

Prayer Diary: China

23-29 July 2023



If you've been supporting CSW for a long time, you may remember praying for a Uyghur Christian called Alimujiang Yimiti (known as 'Alim').

In March, US-based organisation China Aid reported that Alim had been released from prison after completing a 15-year sentence. He had been detained on unfounded charges since January 2008.

While we praise God for the news of his release, we remember that Alim was robbed of 15 years of his life, and that for many Christians and others in the Uyghur region, even being released from prison does not equate to true freedom.

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Sunday 23 July

Pray today for Alim and his family. Ask God to bless them as they resume their life together, and to keep them safe from further harassment from the Chinese authorities.

Monday 24 July

In March we also welcomed the release of human rights defender and house church leader Hu Shigen, after seven years and eight months in prison. Elder Hu suffered torture and critical illness whilst in prison, so please pray for full restoration of his health.

Tuesday 25 July

Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu continues to face severe repression. Multiple members and leaders have been detained and imprisoned, and many have been threatened with forced eviction from their homes. Ask God to remove these threats and bring assurance of his provision.

Wednesday 26 July

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." (Isaiah 41:10a) Pray that imprisoned Christians in China – like Pastor Wang Yi, a leader of Early Rain Church – would know the truth of these words today.

Thursday 27 July

We have not forgotten human rights defenders like Chang Weiping, Gao Zhisheng and Zhang Zhan – all of whom remain in detention for speaking out for truth and justice. Gao's family have had no news of his whereabouts since August 2017, but it is believed he is in some form of detention. Pray in faith for their release and for God's comfort and strength for them and their families.

Friday 28 July

Join us in praying for world leaders. Ask God to grant them the bravery to stand up to such an aggressive nation as China, and to inspire them with new strategies to help the Chinese people in the face of unrelenting human rights violations.

Saturday 29 July

Father God, we believe that you are working to bring freedom, justice and democracy to the nation of China, even when we struggle to see it. We trust you and ask you to draw near to those in need today. Amen.