

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Saturday 24th October

Mehran Shamloui is an Iranian Christian convert who is serving a sentence of ten years and eight months in prison since March 2025 for his house-church activities – pray for hope and encouragement for Mehran day by day.

Sunday 25th October

Simin Soheilinia (pictured) was due for release from prison in Iran on the day the war began and has not been heard of since – pray for safety for Simin and that she will be able to make contact with her family.



Monday 26th October

Futsum Gebrenegus has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004 because of his involvement in a Bible study renewal movement within the Eritrean Orthodox Church. Pray that he will be strengthened in body, mind and spirit.

Tuesday 27th October

Tekleab Menghisteb was also imprisoned in Eritrea in 2004 because of his involvement in the Medhane Alem Bible study group. Pray that he will continue to receive regular insulin to manage his diabetes.

Wednesday 28th October

Former prisoner **John Cao** who is suffering from late-stage prostate cancer is still seeking permission from the Chinese authorities to return to the United States to be reunited with his family – pray that this permission will soon be granted.

Thursday 29th October

In late September, news broke that **Wang Yi**, pastor of Early Rain Covenant Church, may be suffering from advanced liver cancer – pray that his family will be allowed to visit him in prison and that he will receive proper medical care.

Friday 30th October

South Korean businessman and missionary **Choi Chun-gil** (70) has been imprisoned in North Korea since 2014. Pray that he may know the Lord's presence with him and that his life sentence will be reviewed and reversed.

Saturday 31st October

Shagufta Kiran continues to wait in prison in Pakistan for her appeal against the death sentence for blasphemy to be heard – pray that this will happen soon and that she will be acquitted and released.



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The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34 v 15)

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Thursday 1st October

Give thanks for news of the release of **Fu Xuanjuan** from prison in China in September 2025 (this information was previously only reported by Chinese language sources). Pray for good health for Fu and pray for strength for her and her husband **Deng Tianyong** as they care for their young adopted daughter.

Friday 2nd October

Pray for Iranian Christian convert **Ghazal Marzban** who began a hunger strike on 19 September in Evin prison to protest against being denied access to a Bible and being threatened with death for apostasy. Pray that she will be given a Bible and that the situation will be resolved without damage to her health.

Saturday 3rd October

Pray for peace for South Korean missionary **Park Tae Yeon** (70) in detention in Russia. Her trial on immigration charges has been further delayed and a verdict is not now expected till 8 October – pray that she will be acquitted and released.

Sunday 4th October

Give thanks for a wonderful Supporters Day in Dublin last month and pray that all attendees (both in person and online) will be inspired to continue to pray and work on behalf of our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Monday 5th October

Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage and inspire **Dr Khataza Gondwe** (our Supporters Day speaker) in her daily work with Christian Solidarity Worldwide focusing on the situations in Nigeria, Sudan, Eritrea and other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and advocating for justice.

Tuesday 6th October

Give thanks for another encouraging Corcaghan Gospel Concert and pray for our partners in Christian Solidarity Worldwide Nigeria as they use the funds raised (around €5,000) to support Christian victims of terrorist attacks in Nigeria.

Wednesday 7th October

Pray for Church in Chains staff preparing the resources for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (being marked on Sunday 1st November).



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PRAY FOR VIETNAM

Thursday 8th October

Recent severe flooding and landslides across northern and central Vietnam have killed many people, ruined homes and damaged crops. Pray that local churches will be a practical blessing as they seek to help those affected.

Friday 9th October

Tô Lâm is Vietnam's Communist Party General Secretary and State President. Pray that God will grant him wisdom, humility and compassion, and move him to uphold justice and freedom to worship.

Saturday 10th October

Vietnam's constitution promises religious freedom, yet registration rules and national-security laws are used against independent Christian communities. Pray that government officials will protect peaceful worship, and that unregistered churches will be treated fairly.



Sunday 11th October

Hmong, Montagnard and other ethnic minority Christians in the Central and Northern Highlands often face pressure to abandon independent congregations and renounce their faith. Pray that isolated believers will know Christ's presence in such difficult situations and receive strength to resist.

Monday 12th October

Montagnard pastor **Y Nuen Ayun** was sentenced on 5 August to seven and a half years in prison, followed by four years' probation, simply for leading an unregistered church. Pray that the Lord will sustain him and strengthen his faith.

Tuesday 13th October

Pastor **Siu Yúi** (68) and church member **Siu Dok** were arrested in Gia Lai Province in June. Pray for their release, and that other Christians in the region will not be intimidated by these arrests.

Wednesday 14th October

Remember Christian prisoners **Y Pum Bya** (serving 14 years) and **Nay Y Blang** (four and a half years). Pray that they receive proper medical care, access to Scripture and God's sustaining grace.

Thursday 15th October

Vietnamese security forces continue to monitor ethnic minority Christians who flee across borders into neighbouring countries like Thailand to seek asylum. Pray for protection and provision for all Christian refugees fleeing persecution.

PRAY FOR CUBA

Friday 16th October

Cuba continues to suffer a severe economic and humanitarian crisis marked by power blackouts, disrupted water supplies, and critical shortages of food and medicine. Pray for God's provision for Cuba's people and ask that churches be equipped to bring practical aid and spiritual hope to struggling communities.

Saturday 17th October

Pray for President **Miguel Díaz-Canel** and Communist Party officials, asking God to soften their hearts toward the church and help them cease viewing active Christian faith as a threat to national stability.



Sunday 18th October

Thousands of unregistered house churches are denied permission to meet together. Pray that every church in Cuba will be granted boldness, joy and spiritual growth, and be free from government interference.

Monday 19th October

State security forces use short-term detentions and official warning notices to threaten pastors and stop them from leading prayer vigils or distributing relief aid. Pray for courage and discernment for church leaders facing state harassment.

Tuesday 20th October

Give thanks that **Pastor Alexis Padrón Lorenzo**, who was detained in Havana in June, was released last month after three months' detention following a protest about blackouts and shortages. Pray for his full acquittal, restored health, peace for his wife **Roselín** and children and protection for their church.

Wednesday 21st October

Give thanks that **Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo** was released in January 2025 after years of unjust detention; pray for his ongoing healing, and for his wife **Maridilegnis** and family as they rebuild their lives.

Thursday 22nd October

Bibles and Christian literature are scarce and very expensive in Cuba. Pray for protection for distributors and that Bibles may be legally imported.

Friday 23rd October

Pray for state security agents, police officers and officials who enforce restrictive policies against churches. Ask God to touch their hearts and bring many to faith through the witness of believers.