

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 23rd November

Former maths lecturer and pastor **Dr Kiflu Gebremeskel** has been held incommunicado in prison in Eritrea since 2004 with no trial set. We pray for peace, physical health, and divine comfort for Dr Kiflu who suffers from hypertension and diabetes.

Tuesday 24th November

Ashfaq Masih (pictured) has been in prison in Pakistan since 2017 on blasphemy charges and is awaiting an appeal against the death penalty. His case was finally listed in September but was adjourned. Pray that the appeal will soon be heard and will be successful.



Wednesday 25th November

Armenian Christian **Hakop Gochumyan** is serving a ten-year sentence in Iran for possessing Bibles and attending church. We pray for physical protection, spiritual endurance, and an early release so he can return home to his family.

Thursday 26th November

South Korean Pastor **Kim Kuk-gi** has been serving a life sentence in a North Korean labour camp since 2015. We ask God to strengthen his body, protect his health, and fill him with supernatural peace.

Friday 27th November

Montagnard religious freedom activist **Nay Y Blang** is serving a four-and-a-half-year prison sentence in Vietnam for holding home prayer meetings. We pray that God ministers daily to him inside prison and grants him early release.

Saturday 28th November

Leah Sharibu has been held in captivity in Nigeria by Islamist militants since 2018 for refusing to renounce her Christian faith. We pray for physical protection over Leah and her children, and for their swift release.

Sunday 29th November

Pastor Hao Zhiwei is serving an eight-year prison sentence in China and is due for release in July 2027. Pray for good physical and mental health for her.

Monday 30th November

Wu Qiuyu from Zion Church has been in detention in China since October 2025 on false charges of fraud. Pray that she may be released so she can return home to care for her young children.



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Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3 v 20)

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st November

Today, we join in prayer with millions of Christians worldwide marking the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (in Ireland, we are focusing our prayers on Iran). May our prayers be abundantly answered beyond what we can ask or imagine.

Monday 2nd November

Pray for guidance and provision for **David Yeghnazar** and all working for Church in Chains partner organisation **Elam Ministries** as they continue to train Iranian Christian leaders for ministry in a dangerous context and equip the Iranian church with Bibles and resources for evangelism and discipleship.

Tuesday 3rd November

Pray for wisdom, courage and protection for **Mansour Borji** and all working for Church in Chains partner organisation **Article 18** as they continue to research and report on the situation of Christians who are arrested and imprisoned in Iran.

Wednesday 4th November

Lida Alexani, an Iranian-Armenian Christian has been summoned to prison to begin serving an 8-year sentence for her involvement in a house church. Her husband, **Joseph Shahbazian**, has been in prison since February 2025 serving a 10-year sentence on the same charge. Pray for Lida as she adjusts to prison life and make her a blessing to all who she meets.

Thursday 5th November

Pray for **Park Tae Yon** (70) who was recently sentenced to 5 years and 8 months' imprisonment in Russia on immigration-related charges, that she may continue to have peace and pray also that her appeal will be successful.

Friday 6th November

Pray for blessing for Church in Chains staff as they work on preparing the winter issue of our magazine, which will focus on Christians in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Saturday 7th November

Pray for wisdom for the Church in Chains board as it meets next week to discuss various issues including the allocation of funds to our overseas partners.



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PRAY FOR TÜRKİYE

Sunday 8th November

President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**'s government continues to promote a strong link between Turkish identity and Islam, leaving non-Muslims marginalised. We pray that President Erdoğan and his administration govern with true justice, upholding freedom of belief and protecting religious minorities from state discrimination.

Monday 9th November

Türkiye faces ongoing economic problems that heavily impact the population. Pray for provision for all citizens, asking that local Christians shine as beacons of Christ's love and service in their communities.

Tuesday 10th November

Praise God that the European Court of Human Rights has taken up twenty cases of foreign Christians banned from Türkiye under arbitrary national security codes. We pray for swift justice and the complete overturning of these entry bans.

Wednesday 11th November

Many of the 200+ Protestant fellowships in Türkiye face immense hurdles renting or building places of worship. We pray that municipal authorities grant fair legal recognition, allowing congregations to gather safely without fear of closure.

Thursday 12th November

Historical Armenian, Greek Orthodox, and Syriac congregations face strict government controls. We ask the Lord to protect historical church properties, grant wisdom to their leaders, and preserve their rich Christian heritage.

Friday 13th November

Muslim-background believers in Türkiye experience severe social hostility, family rejection, and threats of violence from relatives and radical groups. Pray for supernatural protection, courage and supportive fellowship in local churches.

Saturday 14th November

Recent years have seen alarming death threats against pastors in cities like Istanbul and Antalya. We ask God to place a divine hedge of protection around worship centres, thwart extremist violence, and keep all believers safe.

Sunday 15th November

Satellite channels such as **SAT-7 TÜRK** bring the gospel directly into millions of Turkish homes and also offer encouragement and solid Biblical teaching to isolated believers. Pray for protection, resources, and expanded reach for Christian broadcasting ministries and that many seekers would encounter Christ.



PRAY FOR INDONESIA

Monday 16th November

President **Prabowo Subianto** leads the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation (280 million), where local laws increasingly follow strict Islamic regulations. We pray that the government will uphold Indonesia's constitutional promise of religious freedom for all 28 million Christians across the vast archipelago.

Tuesday 17th November

Indonesia faces economic disparities, natural disasters, and rising communal intolerance across its 17,000 islands. We pray for national stability and genuine peace among different ethnic and religious communities, and pray that Christians will demonstrate Christ's love to their surrounding neighbours.



Wednesday 18th November

In recent months, radical Muslim groups have physically blocked Christmas services, sealed worship halls, and disrupted church gatherings in several areas. We pray against mob intimidation, asking the Lord to grant congregations safe, undisturbed places to worship Him freely.

Thursday 19th November

Indonesia's regulations require churches to obtain signatures from 60 local Muslim residents and municipal approval before building a church. We pray for the reform of these burdensome regulations and ask that local municipal authorities treat Christian applications with true fairness and integrity.

Friday 20th November

Believers from Muslim backgrounds face intense pressure from family and community, including verbal abuse and social isolation. We pray for physical safety, deep emotional comfort, and resilience for these converts, asking God to surround them with loving Christian fellowships that supply all their needs.

Saturday 21st November

We intercede for Christians prosecuted under Indonesia's notorious blasphemy laws, including Christian YouTuber **Muhammed Kece** serving an eight-year sentence. Pray for justice, physical protection in prison, and early release for all believers detained or targeted for sharing their faith.

Sunday 22nd November

We give thanks for local and international Christian organisations supporting isolated Indonesian believers in various ways. Pray for safety, wisdom, and abundant provision for these partner teams as they minister to persecuted congregations in high-risk provinces across the nation.