

CHINA PETITION

END THE REPRESSION AND RELEASE CHINESE PASTORS

Thank you for joining our call for an end to repression of Christians in China and for Chinese pastors to be released by collecting signatures for the Church in Chains petition in your church or group.

Here is a suggestion of how you can explain the current situation in China to your church:

"It has been alarming to see the increasing repression of Christians in China in recent years. With the banning of children in church, restrictions on Bibles, closure of churches and imprisonment of leaders, it is now very difficult to live as a faithful Christian in China.

"Church in Chains wants to highlight this situation and also publicly call for its reversal by launching a petition to President Xi Jinping, who has driven the repression of religion.

"This petition is a small step that we can take to show solidarity with our Chinese fellow-Christians, who are our brothers and sisters in the worldwide church family. The petition aims to stand up for the church in China and to highlight the persecution that it is experiencing."

Then announce that after the church meeting you will be stationed at a table where people can sign the petition.

Please return the pages with the signatures to Church in Chains either by post to Church in Chains, PO Box 10447, Glenageary, Co. Dublin or by scanning and emailing them to info@churchinchains.ie

The petition will be presented to the Chinese Embassy in Dublin.

NOTE: Names of signatories will not be submitted to the Chinese Embassy. The total number of names will be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths and that certificate will be presented to the Embassy.

CLOSING DATE FOR PETITION: 31 October 2024





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TO PRESIDENT XI JINPING:



We are alarmed at the increasing restrictions on religious freedom in China and appeal to you to change your government's policy and to revise all religious regulations and legislation to ensure they align with the right of all people in China to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, in accordance with Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We are deeply concerned for our many Christian brothers and sisters who face ongoing restrictions and harassment because of their expression of their Christian faith and we particularly wish to express our deep concern for the many pastors who have been imprisoned by your government. We appeal for their immediate release.

Full Name (please print):	Signature:

