#### **PRAY FOR PRISONERS**

#### Thursday 24th October

Vietnamese **Pastor Y Yich** has been serving a 12-year sentence since 2013. He has suffered poor health due to denial of medical treatment and even torture in prison. We pray for improved physical and mental health for Pastor Yich.

#### Friday 25th October

**Pastor Y Pum Bya** (pictured) has been serving a 14-year prison sentence in Vietnam since 2019. We ask God to protect him and provide for his wife and seven children.

# Saturday 26th October

**Dr Kiflu Gebremeskel** has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004 He was a maths lecturer before he became a pastor. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill Dr Kiflu with peace of mind and courage.\*



#### Sunday 27th October

Eritrean pastor and anaesthetist **Meron Gebreselasie** was arrested in 2004. We pray for comfort and hope for Meron and for his release.\*

#### Monday 28th October

**Rev Dr Futsum Gebrenegus** is an Eritrean Orthodox priest and psychiatrist who was arrested in 2004. He is being held in a room with several other senior pastors. We pray that God would fill Dr Futsum with joy and faith every day he remains in prison.\*

#### Tuesday 29th October

**Rev Haile Naizghe** has been in prison in Eritrea since 2004. We pray that Rev Haile would know that God is present with him and loves him infinitely.\*

# Wednesday 30th October

South Korean missionary **Kim Jong Uk** has been in a labour camp in North Korea since 2013 and is serving a life sentence. We pray for physical and mental health and strength for him and for his release.

# Thursday 31st October

**Pastor Kim Kuk-gi** has been serving a life sentence in North Korea since 2015. We pray that he would be treated well in the camp and for hope and courage for him and his wife **Kim Hee Soon**.

\* All Eritrean prisoners have remained in prison ever since, held incommunicado and with no release date set.



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# Church in Chains Prayer Diary October 2024

Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.
When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:6-7

#### **PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### Tuesday 1st October

**Xin Ruoyu** from China has been detained by police since late July over her involvement in developing a Christian worship app. Please pray that God would strengthen her faith, grant her a healthy body and pray for her release!

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

We also pray for the release of the two Chinese pastors **Lian Changnian** and his son **Lian Xuliang** who have been detained on suspicion of "fraud" since a raid on their church in August 2022.

#### Thursday 3rd October

Praise God that **Pastor David Lin** was released from prison in China on 14 September. He had spent the last 18 years behind bars! We pray for blessing and guidance for the Lin family now that they are finally reunited.

# Friday 4th October

Pray fror **Shagufta Kiran** who was sentenced to death by a special court in Pakistan on 19 September under the Blasphemy Law. She will remain in prison while an appeal is made to the High Court.

# Saturday 5th October

Pray for tonight's Gospel Concert in Corcaghan, Co. Monaghan in aid of the Persecuted Church. Give thanks to God for the organisers, the artists and those who will attend and pray for David Turner who will make a presentation.

# Sunday 6th October

Pray that the autumn issue of *Church in Chains* magazine focusing on Nigeria will be widely read and used as a basis for prayer when it's published later this month.

# Monday 7th October

Christian convert **Mojdeh Falahi** was arrested on 9 September in Shiraz (Iran), and has not been heard from since. She went to the prosecutor's office at the request of a Christian friend, who had been arrested a day prior, to provide documents required for his release, but was immediately detained herself. We pray for her protection and her release!

#### **PRAY FOR ALGERIA**

# Tuesday 8th October

Even though they face persecution and oppression, many Algerians have been coming to faith in Jesus in recent years. It is estimated that there were approximately 10,000 Christians in 2008 and that there are over 200,000 today. Praise God for the many new Algerian believers and pray for their blessing!

#### Wednesday 9th October

Since 2017 the government has been cracking down on Protestant churches (Église Protestante d'Algérie - EPA) to the effect that nearly all of them are currently closed. We ask God to strengthen these churches which have been forced underground and online.

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#### Thursday 10th October

Over the same period, there have been fiftyfour court cases against members of the EPA

and they have been handed prison sentences that vary from two months to five years as well as many fines. We pray that all convictions would be overturned.

#### Friday 11th October

We pray that **President Abdelmadjid Tebboune** would come to realise the blessing Christians are to his country and end his government's campaign against them.

#### Saturday 12th October

Thank God for SAT-7 ARABIC that broadcasts programmes on radio, television and the internet that "provide a spiritual lifeline" to many Algerian Christians.

# Sunday 13th October

Please pray for perseverance and hope for **Pastor Youssef Ourahmane**, vice president of the EPA, who is waiting for the Supreme Court to review his one-year prison sentence for holding an unauthorised religious assembly.

# Monday 14th October

Pastor Youssef recently said that many Algerian Christians are struggling in their faith and many need pastoral care and counselling. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church in Algeria that would bring palpable relief to all those in need of help and encouragement. We also pray for safe opportunities for pastors to meet and pray with members of their churches.

# Tuesday 15th October

Converts from Islam to Christianity are in the most difficult position. They can become the victim of dismissals and forced divorces. We pray for a way forward for those who have lost their job, their partner or access to their children.

#### PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

#### Wednesday 16th October

North Korea continues to be an extremely hostile place for Christians to live. Christians are either killed on the spot if they are discovered by the authorities or sent to labour camps as political prisoners. We ask God to fill our North Korean brothers and sisters with hope, comfort and strength.

#### Thursday 17th October

We pray for protection and blessing for all secret Christian meetings in North Korea. If and when Christians dare to meet together they do so in secrecy – and at enormous risk.

#### Friday 18th October

Please pray for the hearts of the leaders of the North Korean regime, especially supreme leader **Kim Jong Un**, to be turned to Jesus. We also pray that this hermit nation would be freed from the regime's indoctrination and lies.



#### Saturday 19th October

We pray that China would end its policy of refoulement (the forcible return of North Korean escapees to North Korea) where they are at grave risk of being detained in forced labor camps indefiniely.

# Sunday 20th October

Our partner VOM Korea continues to make connections with underground Christians and distributes Bibles by various means. Please pray for the safety of the underground Christians who are receiving Bibles through these connections.

# Monday 21st October

Thank God for the VOM Korea radio broadcasts into North Korea. We pray that the programmes would bring life and hope to their listeners inside North Korea.

# Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Christian prisoners in labour camps live under brutal conditions, semi-starved, tortured by the guards and forced into extremely hard labour. We pray for strength and health for the estimated 30,000 Christian prisoners.

# Wednesday 23rd October

Every year North Korean women are willing to be smuggled across the Chinese border in the hope of finding a better life. They are promised jobs as maids or in factories but then they are forced into the sex industry. Pray for rescue, relief and healing for North Korean sex-trafficked women. Pray also for protection for Chinese churches ministering to these women so that they can continue their important work.