

Prayer Diary: North Korea

22-28 March 2026



Sunday 22 March

Recent data suggests that Kim Jong-Un (the North Korean leader) is winning the hearts and minds of young people in North Korea, by cracking down on foreign media and spinning false narratives. Pray that the truth will prevail and that citizens would see the government's lies for what they truly are: tools to maintain control.

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Monday 23 March

Since 2020 it has become increasingly challenging to get information into North Korea. But the flow of information into the country is essential if we are to see change. Pray for creative means for news of the outside world to find its way into the hands of North Korean citizens, and for governments and other benefactors to continue to fund this work.

Tuesday 24 March

International Day for the Right to Truth concerning gross human rights violations and for the dignity of victims. Though the number of people escaping North Korea has slowed to a trickle since 2020, there are still individuals attempting to flee. Pray for their safety and protection along the arduous and dangerous journey.

Wednesday 25 March

Along their journey, North Korean escapees must pass through China, where they are at risk of being detained and forcibly repatriated. Pray for a shift in China's policy – that they would stop violating their international obligations, and would no longer send refugees back to North Korea, where they and their families will face terrible punishment

Thursday 26 March

The North Korean regime continues to spend vast resources on nuclear arms and security, while citizens face severe hunger and lack of food. Pray for a change that means the people of North Korea would no longer pay the price for the regime's security policies.

Friday 27 March

Ask the Lord to be an ever-present help to those who advocate for the people of North Korea, including Timothy Cho. He is a Christian and activist who often retells his personal experiences of imprisonment and escape, including at CSW's event in UK Parliament in November. We are grateful for his dedication and partnership.

Lent prayer

Saturday 28 March

'Why have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:46)

Lord Jesus, you know what it is to suffer. You are the suffering servant, who understands the pain of those living under oppression in North Korea. Bring your strength, comfort, power and hope to those who feel forsaken. We think especially of those in prison camps, those who have fled the country, and Christians who may be following you in secret. Show them that they are not forsaken. Amen.