

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 23rd September

Pastor Y Nuen Ayun has recently been sentenced to over seven years in prison in Vietnam. Pray that the Lord will encourage him as he begins to serve his sentence and that he will be a blessing to fellow prisoners and guards.

Thursday 24th September

Yang Rongli (pictured), co-founder of Linfen Golden Lampstand church in China, is serving a 15-year sentence and is not due for release until 2036. Pray that she will have hope in her heart as she serves her sentence.



Friday 25th September

Wang Xiaoguang, husband of Yang Rongli, is serving a sentence of nine years and seven months in the same prison as his wife. Pray that they may be allowed to meet each other.

Saturday 26th September

Dr Kiflu Gebremeskel was chair of the Eritrean Evangelical Alliance before his arrest in Eritrea in 2004. He is held incommunicado with no release date set. Pray for physical and spiritual strength and perseverance.

Sunday 27th September

Meron Gebreselasie was a pastor of a banned church in Eritrea and worked as an anaesthetist prior to his arrest in 2004. Pray that he and Dr Kiflu and the other Christians they are imprisoned with will be able to encourage one another.

Monday 28th September

Christian convert **Nayereh Arjaneh** began serving a ten-year prison sentence in Iran last December – imposed after she attended a Christian seminar in Turkey. Pray that she will be well-treated in prison.

Tuesday 29th September

Iranian Christian convert **Mary Mohammadi**, a former prisoner of conscience, disappeared in late February and is believed to be detained by the Iranian regime. Pray that she will be kept safe and be released soon.

Wednesday 30th September

South Korean pastor **Kim Kuk-gi** (72) has been serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2015. Pray that he will be constantly aware that the Lord is with him and may never give up hope.



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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
(Ephesians 6 v 18)

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Tuesday 1st September

A court in Pakistan has granted custody of 13-year-old Christian girl **Amber Nadeem** to her abductor. Pray that the Pakistani authorities will act to reverse this shocking decision and that she will be rescued and returned to her family.

Wednesday 2nd September

South Korean missionary **Park Tae Yeon** (70) remains in detention in Russia as her trial on immigration-related charges was halted – pray that she will know the Lord's presence with her as she waits for the trial to resume later this month.

Thursday 3rd September

Former prisoner **John Cao** (67) is currently battling stage 4 prostate cancer that has metastasised to his bones and spine. Pray that the Chinese authorities will grant him permission to return to the United States to reunite with his family.

Friday 4th September

Church in Chains was privileged to sponsor a recent Trauma Counselling Workshop run by our partner Stefanos Foundation for a group of widows from Plateau state, Nigeria. Pray that the widows who attended the workshop will be encouraged daily as they continue to live their lives and care for their children.

Saturday 5th September

Pray for all the preparations for our Annual Supporters Day – “Voices from Africa” – being held in Trinity Church Dublin (and online) on Saturday 19 September and for our guest speaker **Dr Khataza Gondwe** (Christian Solidarity Worldwide).

Sunday 6th September

Give thanks that our Iran Petition has got off to a good start and pray that many more individuals and churches will support the call for freedom of worship for Christians in Iran.

Monday 7th September

Pray for the organisers and the artists appearing at the annual Corcaghan Gospel Concert in aid of the persecuted church. This year's concert is on Saturday 26 September in Corcaghan Community Centre, Co Monaghan.

PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

Tuesday 8th September

Give thanks for the release last November of **Deacon Jang Moon Seok**, a Chinese Christian imprisoned for more than a decade after helping North Korean refugees. Pray for his continued recovery from his prison experience.

Wednesday 9th September

For Christians in North Korea, possessing a Bible can result in imprisonment or death. Pray that they will be able to remember scriptures they have memorised to encourage their faith.

Thursday 10th September

Cry out for North Korean labourers sent abroad to work in brutal conditions, particularly in Russian factories. Pray for their protection and ask that audio Bibles on MP3 players would kindle deep hope and faith in their hearts.



Friday 11th September

Pray for North Korean defectors participating in missionary training programmes. Ask God to grant these future leaders theological wisdom, spiritual maturity and safety as they prepare to share the gospel with fellow North Koreans.

Saturday 12th September

Pray for the daily Bible broadcasts transmitted via five shortwave radio stations directly into North Korea. Ask that these broadcasts remain clear and free from jamming. Thank God that, despite claims of victory over religion, an underground church of secret believers still exists inside North Korea.

Sunday 13th September

Lift up North Korean border guards patrolling the river boundaries. Although they are strictly warned against letting Bibles in, pray that God would transform their hearts and give them compassion to let Bibles pass safely into the country.

Monday 14th September

Pray for the softening of North Korea's highly restrictive regime. Pray that government policies, hostile structures and severe crackdowns would begin to crumble. Pray for **Kim Jong-un** and other North Korean leaders, asking God to humble them and lead them to act with mercy.

Tuesday 15th September

It is estimated that there are 30,000 Christians being held in labour camps in North Korea. Ask God to preserve them, strengthen their faith, protect their physical health and bring them freedom.

PRAY FOR SUDAN

Wednesday 16th September

Pray for an immediate end to the devastating civil war in Sudan between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), both of which are Islamist military forces. Since April 2023, over 150,000 people have been killed, millions of people displaced and over 30 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. Pray for a swift, lasting peace that guarantees safety and true religious freedom.

Thursday 17th September

Pray for local and international organisations delivering emergency food, Bibles, legal aid and trauma counselling. Ask God to protect these courageous workers as they risk their lives to coordinate relief and pray that vital funding and resources are abundantly provided.



Friday 18th September

Pray for Christian congregations whose church buildings have been damaged, destroyed, or closed due to the fighting. Pray for the Pentecostal church in Khartoum whose building was demolished by extremists in July. Ask the Lord to provide safe spaces for worship and to protect church properties from further demolition.

Saturday 19th September

Intercede for converts from Muslim or traditional backgrounds who risk intense family and societal pressure. Pray they find supernatural strength, comfort, and deep community as they navigate daily isolation, physical danger, and threats.

Sunday 20th September

More than 160 churches have been damaged or closed since the war began, causing severe trauma. Pray for deep spiritual and emotional healing for Sudan's traumatised Christians, asking that their faith remains a beacon of hope and that their broken spirits are fully restored by God's comfort.

Monday 21st September

Pray for pastors, priests and Christian leaders being targeted by the military forces – some have been killed while others have been kidnapped. Pray for those still missing, grieving families, and leaders serving local congregations in dangerous areas.

Tuesday 22nd September

Some Christians have been detained without charge by SAF or RSF forces. Ask God to protect them from torture, sustain them with His presence, and bring about their safe release.