

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Friday 24th July

Pastor Wang Yi of China's Early Rain Church is serving a nine-year prison sentence, with an expected release date of December 2027. Pray for good health and that he would be well treated, and pray for his witness in prison.

Saturday 25th July

Pastor Yang Rongli (pictured) of China's Golden Lampstand Church is serving a 15-year sentence. Pray for medical care for her diabetes and for early release.



Sunday 26th July

Rev Gebremedhin Gebregioris is an Eritrean Orthodox priest who has been in prison since 2004, with no release date set. Pray for encouragement, hope and release.

Monday 27th July

Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteab is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and physician who has been in prison since 2004, with no release date set. Pray for good mental, physical and spiritual health, and pray that he would be released.

Tuesday 28th July

Mehran Shamloui is an Iranian Christian convert who began serving a prison sentence of over ten years for his house church activities last July. Pray for encouragement and that he would be kept safe and well in Evin Prison.

Wednesday 29th July

Y Pum Bya is a church leader from Vietnam who is serving a 14-year prison sentence for peacefully promoting religious freedom and human rights. He is due for release in 2032. Pray for good health, safety, hope and early release.

Thursday 30th July

Shaguffa Kiran was arrested on a blasphemy charge in Pakistan in 2021 and was sentenced to death in 2024. Pray for peace and hope for Shaguffa and her family, and pray that she would be acquitted on appeal.

Friday 31st July

Asif Pervaiz was arrested on a blasphemy charge in Pakistan in 2013 and was sentenced to death in 2020. Pray that his appeal would be heard soon and that he would be acquitted. Pray for peace and hope for Asif and his family.



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“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.” (Isaiah 43 v 1,2)

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Wednesday 1st July

Pray for strength and wisdom for Iranian Christian converts and asylum-seekers **Sam Khosravi** and his wife **Maryam Falahi** living in Türkiye. Immigration officials recently raised questions about the legal custody of their adopted daughter **Lydia** (8). Pray that the family will be at peace and will be able to stay together.

Thursday 2nd July

Pray that the Lord would comfort and heal all who were frightened during a police raid on 14 June on a meeting of **Early Rain Covenant Church** in **Chengdu**, China. Pray especially for the children who cried amid the chaos and confusion.

Friday 3rd July

Pray for eighteen leaders from **Zion church network** in China who were arrested last October. Nine of the leaders were released on bail in mid-June and were joyfully reunited with their families while the other nine, including senior pastor **Jin (Ezra) Mingri**, remain in custody awaiting confirmation of charges against them.

Saturday 4th July

Praise God that the Egyptian government recently legalised 191 more churches in **Egypt**. Pray for the leaders of each church as they move forward to ensure that their buildings meet official standards and are safe to meet in.

Sunday 5th July

Pray for David Turner who is speaking at **Edgeworthstown Church of Ireland** this morning and next week at a **BCM senior children's camp** at Castledaly Manor.

Monday 6th July

Pray for the preparations being made for our annual **Supporters Day** being held on Saturday 19th September at Trinity Church Dublin. Our speaker **Dr Khataza Gondwe** (CSW) will be speaking about Christians living in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tuesday 7th July

Pray for the impact of our summer magazine (currently being printed) focusing on **Christians in Iran** – that many Christians in Ireland will pray and support them.

Thank you for praying with us!



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PRAY FOR INDIA

Wednesday 8th July

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** strengthened its control of India in state elections held in May – it now controls 21 of India's 28 states. Pray that Prime Minister Modi will ensure that people of all religions, including Christians, can worship in freedom and that he will act to halt the attacks by Hindu extremists on Christians across India.

Thursday 9th July

Last year, 747 incidents of hostility, intimidation, violence and discrimination were recorded against Christians across India. Pray for protection for churches and individuals in areas where Hindu militants are active.

Friday 10th July

Pray for Christians in **Chhattisgarh state** in central India where there has been an upsurge in violent attacks by Hindu militants on churches. The state parliament recently replaced its 58-year-old anti-conversion law with a harsher one that imposes stricter penalties for "forced" conversions.



Saturday 11th July

Pray for **Pastor Hunga Mandavi** and his pregnant wife who were among 25 worshippers injured when a crowd of extremists attacked a worship gathering in **Sadrapal**, a village in **Sukma district** in Chhattisgarh. Pray that the injured Christians will receive all the care that they need and recover from their injuries.

Sunday 12th July

Pray for a peaceful resolution to the situation in **Bharanda**, a village in **Narayanpur District** in Chhattisgarh where 26 Christian families have faced pressure to leave the village because of their conversion to Christianity.

Monday 13th July

Pray for protection over the minds of Christian children attending public schools in Chhattisgarh. The Department of Education recently ordered that Hindu chants and prayers be recited in the morning, at lunchtime and in the evening.

Tuesday 14th July

Pray for good health, energy, wisdom and protection for **Shibu Thomas**, founder of Church in Chains' partner **Persecution Relief** as he liaises with persecuted Christians across India and arranges aid and support to those who are in need.

Wednesday 15th July

Pray for **Pastor G** and 24 Christian families who have been denied access to the community drinking water scheme in their village. Persecution Relief is exploring the possibility of providing a borewell and an independent water source for these families so that they can have reliable access to clean drinking water.

PRAY FOR IRAQ

Thursday 16th July

Pray for the new Iraqi prime minister **Ali al-Zaidi** who was appointed in May – after six months of complex political negotiations – as he and his government face many difficult challenges balancing the expectations of several armed factions and seeking to unite the country.

Friday 17th July

Most of Iraq's Christians traditionally lived in the Nineveh Plains region of northern Iraq and fled in the wake of the Islamic State occupation in 2014. Few have returned – pray for security and protection for the small number of Christians who have come back.



Saturday 18th July

The semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan took in the Christians who fled from the Nineveh Plains and many still live there in relative freedom. Pray for provision for them as many live in poverty.

Sunday 19th July

Pray for Christians gathering together for worship throughout Iraq today and especially for those who welcome converts from Islam as such churches can face persecution because of this action.

Monday 20th July

Pray for Christian converts who face persecution from their families and tribes and local communities and often have to leave to be able to survive. Pray for protection, courage and provision for each one.

Tuesday 21st July

Pray for pastors as they lead congregations that have known persecution, trauma and loss – that the Lord will encourage their hearts and provide for their needs as they faithfully care for their churches and preach the Gospel.

Wednesday 22nd July

Pray for churches in the capital Baghdad including the **National Evangelical Baptist Church**. Pray for its members and leaders who continue to reach out and organise special events for women and children and who recently shared the Gospel at the Iraq International Book Fair.

Thursday 23rd July

Pray for Christian missions and organisations that work with the church in Iraq assisting in social and humanitarian programmes and also seeking to address physical and mental health issues.