

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Hebrews 13:3

ChinaAid* Prayer Requests for the Persecuted—

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**For more background on some of these requests, see the *Biographies for ChinaAid Prayer Requests Guide* following this guide.

*ChinaAid (www.ChinaAid.org) is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to

promoting religious freedom and rule of law in China. 1. ChinaAid - ChinaAid is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and the rule of law in China. ChinaAid believes that religious freedom is the first freedom, which lays the foundation for all other basic human rights. Pray for power through the Holy Spirit for ChinaAid to continue to: **Expose** the systematic persecution, harassment, torture, and imprisonment of Chinese Christians and human rights lawyers in China. **Encourage** the Abused: ChinaAid financially supports Chinese Christians and their families who have experienced persecution by the Chinese government. Equip the Leaders: ChinaAid provides leadership and rule of law training for Christian and church leaders in China to defend their rights under both Chinese constitutional law and international law. 2. Chinese Persecuted - Pray for those who are being persecuted, imprisoned, or kept in "enforced disappearance" for their faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to encourage and strengthen their faith. Ask God to use them (even in prison) to draw more people to himself. 3. Gao Zhisheng and "the disappeared" – Pray for the safety of Gao Zhisheng if he is still alive. Gao defended house church Christians, Falun Gong practitioners, and other minorities from the clutches of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Unfortunately, his activism put a target on his back. No one has seen or heard from him in six years. HR 5303 is bipartisan legislation that requires the U.S. government to adopt a coordinated strategy to secure the release of Chinese human rights defenders and political prisoners, including the renowned lawyer Gao Zhisheng, who has been disappeared by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) since 2017. Pray for the truth to be revealed. Pray for comfort and encouragement for his family. Pray for the many, many others throughout China that have "disappeared." 4. Pastor Shen Shaochun - Pray for Pastor Shen Shaochun of "Living Water Fellowship" in Huaiyuan County, Bengbu City, Anhui Province. He went to Wa State, Myanmar to teach and founded the "Living Water Elementary School." He was charged with "organizing illegal border crossing" in 2018 and eventually sentenced to seven years in prison. His health has significantly declined in prison. He now needs blood pressure medication and dental treatment for painful teeth. He has gone blind in one eye and due to engaging in work in prison that is particularly taxing on the eyes, Pastor Shen's right-eye vision has also significantly declined. April 2024 was the first time the outside world has learned an update about him in the five and a half years since Pastor Shen Shaochun was imprisoned. Pray that he adjusts and gets proper medical care on his release. 5. Liang Qin - Pray for Sister Liang Quin who was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 2017 under the false charges of "cult activity." ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her safety and encouragement while in prison. 6. Pastor Li Juncai - Pray for Yuanyang County Central House Church Pastor Li Juncai. He was sentenced to 5.5 years in prison in January 2021 for objecting to the CCP's forced cross removal from his church. He also refused to change a church proclamation of "Love God and people" to "Love the country." Ask God to encourage and use him. 7. Pastor Zhang Shaojie - Pastor Zhang Shaojie of Nanle County Christian Church in Henan province, is currently serving a 12-year prison term for "gathering a crowd to disrupt the public order" and a fabricated fraud charge. Pray that he would be fruitful as he preaches to fellow prisoners and that the prisoners caring for him in his cell would come to know Christ. Pray for spiritual encouragement and improved physical and mental health (he has suffered much.) Also pray for encouragement and endurance of his daughter Esther Zhang, who fled to the US with her husband and daughter. 8. Ju Dianhong - Pray for our Christian sister Ju Dianhong who was sentenced to 13 years in prison in 2017 under false charges of "cult activity." ChinaAid tracked down her prison address in January 2021 after a long search. Pray for her strength, increased faith, and that God would encourage her. 9. Chang Yuchun and Li Chenhui - Chang Yuchun and Li Chenhui suffer from deteriorating health conditions in prison. Their son, Mr. Chang Shengyi, issued a prayer request letter, revealing the bullying his parents have faced by prison bullies and their worrying health conditions. He requested Christians to pray for his parents and also for his three younger siblings. Chang Yuchun and Li Chenhui established the Guangyi Aisheng Printing Company LLC in 2015. They took risks to print theological books related to Christianity, meeting the needs of many churches. On August 19, 2021, the Gaoling District Court sentenced Chang Yuchun and Li Chenhui to seven years in prison for "illegal business operations" and imposed fines of \(\frac{\pma}{2}\)50,000 yuan (\(\sigma\)\$34,800 U.S dollars) each. Chang Yuchun and Li Chenhui immediately appealed to the Xi'an Intermediate People's Court through their lawyers. On March 18, 2025, Chang Yuchun was able to shake hands with his son through a small window for the

