

PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Monday 23rd September

Mussie Ezaz was an evangelist and youth leader in the Eritrean capital, Asmara, before his arrest in January 2008. We ask the Lord to strengthen and sustain Mussie as he remains behind bars and also bless his wife and three sons.

Tuesday 24th September

Kidane Weldou (pictured) was a pastor in Eritrea before being imprisoned in 2005. We pray using words from Lamentations 3 v 22 that *because of the Lord's great love Kidane is not consumed, and that he would experience His compassions and faithfulness that are new every morning*".



Wednesday 25th September

Rev Haile Naizghe has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray for divine intervention that Rev Haile would be released from prison soon.

Thursday 26th September

Eritrean pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** was arrested in 2004 and has remained in prison ever since. We ask the Lord to comfort him and pray also for his release.

Friday 27th September

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been serving a life sentence in a North Korean labour camp since 2013. We pray that God would keep him safe and sane in this difficult place.

Saturday 28th September

Pastor Kim Kuk-gi has been serving a life sentence in labour camp in North Korea since 2014. We pray that the Lord would encourage and strengthen him.

Sunday 29th September

Former nurse and mother-of-four **Shagufta Kiran** was arrested in Pakistan in 2021 after she was accused of forwarding a WhatsApp message that contained blasphemy. We pray for a trial hearing soon and for Shagufta's acquittal.

Monday 30th September

Ashfaq Masih, who was also accused of blasphemy, has been in prison in Pakistan since 2017 and on death row since 2022. We pray for protection for his body, mind and soul in this awful situation and also for his freedom.



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Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday 1st September

Pray for hope and strength for the wives of three imprisoned leaders from **Linfen Covenant House Church** in China who have been campaigning for justice and release for their husbands, while raising their children on their own for two years.

Monday 2nd September

Preacher Wu Wuqing of Early Rain Covenant Church is under pressure from local police and water and electricity have been cut off in his rented home to force his family to move out. We pray for peace and provision for his family.

Tuesday 3rd September

24-year-old **Nouman Masih** is on death row in Pakistan, where he recently passed his high school board exams with excellent marks. Pray that Nouman is able to continue his education and mature in his walk with God behind bars. Pray also that his appeal would be heard soon and that he would be freed.

Wednesday 4th September

Please pray for all those involved in preparing for Church in Chains' Annual Conference which is being held in Trinity Church Dublin (and online) on Saturday 28 September with our guest speaker **Mark Lipdo** from Nigeria.

Thursday 5th September

Pastor Thongkham Philavanh was shot by a masked gunman at his home in Laos on 22 July. Pray for comfort and provision for his wife **Sengdala** and their teenage son and daughter, plus the many foster children who received refuge in the couple's loving home.

Friday 6th September

Pray for all the ongoing work behind the scenes in Church in Chains in governance, research, advocacy, finance and administration, providing a solid foundation for our mission.

Saturday 7th September

Pray for the Christians of Jaranwala in Pakistan one year on from the violent attack on the community by a large Muslim mob following false blasphemy accusations. Pray for protection and peace for the Christian community as most of those arrested for rioting have been discharged or released on bail.

Thank you for praying with us!



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PRAY FOR KYRGYZSTAN

Sunday 8th September

Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous, remote and landlocked country, further from the sea than any other on earth. While 90% of the population are Muslim, Christians have more freedom than elsewhere in Central Asia. We pray for blessing for our Kyrgyz brothers and sisters, about whom we hear very little.

Monday 9th September

Most Christians in Kyrgyzstan are Russian Orthodox, but there are also almost 300 Evangelical churches. We pray for hope and courage for church leaders and members across all denominations.



Tuesday 10th September

In recent years the government under **President Sadyr Japarov** has been increasingly curtailing the freedom of its citizens and introducing harsh measures against political dissent. We pray against this trend and for more freedom in Kyrgyzstan.

Wednesday 11th September

Recently President Japarov signed a law that says that “any organisation receiving foreign funding must register as a foreign representative”. Since then NGOs supporting Christians have faced more bureaucratic hurdles. We pray that these groups will still be able to operate effectively and continue to bless the church in Kyrgyzstan.

Thursday 12th September

In September 2023, Protestant **Aytbek Tynaliyev** completed a six-month jail term for social media posts in which he shared his faith and questioned the authorities' religious policy. We pray for wisdom and guidance for Aytbek, as he was warned to be careful not to post Christian messages following his release.

Friday 13th September

Christian converts from Islam face the most serious persecution from their families and communities. We pray for provision and strength for all those who are isolated and cut off from support because of their newly found faith.

Saturday 14th September

Today we pray in particular for Christians who were recently bereaved, as families face considerable difficulties in arranging for Christian burials in public cemeteries. We pray for help with this and comfort while they are grieving.

Sunday 15th September

Ask the Lord to unite and grow the church in Kyrgyzstan, especially amongst minority groups and in rural areas.

PRAY FOR NIGERIA

Monday 16th September

Nigeria has had a refugee crisis for the past decade due to the insecurity caused by terror organisations Boko Haram, Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Fulani militants. This has led to a huge number of internally displaced people in Northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt region and also to many victims fleeing the country. We pray for peace, safety and stability in Nigeria!

Tuesday 17th September

Violent attacks against Christian communities continue in these regions without any effective government action. We pray for healing, restoration and refreshment for the many who have experienced horror and trauma. We also pray for an end to these attacks.



Wednesday 18th September

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is from a Muslim family from the Yoruba ethnic group. His wife **Remi** is a Christian and an ordained pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God. We pray that President Tinubu would lead his government to protect all Nigerians, no matter what ethnicity or religion they belong to.

Thursday 19th September

Rhoda Jatau is a Christian healthcare worker from Bauchi state in northern Nigeria who was accused of blasphemy and jailed in May 2022. She was released on bail in December 2023 and is awaiting trial. We pray for peace of mind and strength for Rhoda and that she would be acquitted soon.

Friday 20th September

21-year-old **Leah Sharibu** has been held captive by militants from Boko Haram faction ISWAP for six years. We pray that the Lord would protect Leah's safety and dignity and for her liberation.

Saturday 21st September

Last September our partner **Stefanos Foundation** opened a “Transformation & Discipleship Centre” as a safe home for new Christians to be discipled and trained in vocational skills. Praise God for the Class of 2024 who graduated recently and pray for them as they move on. We pray for continued provision for this wonderful institution where lives are turned around.

Sunday 22nd September

Today we pray for the persecutors in Nigeria: the members of Boko Haram, ISWAP and militant Fulani herdsmen. We pray that they would encounter Jesus and that their hearts would be changed.