

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS



Thursday 23rd April

Thank God for guiding us to **Diogo Vara** (pictured) who has been appointed as our new part-time administrator. He is currently part-time Bursar at the Irish Bible Institute and will be continuing in that role. Pray for Diogo as he joins David and Virginia in the staff team and settles into the work of looking after our finance and administration.

Friday 24th April

Pray for the preparations for this year's Church in Chains Supporters Day as we seek to finalise the date, venue, speaker and format for the event.

Saturday 25th April

Pray for David and Virginia as they begin to plan, research, write and design the Summer issue of *Church in Chains* magazine.

Sunday 26th April

**Mishal** is a 21-year-old Christian woman from Lahore in Pakistan. She recently escaped with her baby daughter from three and a half years in captivity after being abducted, forcibly converted to Islam and married to her abductor. Pray for safety and support for Mishal and her family who are now living in hiding.

Monday 27th April

Pray for **Simin Soheilinia**, who was due for release from Evin Prison in Tehran before the war on Iran began on 28 February. Her family has not heard from her since then.

Tuesday 28th April

When the war on Iran began, there were at least 48 Christian prisoners in Iran including at least 16 in Evin Prison. Contact with prisoners has been lost but some reports state that prisoners are only receiving one small meal a day. Pray that the Lord will supply all the needs of each of his people in prison in Iran.

Wednesday 29th April

Pray for healing of body, mind and spirit for **Pastor Bipin Bihari Naik** from Odisha state in India who is continuing to recover from a mob attack by Hindu militants who beat him and paraded him before tying him up at a Hindu temple.

Thursday 30th April

Pray for the European Court of Human Rights as it examines twenty cases of Christians banned from re-entry into Türkiye.

Thank you for praying with us!



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## Church in Chains Prayer Diary

### April 2026

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he has risen!

(Luke 24 v 5,6)

### LENT PRAYER PROJECT: WEEK 6

**Kim Jong Uk** (61) is a South Korean Baptist missionary who was arrested in October 2013 after he entered North Korea with Bibles and other religious materials. In May 2014 North Korea's Supreme Court found him guilty of spying for South Korea and attempting to start a church. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in labour camp.



Sunday 29th March

Ask God to protect Kim Jong Uk in labour camp.

Monday 30th March

Pray for good mental and physical health.

Tuesday 31st March

Pray for encouragement and spiritual strength.

Wednesday 1st April

Pray for his release and for him to return home.

Thursday 2nd April

Ask God to comfort and bless Missionary Kim's family.

Good Friday 3rd April

Pray for all North Korean Christians imprisoned for their faith.

Saturday 4th April

Pray for freedom of worship for Christians in North Korea.

Easter Sunday 5th April

Praise God for the joy of the Resurrection and pray that Christian prisoners around the world would know this joyful hope in their hearts this Easter Sunday whatever their current circumstances.

## PRAY FOR CHINA

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Since 2018, China has introduced a series of religious regulations to force all religions to be submissive to the Communist Party. Pray for great wisdom for all leaders of registered churches as they seek to lead their churches under increasing pressure.

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Most of China's Christians worship in unregistered churches and don't conform to government restrictions. Pray for great wisdom for their leaders as they lead under threat of arrest and imprisonment.



### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Senior pastor **Jin (Ezra) Mingri** and 17 other members of the **Zion Church Network** have been in detention for the past six months. Pray that the Lord will encourage each leader in detention and supply all the needs of their families.

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Two leaders of **Early Rain Covenant Church** in Chengdu – **Elder Li Yingqiang** and **Brother Lin** – have been charged with “inciting subversion of state power”. Pray for peace for Elder Li and Brother Lin as they await trial.

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Twenty-two members of **Yayang Church** in Zhejiang Province continue to be detained since a police raid in December. Pray for their families as they seek information about where they are being held and if they will face charges.

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for **Preacher Li Jie** of **Linfen Covenant House Church** – due to be released from prison this month – and his wife **Li Shanshan** and young children.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for **Elder Ding Zhongfu** and **Pastor Zhou Songlin** of **Ganquan Church** in Hefei as they begin serving four-year prison sentences for “fraud”.

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for our partner **China Aid** as it continues its project of arranging the printing and delivery of Children's Bibles to Christian families in China.

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for our partner **Chinese Church Support Ministries** which supplies small audio Bible players – simple to operate and very popular among older Christians.

## PRAY FOR YEMEN

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

The people of Yemen have endured years of severe suffering, with political instability and poverty greatly intensified by the ongoing civil war between the northern Houthi rebels, backed by Iran, and government forces backed by a Saudi-led coalition. Thank God that fighting has mainly paused and pray for those working to bring about a permanent peaceful settlement.



### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

The UN estimates that 22 million people in Yemen, including 11 million children, need urgent humanitarian assistance. Pray that funding will be provided to feed the starving people of Yemen and for all involved in delivering aid.

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Yemen is 99% Muslim with only a few thousand Christian converts from Islam. The persecution of Christians is severe. Pray for Yemeni Christians – all of whom must meet secretly in small groups in homes.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

The Iran-backed Houthi rebels who control northwest Yemen have rounded up dozens of Christians since last November. Pray for peace and a sense of God's presence for every Christian who has been arrested or simply disappeared.

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for the families of those who have been detained – that they will be able to find out where their loved ones are being held and have contact with them.

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Pray for “**Majed**” who told Open Doors before being disappeared: “*I'm trying to memorise as many Bible passages and verses as possible. I want to be a walking Bible, so that wherever I'm taken, I can share about Jesus. God has called us to be salt and light, this is what I pray I can be. May God use me. Just like He was with Paul and Silas in prison in Philippi, I know that He will be with me.*”

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Pray for the safe and soon release of all those who are still detained.

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Pray that, despite this crackdown, the Lord will continue to strengthen and build his church in Yemen and bring many Yemenis to faith in Jesus.