before her arrest, she underwent spinal surgery and she continues to suffer from spinal problems. Pray for her release and healing and also for her two sons aged 10 and 13.

—————Thank you for praying for the persecuted every day!—————



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PRAY FOR NIGERIA

Tuesday 8th July

It remains a shocking fact that more Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in the rest of the world combined. Islamic militant groups including Fulani militants, Boko Haram and ISWAP (Islamic State West Africa Province) continue to violently attack communities, with Christians being at particular risk. As always we pray for an end to such horrible attacks.

Wednesday 9th July

Over 120 Christians were killed in the most recent attack by Fulani militants in Benue state in the Middle Belt region on 13 June. We pray for adequate medical, trauma and bereavement care for the survivors.

Thursday 10th July

The Christian advocacy and relief organisation **Stefanos Foundation** led by **Mark Lipdo** is our partner in Nigeria. We pray for peace from above and strength and protection for their staff as they continually minister to victims of horrific attacks.



Friday 11th July

Pray for the Stefanos team lobbying the government and other critical stakeholders to reclaim 136 Christian communities in Plateau state forcefully taken over by terrorists after violent attacks forced Christians to flee.

Saturday 12th July

We pray with Reverend Yunusa Nmadu, CSW Nigeria, that **President Bola Ahmed Tinubu** "move from mere rhetoric and perfunctory condemnation to a sincere, committed, and single-minded determination to halt the killings"

Sunday 13th July

Keep praying for **Rev. Paul Musa** and his wife **Ruth** who were kidnapped over two years ago. It is not known if they are still alive as terrorists returned a ransom paid by the family and the church.

Monday 14th July

Pray for protection for young Christian girls and women in northern Nigeria constantly under threat of abduction, coerced conversion and forced marriage. There is seldom any action taken by authorities to rescue victims.

Tuesday 15th July

Today we remember **Leah Sharibu** who has been kept as a "slave" since she was abducted from her school in February 2018. We pray for protection over her body and mind and that she (and her two children born in captivity) would be restored back to her family.

PRAY FOR LAOS

Wednesday 16th July

The Lao constitution guarantees religious freedom, but Christians report that this is widely ignored in rural areas, where they face opposition and even violence from relatives and officials. Many have lost their homes and livelihoods, been imprisoned or even being killed for their faith. We pray for protection for our brothers and sisters in Laos!

Thursday 17th July

While Christianity is seen as a Western religion, the church in Laos is growing rapidly. We pray for provision for the many congregations of the Laos Evangelical Church, who do not have church buildings and meet in houses.



Friday 18th July

We pray that **President Thongloun Sisoulith** would realise what a blessing the Christian population is for his country and come to faith in Jesus himself.

Saturday 19th July

It's very difficult to obtain a Bible in Laos as printing of Bibles is banned. Bibles are taken into the country secretly by brave Christians which is a dangerous activity. Pray that the Lord will keep safe those who transport Bibles into the country.

Sunday 20th July

There are many different people groups, languages and dialects in Laos. Pray for the ongoing Bible translation efforts which will enable all Laotian people to have God's Word in their mother tongue.

Monday 21st July

Today we pray for organisations such as **Release International** and **Open Doors** who encourage Christians in Laos by providing practical support, pastoral care, Bibles and Christian literature and training through local partners.

Tuesday 22nd July

Today marks the first anniversary of the death of **Pastor Thongkham Philavanh**, who was martyred outside his home in Vanghay village for his Christian activities. We pray for comfort, hope and provision for his widow **Sengdala**, their teenage son and daughter and foster children.

Wednesday 23rd July

Christian converts with a Buddhist-animist background face severe challenges such as divorce, separation from children, physical violence and expulsion from their villages. We pray for hope and a future for these converts and for places where they can live in freedom and safety.