first time in over four years. He and his wife, Li Chenhui, remain deeply thankful for letters, prayers, and support, though some Christian content in

10. Communist Party Ideology Required in Religious Institutions – Pray for leaders of religious institutions to have wisdom regarding the imposition of Communist ideology into their courses. The Chinese government is currently imposing public courses aligned with Communist

correspondence is often censored or redacted by prison staff.

Party ideology on religious institutions, including Christian seminaries and Catholic monasteries.

11. Pastor Wang Yi - Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong were arrested along with 160 members of their church (Early Rain Covenant Church) in December 2018. In June 2019, Wang's wife was released on bail and kept under surveillance without visitors. Pastor Wang Yi was sentenced to nine years in prison on December 30th, 2019, days after a sudden and secret trial on December 26th. Pastor Wang was found guilty of "inciting subversion of state power" and "illegal business operations." He says of those holding him, "May the Lord use me, and give me patience and wisdom, that I may bring the Gospel to them." Ask God to protect, encourage, and strengthen Pastor Wang's faith and to broaden his ministry (even in prison).
12. Bob Fu - Bob Fu, president of ChinaAid, was imprisoned in China in the 1990s for "illegal evangelism". After his release, he and his wife escaped to the U.S. as religious refugees where he founded ChinaAid. Pray for wisdom for Bob as he works with various governmental leaders and organizations and various persecution cases. Ask God for protection—he has had bomb threats, personal death warnings, been lied about in publications, and for a time was exiled from his home in the U.S. under FBI protection. Ask God to give him wisdom, strength and encouragement as he advocates for the persecuted in China.
13. Pastor Li Jie – Pray for Pastor Li Jie and his wife Li Shanshan of Linfen Covenant House Church. Li Jie was charged with "fraud" in early 2023 after his August 19th, 2022 arrest due to his Christian faith. Police raided a church family's outdoor event. Police summoned Li Shanshan and threatened her for two consecutive days to "admit guilt" for the so-called accusation of fraud. Authorities ended up releasing her on bail but promised to continue their harassment. Reports are unclear whether Wu Tingting, another Linfen Covenant House Church woman, is also being threatened. The church has sent out urgent prayer requests. They asked fellow Christians to pray for Li Jie, Han Xiaodong, Wang Qiang, Wu Tingting, and Li Shanshan: "Pray for God to strengthen them. Currently, [they] are imprisoned in the detention center. They don't have any information about the outside world or their family. Pray for God to strengthen them and not to admit guilt or accept punishment." The prayer request letter mentioned that national security agents threatened Li Shanshan that they would summon her every day if she does not "confess." Reportedly, Wu Tingting's mother cried until she lost consciousness at the police station. On May 8, 2025, during the trial of Linfen Covenant House Church preacher Li Jie and others for alleged fraud, Li Jie's wife, mother, and two children were forcibly taken by SWAT police to a local station, with their current status unknown. The trial is ongoing, with no verdict announced.
