

## Prayer for the Persecuted Church November 10, 2017

### From International Christian Concern (ICC)

<http://info.persecution.org/newsbites-november-10>

### North Korean Defector to Share Her Story at Event Co-Hosted by ICC

*11/8/17 North Korea (Christian Post)*

Grace Jo, a North Korean woman who finally escaped her home country, shares her story of life in one of the most repressive areas of the world. She lost her father, two brothers, and a grandmother to starvation. At times, Grace Jo was sentenced to hard labor and, at other times, was sent to orphanages while her mother was in prison. In 2008, Grace Jo, along with her sister and mother, came to the US as refugees and is now helping lead "an organization that facilitates the escape and rescue of victimized North Koreans."

Pray for Grace Jo and her family as they seek to be a blessing to other North Koreans.

Pray for those living in North Korea who are often imprisoned at the government's discretion.

Pray for others who make their way out of North Korea as they adjust to a new life elsewhere.

### Christian Families Flee Homes After False Blasphemy Accusation

*11/8/17 Pakistan (WWM)*

An 18-year-old in a Pakistani village was accused of blasphemy against Islam. Reports indicate that a fake Facebook page was created that accused the teenager of blasphemy and called for his execution. "Pakistan has the most stringent blasphemy laws in the world, which have been used disproportionately against religious minorities." People were calling for the death penalty for this young man, and for his church to be burned down. Christian families from his village have now gone in to hiding and local authorities were alerted to the situation.

Pray for this young man and the other families who have had to go in to hiding due to false accusations.

Pray for the authorities to take the situation seriously and provide the necessary protection for this young man.

Pray for the continuation of Muslims to come to Christ.

### China Expels Missionaries from North Korean Border Region

*11/7/17 China (WWM)*

Since the early part of this year, the Chinese government has deported many South Korean pastors and missionaries. No reason has been given for this action, but the areas from which these pastors and missionaries have been deported all border North Korea. It is believed that North Korean officials think that they were helping North Korean defectors. "There are thought to be over 1,000 South Korean pastors and missionaries in China, most working in the northeast, and their departure has led to closed churches and abandoned communities."

Pray for those wishing to leave the oppressive country of North Korea.

Pray for those who are trying to aid in the suffering of North Koreans.

Pray for China as the government seeks tight control over religious activities.

## **Boko Haram Abducts 10 People During Attack in Borno State**

*11/6/17 Nigeria (Premium Times)*

Boko Haram's latest attack in a Borno state village in Nigeria left people scrambling and fleeing for safety. Boko Haram kidnapped approximately 10 people in Ngoshe Village, and "some corpses were seen in the bush as the villagers were fleeing." It is believed that Boko Haram has "secret enclaves" around the mountain area near the Cameroonian border. The villages in these areas are often the targets of Boko Haram's attacks. At the time of writing, authorities have yet to comment on this incident.

Pray for Nigeria as the country has faced years of repeated attacks led by Boko Haram.

Pray for the villagers who live near Boko Haram's hideouts, as they are often under attack without warning.

Pray for the Nigerian government to be able to put an end to Boko Haram's violence.

## **Pastor in India Beaten into Coma for Sharing the Gospel**

*11/6/17 India (Christian Today)*

A 26-year-old Indian pastor, Banothu Sevy, was beaten by Hindu extremists, which resulted in a 48-hour coma. He had previously been threatened by this gang two times before they beat him for converting "five tribal families to Jesus" The extremists accused him of forcing others into conversion, but Pastor Banothu Sevy said "he told the extremists that he spoke to every person individually when they came to ask him about Jesus." He is committed to sharing the Gospel despite the "hurdles" of extreme opposition.

Pray for the healing of Pastor Banothu Sevy.

Pray that these extremists come to know Christ because of the pastor's testimony and love.

Pray for Christians in India as the environment can be harsh toward them.

## **Christian in Pakistan Accused of Blasphemy Dies Before Trial**

*11/6/17 Pakistan (Christian Times)*

Mukhtar Masih, a Pakistani Christian, was accused of blasphemy when he pinned a letter to the door of a mosque. He and his family were arrested and detained following the accusations, but his family was eventually released. He died from gastro-internal bleeding before his trial took place, which left his family upset that he died with a charge against him. These charges are often given to people as a way to seek revenge. His family insists that he was innocent and wanted his name cleared of anything that would tarnish it.

Pray for Mukhtar Masih's family as they deal with his death.

Pray for the many people throughout the world who deal with unjust charges due to their faith.

Pray for that the light of Christ would shine through Christians and reach those who oppose the Gospel.

## **From the Voice of the Martyrs website:**

<http://www.icommittoprayer.com>

### **Pray for Believers Receiving Christian Literature**

*Nov. 09, 2017 | Sri Lanka*

About 50 people gathered at a 250-year-old church in Matara, on Sri Lanka's southern coast, in mid-October to receive books intended to help them grow in faith. Two students led a worship service to express gratitude to God for the books. Days later, a second distribution took place in north-central Sri Lanka. Pray that those who received the books will read them, apply what they learn to their lives and share the books with others. Pray that these books will encourage all who read them and lead them to a more active faith.

### **Pray for Pastor Zheng, Whose Church Was Forced to Close**

*Nov. 09, 2017 | China*

After resisting government pressure to join the state-run Three Self Church, the Ci Ai Fellowship in China's southern Guangdong province was forced to close on Oct. 25. Government authorities took church members' ID cards, confiscated the church's Christian literature and summoned Pastor Zheng Shaoyun for questioning. Prior to the raid, authorities had threatened to prevent the pastor's son from advancing in his career if the church didn't stop meeting illegally. Pray that church members will remain committed to Christ despite government pressure and that Pastor Zheng's faith will be emboldened as she leads the church through this period of persecution. Pray also for the protection of her son's career.

### **Pray for the Children of Believers Who Are in Detention Camps**

*Nov. 09, 2017 | Eritrea*

Fikadu Debesay, a mother of three children, died a few weeks ago at Metkel Abiet, an Eritrean detention camp. Fikadu had been imprisoned for worshiping in a Lutheran church not recognized by the government. She and her husband were among 33 believers arrested on the same day in May. The harsh treatment she endured in the camp and the extreme desert temperatures reportedly contributed to her death. Since May, the number of detained Christians has grown to 210. Dozens of children have been left without one or both parents as a result of the arrests. Pray that these children will know Jesus and be raised by Christians. Pray that they will grow in their relationship with Christ and not lose hope. Pray, too, that those in the camps will hold fast to their faith and continue to be a light in the darkness.

## From Open Doors Prayer Calendars:

<https://www.opendoorsusa.org/take-action/pray/monthly-prayer-calendar/>

### **November 10 | CENTRAL ASIA**

Pray for the children who attended summer camps. Pray everything they learned will deepen their faith and relationship with Christ.

### **November 11 | MUSLIM WORLD**

Pray for believers as they work with Muslim Background Believers and teach them to share the Word.

### **November 12 | INDONESIA**

Pray for the partner who received books, a discipleship series and comics. Pray they use these tools to effectively reach others.

### **November 13 | BANGLADESH**

Pray for schools, as conservative Muslims are having “un-Islamic” literature removed from schools.

### **November 14 | LAOS**

Pray against the unbalanced view of the Holy Spirit that has been emerging. Pray the people of Laos learn the true nature of the Holy Spirit.

### **November 15 | MALAYSIA**

Pray for the church in Malaysia. The government is rising up against Christianity, claiming the church is slandering Islam.

### **November 16 | MUSLIM WORLD**

Pray for those who have come to Christ during the month of Ramadan—that God would continue to sustain and grow their faith.