

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Wednesday 24th July

Kim Jong Uk has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp in North Korea since 2013. We pray for good health and that he would be treated well by the guards and his fellow inmates.

Thursday 25th July

Jang Moon Seok (pictured) has been serving a 15-year prison sentence in North Korea since 2014. We pray that the Lord would fortify his heart and soul.



Friday 26th July

Pastor Kim Kuk-gi has been serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray for strong faith and perseverance for him.

Saturday 27th July

Rev Gebremedhin Gebregjorsis is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and theologian who was arrested in 2004. We ask God to fill Gebremedhin with joy, peace and patience every day he remains in prison.

Sunday 28th July

Rev Dr Tekleab Menghisteab is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and physician who has been in prison since 2004. We pray that the Lord would fill him with the Holy Spirit and be his comforter, counsellor, encourager, and helper.

Monday 29th July

Pastor Kidane Weldou disappeared from the streets of the Eritrean capital, Asmara, in 2005. We pray that Kidane can be a witness for God's love among the other prisoners and guards.

Tuesday 30th July

Mehdi Akbari was arrested in 2019 in Iran and has been serving a ten-year sentence since 2020. We pray for comfort, hope and courage for Mehdi whose son died with cerebral palsy aged 18 in 2021.

Wednesday 31st July

Anooshavan Avedian is an ethnic Armenian house-church leader who has been serving a ten-year prison sentence in Iran since 2023. We pray that Anooshavan would be released early.

—————Thank you for praying for the persecuted every day!—————



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Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:9

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Monday 1st July

Yang Aiqing, wife of Elder **Zhang Chunlei** (in prison in China since March 2021 without sentence) has revealed that he is suffering from liver cirrhosis, and has asked for prayer that he be released early for medical treatment.

Tuesday 2nd July

On 3 June **Nazir Masih** (73) died from the severe head injuries he received in a brutal attack following a false accusation of blasphemy in Pakistan. His wife Naseem died of a heart attack on 21 June. Pray for comfort for their family which remains in a safe house for security reasons.

Wednesday 3rd July

Armenian Christian **Hakop Gochumyan** has been in prison in Iran since his arrest in August 2023. In early June his appeal against his ten-year sentence failed. We pray for hope for Hakop, his wife Elissa and their two children aged 7 and 10.

Thursday 4th July

In May Christian convert **Esmail Narimanpour**, arrested on Christmas Eve 2023 in Iran, was sentenced to five years in prison. We pray for peace of mind and strength for Esmail and also his wife and two children.

Friday 5th July

Pray for preparations being made for our annual conference, to be held at The Exchange (Trinity Church) in Gardiner Street in Dublin 1 and online on Saturday 28 September with guest speaker **Mark Lipdo** from Nigeria.

Saturday 6th July

Church in Chains has an extensive reach around the world through our network of overseas partners. Pray for continuing fruitful partnerships that effectively channel support to meet the needs of persecuted Christians in various countries.

Sunday 7th July

Church in Chains recently launched a petition to the Chinese President Xi Jinping to end the repression and release Chinese pastors. Please pray that many people will sign the petition and that change will happen as a result of it.

PRAY FOR INDIA

Monday 8th July

Following the general elections in India from April to June, India's Christians are relieved that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) did not reach an absolute majority. However the party is likely to continue its Hindu nationalist agenda, which discriminates against religious minorities. We pray for more harmony among people of all faiths in India during Modi's third term.

Tuesday 9th July

Violence continued during the election in the state of Manipur where extremists attacked polling booths and murdered Christians. We pray for hope and a future for Christians in this state which has been a hotspot for ethnic violence since May 2023.

Wednesday 10th July

We pray that the political shift which became apparent in the election would have an impact on how **Narendra Modi** governs this next term. We pray that he would be humbled and also for an encounter with Jesus.

Thursday 11th July

We pray for provision, comfort and peace for **Jime Kawasi** from Chhattisgarh state who is living in fear. She fled for her life after her husband, 22-year-old **Kosa Kawasi**, a Christian convert from Hinduism, was killed in front of her eyes in May.

Friday 12th July

Today we pray for protection and safety for Indian Christian women and girls. They face double discrimination due to their gender and religion and are at risk of sexual harassment or violence and, in some reported cases, trafficking.

Saturday 13th July

Pastor Ramesh Ahirwar and his wife **Sakshi** from Madhya Pradesh state were sentenced to two years in prison in March for "forcible conversion". They were granted bail at an appeal hearing in May. We pray that the verdict would be overturned and for peace of mind and strength for the Ahirwar family.

Sunday 14th July

We pray for protection for the staff of **Persecution Relief** who support the persecuted church in India through prayer, advocacy, legal and financial help.

Monday 15th July

Pray for wisdom and guidance for Christians who are sharing the Gospel in the Indian states with anti-conversion laws. Pray that they would be safe when they are sharing the Good News.



PRAY FOR SUDAN

Tuesday 16th July

In April 2023 conflict broke out in Khartoum as a result of a power struggle between the Sudanese Armed Forces and its former partner the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces over the proposed transition to civilian rule. Fighting soon spread across the country and the situation is now being described as a civil war. We pray for peace in Sudan and for an end to the conflict!

Wednesday 17th July

More than a year after the start of the war nearly 16,000 people have died. Over eight million people have been displaced and nearly 24 million people are in need of aid. We pray for provision for all those in need in particular the refugees.

Thursday 18th July

More than 165 churches have closed since the start of the war, while others have been intentionally destroyed. Churches have also reported rape, kidnap and looting, including the abduction and killing of Christian men by radical groups. We ask God to pour hope into the church in Sudan and protect it.

Friday 19th July

Today we pray especially for the Evangelical and Episcopal churches in Omdurman and the mission house of the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco in Khartoum. Lord, may they continue to be beacons of light during this dark time.

Saturday 20th July

We pray for blessing and strength for Christians who have converted from Muslim backgrounds and continue to face huge dangers.

Sunday 21st July

At Christmas we rejoiced that Christian couple **Nada** and **Hamouda**, who faced the threat of death after being accused of apostasy, had left Sudan with their three children and begun a new life in the USA. We pray that the family would be integrated well in their new home.

Monday 22nd July

We thank God for all the good that has been accomplished in Sudan through Christian NGOs. We pray for protection for the aid workers and their families.

Tuesday 23rd July

Pray for healing for **Hamza Haroon Ahmed**, who is still recovering from injuries he suffered after SAF soldiers detained and tortured him and two other refugees for carrying a Bible when re-entering Sudan from South Sudan in January.

