

Prayer Diary: Vietnam

24-30 May 2026



Dr Nguyen Dinh Thang

Sunday 24 May

Y Quynh Bdap is a Montagnard Christian and human rights defender whose exact whereabouts are currently unknown. Despite being a UN-recognised refugee, he was forcibly returned to Vietnam on 28 November 2025 in violation of international law – even though UN experts had raised fears of torture. Pray urgently for his safety and freedom.

Monday 25 May

The Montagnards are a predominantly Christian ethnic group who have long been targeted by the government. Pray today for those who are unjustly imprisoned, such as Nay y Blang. He is serving a four-and-a-half-year sentence for holding prayer meetings in his home.

Tuesday 26 May

On 30 January, Vietnamese authorities issued an arrest warrant for US-based human rights activist Dr Nguyen Dinh Thang, citing false terrorism charges that are clearly designed to silence him. Pray that this will not succeed and the charges would be dropped.

Wednesday 27

May Vietnamese authorities are escalating attacks on human rights advocates outside of the country. This is known as transnational repression, and the targeting of Y Quynh Bdap and Dr Nguyen Dinh Thang are just two examples. Pray that the international community would hold Vietnam to account for intimidating human rights defenders and legitimate organisations in other countries.

Thursday 28 May

Transnational repression not only puts pressure on members of the Vietnamese diaspora who advocate for human rights. It also intimidates those inside the country who face injustice or persecution. Pray that anyone facing violations because of their beliefs would be able to safely seek help and justice.

Friday 29 May

Mr Bdap is the co-founder of Montagnards Stand for Justice, while Dr Thang is president of Boat People SOS. Both human rights organisations were falsely declared to be terrorist organisations by the Vietnamese government. Pray that Vietnam would stop using spurious terrorism accusations to target those who peacefully defend the rights of others.

Saturday 30 May

Father God, we ask you to draw near to comfort Mr Bdap's wife and five children today. Bring them good news of his wellbeing, and ultimately that he will be released without condition or harm. Amen.

Find out more at csw.org.uk/Vietnam

"Dr Nguyen Dinh Thang is a friend of mine. He is no terrorist. He is a champion of human rights, in particular the right to freedom of religion or belief. The fact that he has been targeted like this is a sign that his voice is reaching the ears of the Vietnamese authorities, who are now attempting to silence and intimidate him. This will not work."

Mervyn Thomas (CSW's Founder President)

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