

Prayer Diary: North Korea

19-25 February 2023



'All we are asking is for China to honour its international treaty obligations and allow these refugees safe passage out of China. That is all.' – North Korea Freedom Coalition

In September we joined activists and NGOs around the world in marking Save North Korean Refugees Day. We delivered a letter to the Chinese Embassy in London, urging China to end its brutal and illegal repatriation of North Korean refugees.

Those who have fled North Korea – the most closed, isolated and repressive state in the world – risk execution if they are found out and repatriated.

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Sunday 19 February

Give thanks for all who spoke out on Save North Korean Refugees Day. Pray that China would hear the global outcry, cease its long- standing policy of repatriating North Korean refugees, and allow them safe passage out of China.

Monday 20 February

Refugees who are returned to North Korea face certain imprisonment, likely torture, and even public execution. Pray protection over the thousands who have fled the country – including many Christians – that they would reach a place of safety and provision.

Tuesday 21 February

An estimated 80,000 to 120,000 people are detained in prison camps, many of them detained for their religious beliefs. Ask God to strengthen those suffering in inhumane conditions, and pray for the permanent closure of these camps.

Wednesday 22 February

Nine years ago, the UN Commission of Inquiry published its ground-breaking report on North Korea. It exposed the gravity and extent of the regime's human rights abuses, yet most of the report's recommendations are yet to be implemented. Pray for concrete action and increased attention at the UN.

Thursday 23 February

The UN Commission of Inquiry concluded that the regime 'considers the spread of Christianity a particularly severe threat'. Pray God's divine protection over Christians in North Korea, who are routinely imprisoned in labour camps, tortured and even executed.

Friday 24 February

'The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him' (Psalm 32:10). Pray this verse over Christians in North Korea, that they would know the Lord's unfailing love and peace as they put their trust and hope in him.

Saturday 25 February

Father God, thank you that you are sovereign, mighty and faithful. We lift the nation of North Korea to you today, asking for deliverance. Transform the hearts of its leaders, break the chains of those imprisoned and protect its people. Amen.