

*Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Hebrews 13:3*

### **The Strategic Prayer Initiative – ChinaAid\* Prayer Requests—August/September 2019**

For more background on these requests, see the accompanying *Biographies for ChinaAid Prayer Requests Guide*.

\*ChinaAid is an international non-profit Christian human rights organization committed to promoting religious freedom and the rule of law in China

- ❑ **1. Pastor Wang Yi** – Pray for safety, courage, and comfort for Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong who were arrested in December 2018, when officials closed Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu—detaining over 100 Christians. They were not permitted to see lawyers. Pastor Yi was charged with “inciting to subvert state power in secret detention” (which means he is being tortured.) On June 10, Yi’s wife was released on bail to her brother’s house and reunited with her son. Under surveillance, no one else can visit her. Continue to pray for their safety and courage and peace.
- ❑ **2. Elder Li Yingqiang** – Pray for safety for Li Yingqiang, the elder of Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu—closed by the government in December 2018. Li Yingqiang was originally charged with “inciting subversion of state power” but charge has been changed to “picking quarrels and provoking troubles”. The family’s bank account was frozen. Please pray for peace and protection of this family.
- ❑ **3. Pastor John Cao** – Pray that Pastor John Cao, known for work among Myanmar’s minority groups, would stand strong in his faith and find favor with authorities. He is imprisoned on a trumped up charge of “organizing illegal crossings of national borders.” Cao decided to appeal, but the court continues to move the appeal hearing (currently scheduled for August 22). John’s wife (Jamie Powell) and two sons are U.S. citizens.
- ❑ **4. Elder Hu Shigen** - Elder Hu Shigen was detained July 9, 2015 in the 709 Crackdown for his pro-democracy activism and work as a church elder. Sentenced to 7½ years in jail and he was denied medical parole, though very ill. Pray for his health, encouragement and faith.
- ❑ **5. Pastor Guo Pingxi** - Pastor Guo arrived in America early 2018. He lives in Virginia where he is planting Chinese churches. Please pray that his wife and child in China, who recently had an asylum interview at the U.S. Embassy, will be able to join him and their other daughter in the U.S.
- ❑ **6. Pastor Yang Hua** - Yang Hua suffers from a compromised immune system after being released from 2 years in jail in June 2018. His son Enoch, in the U.S. only 6 months, studies very hard and has adjusted quickly to America. Pray for Yang Hua’s health and safety and Enoch’s adjustments.
- ❑ **7. Pastor Zhang Shaojie** - Pray that Pastor Zhang Shaojie would be fruitful as he preaches to fellow-prisoners and that the prisoners caring for him in his cell would come to know Christ. He is the imprisoned pastor of a state-run church, sentenced in 2014 to 12 years in jail. Pray for spiritual encouragement and for improved physical and mental health (he suffered much.) Also pray for his daughter Ester Zhang, who fled to the U.S. with her husband and daughter. Pray for their marriage, endurance through spiritual attacks and discouragement.
- ❑ **8. Pastor Bao Guohua and his wife Xing Wenxiang** - Pastor Bao Guohua, pastor of Zhejiang Chengguan Church, his wife (Xing Wenxiang), and son (Bao Chenxing) were sentenced to 14 years in prison, 12 years in prison and 3 years’ probation respectively. Ten other people of the church were sentenced from 2 to 5 years’ probation. Please pray for the family’s peace and health.
- ❑ **9. Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu (ERCC), China** – Pray for ERCC, closed by the police in December 2018, where over 160 Christians were detained, including a mom who miscarried due to prolonged police questioning. Students in the church college and adopted orphans were forced to “go back.” Preacher Cheng Zhangchun was paroled and sent to his hometown. Elder Su Bingsen was released in April. Wives of leaders were evicted from their apartments, detained, had bank accounts frozen, etc. On Easter 2019, four believers and 3 children were questioned for 12 hours after ERCC worshipped in the park. Additionally, other ERCC members are being tortured to giving false confession so they can then charge Pastor Wang Yi and punish him more severely. In July, twenty-three members were released on bail pending trial. Five, however, are still in detention including Elder Qin Defu and Deacon Ge Yingfeng (both charged with “illegal business operations”) and Brother Gou Zhongcan (secretly detained at his hometown in Bazhong, Sichuan Province). Pray for peace, courage and God’s comfort for the leaders and 700 believers of ERCC.
- ❑ **10. Spring of Life Church in Chengdu, China** - The police rushed in the Spring of Life Church and canceled the worship in January 2019. The church is facing forced closure by the government. Please pray for peace for all the Christians in the church.
- ❑ **11. Shouwang Church in Beijing, China** - Shouwang Church was established by Pastor Jin Tianming in Beijing in 1993 and in late March the government banned it and closed all of its branches. Pray the Lord’s blessing on Shouwang Church and that He sustain her in this time of testing, and grant her grace, wisdom, perseverance, and establish her like “a city on a hill” to manifest the glory of our Lord.
- ❑ **12. Renowned human rights lawyers - Wang Quanzhang**, the only one still detained since July 9, 2015 in 709 Crackdown in China, was tried on December 26, 2018 and awaiting verdict. His sister was recently informed that he is in Linyi Prison and his wife, Li Wenzu met him on June 28 in prison. He experienced many physical and psychological changes, likely due to torture. Pray that he, his wife and 5-year-old son Quanquan feel God’s love and protection. Pray for his faith in Jesus, peace of God and his health after being tortured. **Yu Wensheng** was detained since January 2018 and has not been permitted to see his wife and son. He received the French-German Human Right Legal Award in 2018 while in detention. Pray for his ministry in prison to his fellow inmates and that his wife and son are strengthened as they face harsh government policies.
- ❑ **13. Renowned human rights lawyers - Li Yuhua** gave great help and support to the wives of the human rights lawyers who lost their freedom in 709 Crackdown. Please pray for this aged female human rights lawyer to have a peaceful life in the detention center, where she has been since 2017 without charges. She has been seriously tortured both physically and mentally. Pray she can stand firm and feel being loved by Jesus. **Zhang Kai** was persecuted in 709 Crackdown in 2015, suffered torture, betrayal, and imprisonment. Pray for encouragement and hope as he is under house arrest. Please pray for his focused writing of the stories of those suffering from the persecution from the government.
- ❑ **14. Renowned human rights lawyers - Gao Zhisheng** was kidnapped from home in August 2017 and still remains missing. He has been imprisoned and tortured multiple times for his human rights and legal work. Please pray that he will be found. Pray his faith will not fail. Please pray for his wife and kids, who were rescued to the U.S. by ChinaAid in 2009. **Tang Jingling** was released late April after being imprisoned since January 2016 for his work as a human rights lawyer. Pray for his physical and psychological healing. His wife, Wang Yanfang, came to America with the help of ChinaAid in November 2016. Pray as she awaits her immigration interview for asylum and for her new life in the U.S. Please pray for Gao Zhisheng to grow in his relationship with the Lord and for strength.

