

Prayer Diary: Vietnam

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The Communist Party of Vietnam routinely violates the civil and political rights of its people. There is little or no space for the voice of civil society.

Many human rights defenders in Vietnam risk their own safety and freedom to stand up for victims of human rights violations, including the right to freedom of religion or belief. The Vietnamese government regularly condemns those speaking out for justice to long sentences in prison, where they can face dire conditions and brutal mistreatment.

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Sunday 8 October

Praise God that, after six years in prison, Nguyen Bac Truyen has been released! As you'll read on p.2 of Response, Truyen had been serving an 11-year sentence, targeted for using his legal expertise to defend the rights of others. Keep him in your prayers as he and his wife begin their new life in Germany.

Monday 9 October

Three men who were sentenced alongside Nguyen Bac Truyen in 2018 remain in prison. They are Pastor Nguyen Trung Ton, Pham Van Troi and Truong Minh Duc. Cry out to God for their immediate release.

Tuesday 10 October

Updates on Pastor Nguyen Trung Ton's health are concerning. He suffers from the long-term effects of COVID-19 and an eye disease which has caused a near total loss of vision. Authorities at Gia Trung Prison continue to deny him adequate medical treatment. Ask God to bring healing.

Wednesday 11 October

'Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.' (Psalm 143:8a ESV) Pray this verse over Pastor Ton and other Christian prisoners of conscience in Vietnam. May they know God's steadfast love as they put their trust in Him.

Thursday 12 October

Prisoners of conscience are often detained far from home to prevent family visits. Journalist Pham Doan Trang is currently serving a nine-year sentence for peacefully advocating for human rights, including freedom of religion or belief. She is detained in An Phuoc prison, 1500km from her home. Ask God to comfort Trang and other prisoners held far from their loved ones.

Friday 13 October

Bring those in positions of power in Vietnam before the Lord of all justice and grace. Pray that God would soften the hearts of prison authorities, police officers and government officials, that they might relent from cruelty and set those wrongly imprisoned free.

Saturday 14 October

Almighty God, we bring before you those imprisoned unjustly in Vietnam. Thank you for their work courageously speaking out for human rights. Would you protect them, provide for them, and bring them peace. Transform the hearts of oppressors and break the chains of those imprisoned. Amen.