

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 24th August

Pastor **Bao Guohua** was detained in 2015 for resisting China's cross removal policy and is serving a 14-year sentence. Pray for hope and for protection over Pastor Bao's physical, mental and spiritual health.

Tuesday 25th August

Chinese pastor **Hao Zhiwei** (pictured) is serving an eight-year sentence and has suffered several bouts of acute pancreatitis in prison. Pray for good medical care and complete recovery.



Wednesday 26th August

Eritrean pastor **Kidane Weldou** has been in prison since 2005 and is believed to suffer from diabetes. Pray for Pastor Kidane's health, for encouragement and for release.

Thursday 27th August

Mussie Ezaz was an evangelist and youth leader in Eritrea before his arrest in 2008. He is held incommunicado, with no release date set. Pray for hope, strength and an awareness of God's presence, and pray for release.

Friday 28th August

Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh is an Iranian Christian convert who was sentenced to ten years in prison in 2025. Pray for full recovery from the stroke he suffered last year and pray that he would be granted early release.

Saturday 29th August

Joseph Shahbazian is an Armenian-Iranian house-church leader who was arrested in February 2025 and given a ten-year sentence. He recently lost his appeal. Pray that God would comfort Joseph and protect his mind and body.

Sunday 30th August

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** was arrested in North Korea in 2013 and is serving a life sentence in labour camp. Ask God to protect Missionary Kim and pray that he would be released and allowed to return home.

Monday 31st August

Ashfaq Masih has been in prison in Pakistan since 2017 and was sentenced to death for blasphemy in 2022. Pray for hope and ask God to grant Ashfaq and his family peace. Pray that he would be acquitted on appeal.



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But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream! Amos 5:24

PRAY FOR NEWS/EVENTS

Saturday 1st August

In mid-July Iranian Christian convert **Ghazal Marzban** was beaten while protesting against overcrowding in Evin prison. Pray that she will receive the recommended treatment for a broken bone in her left hand in hospital.

Sunday 2nd August

Church in Chains has launched a new petition calling on the Iranian government to allow freedom of worship for Christians. Pray that many Christians throughout Ireland will support this petition, leading to change.

Monday 3rd August

Praise God for the release of **Pastor Ezra Jin Mingri** from detention in China and pray for him as he adjusts to life in freedom in the USA with his wife Anna Chunli Liu, daughter Grace Jin Drexel and new one-month-old grandson.

Tuesday 4th August

Pray for the eight co-workers of Pastor Jin who remain in prison – **Pastor Gao Yingjia, Pastor Yin Huibin, Pastor Liu Zhenbin, Pastor Lin Shucheng, Pastor Wang Lin, Pastor Wang Cong, Elder Wang Zhong**, and **Preacher Wu Qiuyu** – and for their legal teams as they seek to secure justice.

Wednesday 5th August

Pray for Church in Chains staff preparing for our annual Supporters Day (Saturday 19 September) and for our guest speaker **Dr Khataza Gondwe** who will speak about persecuted Christians in sub-Saharan Africa.

Thursday 6th August

Pray that the false charges against **Pastor Prakash Singh** made by a Sikh neighbour in India's Punjab state will be withdrawn.

Friday 7th August

Pray for the safe return of 13-year-old **Amber Nadeem** who was abducted in Pakistan mid-June, converted to Islam and married to a Muslim man and is in police custody while legal proceedings are ongoing.

PRAY FOR UGANDA

Saturday 8th August

Over 80% of Uganda's 46 million people are Christian. However, in areas with high concentrations of Muslims, especially in the east of the country, Christian conversion from Islam is often met by violent attacks. Pray for an increase in tolerance in Uganda and for an end to such attacks.

Sunday 9th August

President Yoweri Museveni (81) won a landslide victory in controversial elections in January, extending his 40 year rule. Pray that he would make religious freedom a priority and act to ensure that those who attack Christian converts are brought to justice.



Monday 10th August

Pray for all Christian leaders and evangelists who live and work in Muslim-majority regions – may they be “as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves” as they preach the Gospel.

Tuesday 11th August

Ochora Awali, a 28-year-old father of one child, converted to Christianity at the beginning of the year in eastern Uganda. His wife left him and his Muslim in-laws beat him severely in May. Pray that the Lord would heal Ochora's body and encourage him in his new faith.

Wednesday 12th August

Two Christian converts from western Uganda, **Sowed Kashejjea** and **Gad Katusabe** were released on bail in April after two years in prison on false charges following the intervention of an Anglican minister. Pray for Sowed and Gad as they seek to make a new life amidst great uncertainty.

Thursday 13th August

Pray for strength, wisdom and protection for Church in Chains partner **Pastor Emmanuel Mwondha** of Tower of Prayer Revival Ministry International as his team care for Christian converts giving them shelter, provision and education.

Friday 14th August

Pray also for Church in Chains partner **Mubiru Nicholas** who does similar work amongst a smaller group in eastern Uganda.

Saturday 15th August

Praise God that Church in Chains has recently been able to send a large grant to support the work being done by **Pastor Emmanuel** and **Mubiru Nicholas** and pray that many will benefit as a result of this grant.

PRAY FOR SYRIA

Sunday 16th August

President Ahmed al-Sharaa leads the transitional government following the fall of the Assad regime in late 2024. Pray that his government's pledges to protect religious minorities and uphold freedom of worship would be honoured.

Monday 17th August

As the security situation stabilises, thousands of Syrian refugees are attempting to return. We pray for their safe reintegration, especially for Christian families who often find their former homes destroyed or occupied.



Tuesday 18th August

Only an estimated 250,000 Christians remain in Syria, compared with around 1.5 million before the civil war. We pray for divine encouragement for pastors as they faithfully care for their diminished congregations.

Wednesday 19th August

One year on from the horrific suicide attack on a Greek Orthodox church in Damascus which claimed at least 30 lives, we continue to pray for the survivors. Ask for God's deep healing for those still carrying physical and emotional scars.

Thursday 20th August

Though the full-scale war has ended, Syria remains in the grip of a devastating economic crisis, with millions living in extreme poverty. Pray for local churches as they provide food and medical care to their vulnerable neighbours.

Friday 21st August

Christian converts from a Muslim background often face intense pressure, including rejection, disinheritance and violence. We ask the Lord to grant these believers courage and pray for daily protection and loving Christian fellowship.

Saturday 22nd August

Pray for the work of Christian organisations, including **SAT-7** and **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**, which provide spiritual broadcasting, trauma care, and advocacy for Syrian believers.

Sunday 23rd August

We pray that the Church in Syria would be a powerful witness to Christ through love, forgiveness, and practical service. Ask God to strengthen every believer, that their witness would be a beacon of hope and that many more Syrians would come to know the peace of Jesus.