- **15. The Chinese human rights lawyers disbarred by the government** - Pray for the following human rights lawyers disbarred or facing disbarment by the Chinese government: Liu Zhengqing, Lin Qilei, Sui Muqing, Wen Donghai, Ma lianshun, Qin Yongpei, Xie Yanyi, Chen keyun, Li Heping, Wang Yu, Liu Xiaoyuan, Zhou Lixin, Cheng Hai, Hu Linzheng, Zeng Wu, Chang Weiping, He Wei, Chen Jiahong, Li Jinxing, Yu Pingjian, Yang Jinzhu. Please pray that they would stand firm and feel the love of Jesus and would be able to practice law.
- **16. Human rights activists - Qing Yongmin** was one of the founding members of the democratic party of China. He has been imprisoned for 24 years but in July 2018 was charged with “subversion of state power”. His wife disappeared in 2015. Please pray for the family’s peace and health. **Huang Qi** created the “June 4 Skynet” website to advocate for democracy. He has been detained since November 18, 2016 enduring severe torture in the detention center. He was charged with “providing illegal state secrets abroad.” His case was tried secretly in January of 2019. His 80 year old mother disappeared after she showed up to search for Huang Qi. Please pray for his health and peace. Pray for his missing elderly mom. **Wang Bingzhang** was sentenced to life in prison in 2003. He created the democratic party of China, published a book to direct others how to do the democratic movement, and advocated for democracy in China. Pray for his family and his health and peace in jail.
- **17. Human rights activists - Zhu Yufu** is a Christian political activist released from prison in 2018. His daughter Zhu Li went to the United States in July as a refugee. Please pray for healing and the continuation of his ministry. **Liu Xianbin** is an imprisoned human rights activist and a political activist. He is serving a 10 year prison sentence that was given to him on March 25, 2011. His daughter fled alone to the U.S. in September 2011. Please pray he comes to know Christ. Please pray for his daughter’s college life. **Guo Quan**, imprisoned for speaking out against the Chinese government, was released after ten years on November 12, 2018. His wife and son were rescued to the U.S. in 2012. Pray for Guo to come to know Christ and for his wife and son to have good friends and heal from the emotional trauma that they have experienced.
- **18. Human rights activists - Liu Ping** is imprisoned for her civil rights activism. In June 2016, she was sentenced to jail for 6 years. Please pray for her to grow in her faith in Jesus and that she would lead her fellow prisoners to Jesus. **Li Chang** was sentenced in December 1999 to 16 years in jail for practicing Falun Gong, a non-Christian spiritual practice baselessly considered a dangerous cult by the Chinese government. Please pray that he will come to know Christ. **Other human rights activists needing prayer:** Liu Feiyue, Yan Jianghua, Sun Lin, Xu Lin, Dong Yaoqiong, Sun Mengyu, Yue Wei, Yang Shuhan, Zhang Pancheng. They have been blocked from seeing family or lawyers. Pray permission to see family and lawyers and for their safety and health. Pray they grow closer with God.
- **19. Refugees Families in the USA - Jin Bianling (Linda) and her daughter** - Linda is the wife of Jiang Tianyong, one of the most famous human rights lawyers of China, who went in and out of the jails many times because of his strong belief of human rights protection. He was forced to eat handfuls of unknown medicine every day. In February 2018, after 2 years in prison, Jiang Tianyong was released to house arrest. He cannot sit normally because police broke his spine. Linda and daughter were rescued by ChinaAid to America in May of 2013 and recently began to attend church in California. Pray that they come to know God’s love and pray that her daughter would be able to focus on her studies. Please pray for the spiritual growth of this family. **Li Aijie (Alison) and Matthew (her son)** - Zhang Haitao, Alison’s husband, a dissident to the Chinese government, was sentenced to 19 years in jail in 2016. Alison and her son moved to San Francisco in February, and she has a job in the daycare where her son is cared for. Praise God that she obtained her driver’s license. Please pray for the successful transition of the family.
