

LENT PRAYER PROJECT

Week 1

Mehran Shamloui (44) is an Iranian Christian convert who is serving a prison sentence of ten years and eight months for his house-church activities. He was arrested in November 2024 in a raid on his home in Tehran. He is a musician and had equipment worth around €5,000 confiscated in the raid.



Sunday 22nd February

Mehran is being held in Evin prison in Tehran, known for its overcrowding and poor conditions. Pray for his protection and good health while in prison.

Monday 23rd February

After Mehran received his sentence in March 2025, he fled to Turkey but he was later detained and deported back to Iran, where he was arrested and imprisoned. Pray for recovery from the trauma he has been through.

Tuesday 24th February

Several other Christians are imprisoned in Evin prison though it is not known if Mehran is held with them. Pray for hope and encouragement for Mehran.

Wednesday 25th February

Pray for Mehran in his daily life in prison as he interacts with other prisoners and guards. Ask God to bless his witness to everyone he meets.

Thursday 26th February

Pray that Mehran would be granted early release from his long sentence.

Friday 27th February

Two other Christian converts, **Abbas Soori** and **Narges Nasri**, who were tried with Mehran, were also given long sentences (15 and 16 years respectively) Pray for blessing and protection for Abbas and Narges as they serve their sentences.

Saturday 28th February

Pray that the Iranian government will change its approach to Christian converts so that they will be able to freely meet for worship.

There will be no separate March Prayer Diary as all prayer points for the Lent Prayer Project are covered in the latest Church in Chains magazine (to be published mid-February)



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On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us,
as you help us by your prayers.
(2 Corinthians 1 v 10-11)

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st February

Thank God for the release of 177 Eritrean Christians, mainly young people from evangelical and Pentecostal churches, from prison on conditional bail in a series of releases during November and December 2025.

Monday 2nd February

Pray for the members of the large unregistered **Yayang church network** in Taishun county, Wenzhou city in Zhejiang province on China's east coast. A huge police crackdown took place in December and many members were taken away for questioning.

Tuesday 3rd February

Pray for the two senior leaders of the church – **Lin Enzhao** (58) and his brother **Lin Enci** (54) – who remain in detention and are likely to face criminal charges.

Wednesday 4th February

Pray for the safe and soon release of 167 Christians who were kidnapped on Sunday 18 January from three churches in **Kurmin Wali village** in Kaduna state in Nigeria's Middle Belt region.

Thursday 5th February

Later this month, the Board of Church in Chains meets together. Thank the Lord for the Board members and pray for wisdom as they make decisions.

Friday 6th February

The Church in Chains Online Prayer Meeting is held this evening – please pray that more Christians throughout Ireland would remember the persecuted.

Saturday 7th February

Please pray for the ongoing recruitment process to find a new part-time administrator for Church in Chains. Pray that the Lord will lead us to the right person for the job.

