

## PRAY FOR PRISONERS

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Chinese Christian **Jang Moon Seok** is an ethnic Korean who is serving a 15-year prison sentence in North Korea since 2014. We pray that he would be released earlier than the expected date of 2029.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Kim Jong Uk** (pictured) is a South Korean Baptist missionary who was arrested in North Korea in 2013 and has been serving a life sentence in a labour camp since then. We pray for hope and strength for Missionary Kim.



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Chinese **Pastor Zhang Shaojie** has been behind bars since 2013, serving a 12-year sentence. We ask God to encourage Pastor Zhang and provide for his wife **Wang Fengrui**, who is disabled.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Pastor Hao Zihwei** has been serving an 8-year prison sentence since 2019. We pray for peace of mind and comfort for Pastor Hao and her two sons.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Pastor Matthias Haghnejad** is serving a 6-year sentence in Iran since 2022. Please pray that Matthias can be salt and light in the factory at Minab Prison where he is working. We ask the Lord to bless his wife and daughter.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Pakistani pastor **Zafar Bhatti** has been in prison since 2012, on death row since 2022. We pray that God would sustain Zafar and bless his body, spirit and mind.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Asif Pervaiz** has been in prison in Pakistan since 2013 and on death row since 2020. We ask the Lord to heal Asif (he is suffering from kidney and heart problems) and reveal His presence every day in prison.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Leah Sharibu** was abducted from her school in Nigeria by ISWAP terrorists in 2018 and has been held captive since then. We pray that the Lord would protect her and her two children and we pray for their release.

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



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# Church in Chains Prayer Diary

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Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4

## PRAY FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Mehdi Akbari** was released on 29 September after spending four years and nine months in prison in Iran. Praise God for Mehdi's release and pray that he adjusts to life outside prison.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Iranian house-church leader **Anooshavan Avedian** was acquitted and was also released from prison in late September. Praise God for his unexpected release and pray for him and his family as they rejoice together.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Today on the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church** we remember our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are under constant attack in the north and the Middle Belt region.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

A group of 151 Baptists from southern Mexico, who were forced out of their villages in April because of their religious beliefs, were permitted to return home in early October. Pray especially for the over seventy children and babies, as well as the elderly people, who were badly affected by this displacement.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

On 30 September **Wang Qiang**, a co-worker of Linfen Covenant House Church in China, was released after nearly two years in detention without trial. Pray for blessing as he is reunited with his wife **Wen Huijuan** and their daughter. Pray also that he would bond quickly with his son who was born during his detention.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Pray for guidance and wisdom for the staff of Church in Chains as they consider how best to present the petition to the Chinese embassy.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Pray for wisdom for the Church in Chains board as it meets later this month to discuss various issues including the allocation of funds to our overseas partners.

## PRAY FOR BANGLADESH

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Bangladesh is one of the poorest and most densely populated countries in the world and is among the ten countries most vulnerable to climate devastation. We pray for protection for the small Christian population which faces increasing persecution from Islamist groups.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

In August Bangladesh's long-standing Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** resigned after weeks of protests and fled to India. The small Christian minority in this Muslim-majority country has been at particular risk of attacks during the civil and political unrest. We pray for a peaceful solution.



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The interim government led by Nobel Peace laureate **Muhammad Yunus**, has to confront the nation's violent past and deal with many other challenges. We pray that the government will ensure more freedom for Christians and other minority groups.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Pray for protection and provision for Christian NGOs involved in literacy programmes, socio-economic development projects, Biblical training, Bible distribution as well as emergency relief aid in Bangladesh.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Ethnic minority tribal Christians are doubly vulnerable and are exposed to land grabs and violence. We pray for courage and safety for these communities.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Christian converts suffer the most severe persecution. Pray for healing and hope for those who have been attacked or physically abused in any other way for their faith.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

The 900,000 Rohingya refugees who fled genocide in Myanmar live in several large refugee camps. They are predominantly Muslim but also include about 2,000 Christians who face threats and hostility from some Muslim Rohingyas. Please pray for their protection and that they would find fellowship in the camps.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

The house of a pastor with a Muslim background was recently ransacked by militant Islamists. He leads eight house churches and has been translating the Bible into their native language. All his belongings including the translations and his livestock were looted and his house was damaged. Pray for hope and a future for this brave pastor.

## PRAY FOR MYANMAR

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Persecution of Christians in Myanmar has increased greatly since the military coup of 2021. Since the coup the armed forces have brutally cracked down on dissidents and attacked ethnic-minority villages. In 2024 the situation has deteriorated further and the UN reports that more than 3 million people are now internally displaced by the conflict, a 50% increase in only six months. We pray for end to such suffering and this civil war!

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Targeted attacks on Christian villages, churches and church leaders by the Myanmar military have forced more Christians than ever into IDP camps and into remote jungles. We pray for comfort, strength, provision and protection for all Christian refugees.



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing** is an army general who has ruled Myanmar since 2021. We pray that he would have compassion on his people and start working towards peace and stability for all ethnic groups. We also pray that the government (and the majority Buddhist population) would no longer view Christians as subversive but as peacemakers.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

The church in Myanmar is increasingly limited by restrictions on assembly. We pray for creative and safe ways to share fellowship. We also pray that the church would be united; a beacon of light and a refuge for all in need.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Rev Dr Hkalam Samson** (aged 66) is a Baptist pastor who recently spent 19 months in prison on false charges of unlawful association and terrorism. We pray for peace and better health for him as he suffers from congenital lung problems and high blood pressure.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

We pray for Christian organisations who support persecuted Christians through youth, children and families ministries, literature distribution, discipleship and leadership programmes as well as livelihood support.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

We pray that the persecutors, the members of the Myanmar military, would be transformed by the love of Jesus. We long for them to no longer be agents of injustice, violence and oppression and become instruments of justice, peace and freedom instead.