- **20. Refugees Families in the USA - Ouyang Manping (Hannah), three kids** – Pray that Hannah, wife of Pastor Su Tianfu, transitions well. In Texas, Hannah attends an ESL class online. Her teenaged son Xinyi is struggling with his English in high school and struggles to make friends. Please pray for Hannah’s English to improve and for Xinyi’s school life and to heal his trauma as soon as possible. **Gloria Chen, and daughters Jenny Xie and Kelly Xie** - Gloria is the wife of Xie Yang, a bold human rights lawyer. Please pray for Jenny and family to grow close to Jesus soon. Pray that Jenny continues to go to worship and Sunday School and that the others will join her. Pray for Gloria’s new college life as English major and Kelly’s creative thoughts at school.
- **21. Refugees Families in the USA - Family of Wang Qingying, Zeng Jieshan (Sarah) and two sons** - Wang Qingying is a dissident to the Chinese government and sentenced two and a half years’ jail in China. The family lives in New York now. Please pray they find community. **Zhao Fengsheng, Quan Haiyan, and their daughter Sharon** - The family arrived in America in July of 2018 and struggle with English. They moved for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in May. A second daughter was born in February of 2019. Pray for their stability, peaceful life and suitable community. Praise God that he provided both Wang Qingying and Zhao Fengsheng with jobs.
- **22. Family of deceased Yang Tianshui** – Pray for comfort for this family as Yang died of cancer during his imprisonment (he was in prison for his activist work). **Family of deceased Li Baiguang** –Famous human rights lawyer, Li Baiguang, focused on the legal protection to the Christians and other religion believers. He died of cancer in 2018. Pray for a peaceful life to his wife and son in China.
- **23. Liu Xia, Wife of deceased Liu Xiaobo (2010 Nobel Peace Laureate)** – Pray for Liu Xia who is recovering well from the physical and psychological aspects of her suffering. She continued her artwork with an exhibition in Germany. **Wife of deceased Pastor Han** – Pray for answers and justice for the wife of Pastor Han following his martyrdom at the hands of North Korean agents because of his work rescuing North Korean refugees. Please pray for her protection.
- **24. Christians** - Pray Chinese believers would stand firm when facing detention, church destruction, or the rewriting of scripture by the government.
- **25. Uighur Muslims** - Please pray that God would comfort the 3 million Uighur Muslims unfairly imprisoned in “reeducation camps.” Pray that God would lead them to Himself and they would find Jesus while in prison.
- **26. China’s President Xi** - Please pray President Xi would come to know Christ and God would soften his heart.
- **27. Those in the Chinese government** - Please pray individuals within the Chinese government would come to know Jesus through the witness of believers, and that they would listen to the wisdom of the Lord and not the lies of the enemy.
- **28. China’s secret police and police officers** - Please pray they will have encounters with Christ.
- **29. Bob Fu** - Pray for wisdom for Bob as he works with various governmental leaders and organizations and various persecution cases.
- **30. ChinaAid Board, Staff and Partners** - Pray for physical protection, unity, and growth in the Lord for each of their partner organizations as they work together to further the cause of Christ, as well as for the individual members of China Aid’s staff. Pray for wisdom for each of their board members as they lead and advise the organization.