15. "John" Cao – Pray that Pastor Cao would be allowed to visit his family in the U.S. The most recent update indicates that John Cao, although released from prison over a year ago after completing his 7-year sentence on the charge of "organizing illegal border crossingsover a year ago, is still unable to travel. Pastor Cao expressed profound gratitude to God for this blessing of the birth of his grandchild upon his family. However, he also revealed profound sadness over the Chinese government's refusal to allow him to renew his passport, preventing him from traveling to the U.S. to be with his wife, children, and newborn grandson to share their joy together. Pastor Cao pointed out that he continues to live without fundamental civil freedoms since his release. Having been separated from his wife and children for years, Cao wryly remarked that he feels as though he has merely left a "small prison" only to enter a "large prison." Pastor Cao continued: "People like me are called 'exit-banned.' I know individuals who have been subjected to exit bans for 20 years. If I can never leave for the rest of my life, I will still have no regrets and remain joyful each day. Being able to return to China to serve the Lord is God's greatest blessing for me. Everyone, please share in my joy and continue to pray for me."
16. Golden Lampstand Church and Pastor Wang Xiaoguang, Pastor Yang Rongli, and 10 others – Pray for the leaders and congregants of the demolished Golden Lampstand Church in Lifen, Shanxi Province. The church has been the target of many investigations and many of their leaders have been charged with "fraud." As a large-scale house church with 50,000 attendants, it alarmed authorities and in 2018 the church was demolished by authorities. In a major crackdown by the government in 2021, 12 leaders of Golden Lampstand Church were detained on a so-called "fraud" charge. Pray for their release and the continued faith of the congregants. After being delayed for years, His trial was merged with Yang Rongli's case and proceeded after multiple postponements, with defense lawyers excluded from the courtroom. As of June 2025, sentencing has been reserved separately from other church members; while others received prison terms, his sentence remains unpublished, though church monitors anticipate a severe long-term term (possibly around 8 years). Yang Rongli is currently held at Yaodu District Detention Center. She suffers from diabetes and has been denied adequate medical care. She wrote a letter to her son from the prison.
17. Li Shuangpin - Li Shuangping is a prominent co-worker of the Golden Lampstand Church in Linfen, Shanxi—a major independent Christian house church in China with tens of thousands of members. On June 20, 2025, Li Shuangping received heavy sentence in the crackdown: 9 years and 2 months in prison, along with a ¥100,000 fine, convicted of "fraud" tied to church fundraising. Li Shuangping was denied bail to attend his 89-year-old mother's funeral in January 2025, despite repeated legal requests
18. Huo Zhuangping- Huo Zhuangping, is a co-worker of Linfen Golden Lampstand Church, Shanxi Province, who served in church financial responsibilities alongside other core leaders. He was found guilty of "fraud" linked to church offerings—charges widely considered a misuse of legal statutes to suppress house church activities. He was sentenced to 5 years and 5 months in prison, plus a fine of \(\frac{4}{5}0,000\).
19. Zhao Guo'ai - Zhao Guo'ai, co-worker of Golden Lampstand Church , responsible for church management. He was sentenced to 5 years and 4 months in prison, plus a ¥50,000 fine, under "fraud" charges related to church offerings.
20. Dong Yongyong – Dong Yongyong of Linfen Golden Lampstand Church, Shanxi Province, was also part of the Golden Lampstand Church. He was sentenced to multiple years in jail.

