

Prayer Diary: China

5-11 October 2025



Hui Christian Pastor
Ma Yan. Photo: China Aid.

Sunday 5 October

‘For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’ (Matthew 18:20) Pray that even smallest and most secretive unregistered ‘house’ churches in China would be deeply moved and encouraged by the presence of Jesus in their gatherings today.

Monday 6 October

Pastor Ma Yan, a Christian belonging to the Hui ethnic group, was released from prison in April. He spent more than eight months unjustly detained for ‘organising illegal gatherings’. Give thanks for his release, and pray that he and his family would be able to enjoy his freedom in peace.

Tuesday 7 October

The wives of preachers Li Jie and Han Xiaodong – both of whom were detained on unfounded fraud charges in August 2022 – have reportedly been stalked, harassed and intimidated while their husbands are in prison. Ask God to be a shield around them and all members of Linfen Covenant Home Church.

Wednesday 8 October

Even churches that are registered with the government, like the Xinyi Village Church in Anhui, have experienced raids and detentions. Today, let’s pray ambitiously for an end to the crackdown that affects every major religion or belief group in the country.

Thursday 9 October

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the infamous ‘709 crackdown’ in which over 300 human rights defenders and their family members were detained, interrogated or imprisoned. Many continue to face harassment today. Pray that God would protect them and strengthen their vital work.

Friday 10 October

Pray that governments around the world would stand up to China, despite its economic and geopolitical influence. Pray for increased efforts to hold the Chinese Communist Party to account for its flagrant and widespread violations of fundamental human rights.

Saturday 11 October

Father God, we continue to ask for radical transformation in China today. May we see prisoners released, churches free to operate, and ultimately a change in leadership such that the rights of all are upheld and respected. Amen.

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