

Pray for China

5 – 11 December 2021



Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong

‘Of all the preparations I had made for my imprisonment, this one was the most helpful to me.’ – Li Yingqiang

On Sunday 9 December 2018, Chinese authorities arrested over 100 members of Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu, Sichuan province, as part of a large-scale crackdown on the church. Li Yingqiang, one of the elders, was among those detained.

Li and his wife, Xinyue, had already agreed that if he were ever imprisoned, they would set aside five o’clock each afternoon to pray together. Li later said that this was his ‘most helpful’ piece of preparation because he knew that, despite being physically separated from his family, nothing could stop them uniting in prayer. ‘The comfort and support I received in my spirit was the most important spiritual support during my months spent in the detention centre.’

Other Christians in China have since committed to pray daily at 5pm for those who have been detained or imprisoned in connection with their Christian faith. This week, we encourage you to join in this prayer movement and stand alongside them at the same time; in the UK, this will be at 9am. Use the prayer points below to help you, or find out more at [csw.org.uk/china](https://www.csw.org.uk/china)

Sunday 5 December

Ask God to restore the physical, mental, and emotional health of all China’s prisoners of conscience. May he strengthen them with the knowledge that they are dearly loved and not forgotten.

Monday 6 December

Pray that the Father of compassion will comfort the loved ones of those who are unjustly imprisoned and provide for all their needs.

Tuesday 7 December

May the Holy Spirit be a shield around prisoners of conscience in China, protecting them from harassment, torture, and further violations of their human rights while behind bars.

Wednesday 8 December

Today, pray that God will miraculously change the hearts of China’s prison guards so that they choose kindness over cruelty.

Thursday 9 December

On the third anniversary of his arrest, pray for the immediate and unconditional release of Pastor Wang Yi – the leader of Early Rain Covenant Church, who is still serving a nine-year sentence.

Friday 10 December

Pray protection over Christians gathering in unregistered ‘house’ churches, like Early Rain. Pray that the authorities will allow them to worship in freedom and peace.

Saturday 11 December

Pray urgently for international leaders to put increasing pressure on the Chinese government to release all those detained because of their religion or belief.