21. Christians in Suizhou – Pray for a Christian group in Suizhou, Hubei Province. They have gone to trial with 28 local Christians charged with "organizing and using a cult organization to undermine the implementation of the law." The case has drawn widespread attention from society, with defense lawyers generally contending that it is a typical instance of religious persecution and a wrongful prosecution. Authorities use confiscated Christian materials that are internationally recognized as Christian resources as evidence against them. Pray for the 28 prosecuted believers have been named as Liu Xuxue, Su Ming'ai, Wang Xueli, Zhou Xiaoxuan, Zhang Manli, Chen Chuanzhen, Yang Pingping, Li Zhuanyun, Ren Jianhua, Qiu Huiming, Song Yude, Ma Fuxiu, Fan Hongyan, Zeng Xinhui, Yang Jirong, Chen Xiuqin, Wang Yiqin, Zhang Daojiang, Wang Daozhou, Li Jing, Cai Wu, Yang Zhijin, Tang Shunqiang, Hu Junling, Liu Yongshan, Yang Hengqin, Guo Mingjun, and Zhou Xiunong.
22. Early Rain Church – Pray for relief from continued persecution. Members of Chengdu's Early Rain Covenant Church in China are facing a new wave of persecution. Multiple members of the church are under strict surveillance, and some have even been subjected to violent eviction from their homes, clearly revealing the government's relentless crackdown on religious freedom. In September 2024, worship was disrupted, and leaders were arrested as the congregation continued to sing and worship. Ever since the infamous "129 Crackdown" in 2018, Early Rain has been mercilessly targeted by the authorities. Church leadership is monitored for long periods. Officers beat them, and plainclothes police regularly raid their gatherings. However, they remain steadfast in their faith. Pray for the safety of leaders and members. Police cancel rental leases of congregants, conduct raids on the church, etc. Pray for faith to increase and the even police will come to Christ. A couple from the church was prevented from leaving the country to go to Laos on vacation with their children, even though they had appropriate passports and visas. They were interrogated and followed.
23. Preacher Chang Hao - Pray for favor for Preacher Chang Hao. After being placed under administrative detention by local public security authorities on the grounds of "illegal religious activity" for organizing a church baptism in 2024, rural church preacher Chang Hao of Zhenxiong Village, Yunnan, filed an administrative lawsuit to contest the penalty. Following his loss in the first trial, Chang Hao filed an appeal in April 2025. On the morning of July 22, the case was heard behind closed doors in the second court of the Zhaotong Intermediate People's Court of Yunnan Province.
24. Chen Yueli - Pray for Chen Yueli, who, according to information obtained from the lawyer's inquiry with the investigating agency, was arrested on the charge of "illegal business operations" for his involvement in printing children's Sunday school materials in Hubei. Initially, he was detained in the Jiayu County Detention Center in Chibi City. However, in early January 2024, during a meeting with his lawyer, Chen Yueli was suddenly taken away by public security and transferred to the Chibi Detention Center. The Chibi City Public Security Bureau has consistently obstructed normal lawyer visits, citing the involvement of "national security agents" as the reason for the denial of visitation requests. As a result, Chen Yueli has been out of contact with the outside world. It has been confirmed that he has been formally arrested. Ask God to release Chen and to protect him in prison. Pray for his 2 young children who were accompanying him during the arrest and were left alone at customs.
25. Believers Who Use Social Media in China - Pray for Christians in China who have faced increasing persecution for social media. Christian content is prohibited online (evangelism postingcounseling or educational materialsreferencing the Bible). Under the new measures, only registered churches, religious schools, or groups can apply for the license. Police arrested one Christian who posted online a call for seven days of prayer early in the pandemic. The new rules, first announced in December 2021, ban groups and individuals from sharing religious content without a license. That means unregistered house churches are now legally barred from having any online presence. But having a license doesn't mean churches can speak freely. Approved organizations cannot post anything that undermines the country's communist system or encourages minors to believe in religion. They also can't broadcast religious ceremonies, including worship services or baptisms. Pray for safety of Christians using social media. Pray for creative measures for Christians to communicate.
26. China's President Xi and Those in the Chinese Government - Please pray President Xi would come to know Christ and God would soften his heart. Pray that he would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not the lies of the enemy. Pray that those in the Chinese national and local governments would come to know Christ and that God would soften their hearts. Pray that they would seek truth. Pray for God to move them to make decisions that allow Christians "to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (2 Timothy 2:2)
27. China's Secret Police and Police Officers - Please pray they will have encounters with Christ via people, dreams, or scripture.
28. Writing Campaign - Pray that people would write letters to prisoners of conscience to provide encouragement and send a signal to prison officials that there are people all over the world who are invested in the safety and well-being of these unjustly imprisoned Chinese citizens. (In some cases, these letters have improved the treatment of these prisoners—go to http://www.chinaaid.org/p/write-letters.html to get full biographies, addresses, and suggestions to write prisoners.)
29. ChinaAid Board and Staff - Pray for physical protection, unity, and growth in the Lord for the individual members of ChinaAid's board and staff. Pray for wisdom for each of their board members as they lead and advise the organization.
30. ChinaAid Partner Organizations - Please pray for peace, protection, and power for each of ChinaAid's partner organizations as they work together to further the cause of Christ. Pray for current and future brothers and sisters in the faith of Jesus Christ as well as for prayer partners and supporters of ChinaAid.