

*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*

**“Prayer is warfare. Just getting to prayer is half the battle; staying there is the other half.” Anonymous**

### **The Strategic Prayer Initiative – ChinaAid\* Prayer Requests—March/April/May 2019**

**\*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 for Pastor Wang Yi and his wife Jiang Rong, who were detained (along with 100 Christians) and charged with “subversion of state power” in December 2018. Officials closed Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu. Yi’s 74 year old mother (who cares for Yi’s son) was hurt by police, when a policeman tried to steal her bank passcode. Please pray for peace and protection of this family.
- ❑ **2. Elder Li Yingqiang** – Pray for safety for Li Yingqiang, the elder of Early Rain Covenant Church in Chengdu. which was closed by the government in December 2018. Li Yingqiang was originally charged with “inciting subversion 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** - Pastor John Cao, a pastor known for his work among Myanmar’s minority groups, is imprisoned on a trumped up charge of “organizing illegal crossings of national borders” and is awaiting trial. John’s wife, Jamie Powell, and his two sons, Ben and Amos, are American citizens. Please pray that he stands strong in his faith and that he will find favor with the authorities.
- ❑ **4. Elder Hu Shigen** - Elder Hu Shigen has been detained since July 9, 2015 in the 709 Crackdown for his pro-democracy activism and work as a church elder. He was sentenced to 7½ years in jail. He has suffered many illnesses, but the prison refused medical parole. Please pray for his health, that he will grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, and that he will be encouraged in the Lord.
- ❑ **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 will be able to leave China and join him and their other daughter in the United States.
- ❑ **6. Pastor Yang Hua** - Yang Hua suffers from a compromised immune system after he was released in June 2018 from two years in jail. His son just arrived in America and is doing well in his new school. Please pray for the health and safety of Yan Hua and his son’s adjustments.
- ❑ **7. Pastor Zhang Shaojie** - Pastor Zhang Shaojie is an imprisoned pastor of a state-run church, sentenced to 12 years in jail starting in July of 2014. Please pray for spiritual encouragement, for his poor physical health, and for his mental health as 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, 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, China** – In December 2018 police detained over 160 Christians in Early Rain Covenant Church and forced it closed. Students in the church college and adopted orphans were forced to go back. Pastor Yi, elders and leaders were charged with “subversion of state power” or “picking quarrels and provoking trouble”. One lady had a miscarriage due to long term questioning in the police station. After 15 days a few were released. Preacher Cheg Zhangchug was paroled but forced back to his hometown. Wives of leaders were evicted from their apartments, detained, had back accounts frozen, etc. Please pray for peace for the 700 Christians of the church.
- ❑ **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 has been the target of government persecution. Pray the Lord’s blessing on Shouwang Church and that He sustain her in this time of testing, grant her grace, wisdom and perseverance, and establish her like “a city on a hill” as described in the Bible to manifest the glory of our Lord.
- ❑ **12. Renowned human rights lawyers - Wang Quanzhang** is the only one detained since July 9, 2015 in 709 Crackdown in China. His case was tried on December 26, 2018 and awaiting verdict. The detention center has given no information about him in over 3½ years. The computer system shows no case for him. Pray that wife Li Wenzu 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 in the detention center. **Yu Wensheng** was detained since January 2018. He received the French-German Human Right Legal Reward in 2018 although he is still in the detention center. Please pray for his ministry in prison to his fellow inmates. Pray that wife Xu Yan and son are strengthened as they face harsh government policies.
- ❑ **13. Renowned human rights lawyers - Li Yuhan** 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. 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 in August 2017 from home and his location remains unknown. 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** is imprisoned for his work as a human rights lawyer since January 2016. His wife, Wang Yanfang, came to America with the help of ChinaAid in November 2016. She is waiting for the immigration interview for her asylum. Please pray for him to grow in his relationship with the Lord and for strength as he is in prison and pray for his wife’s new life in America. He is expected to be released April 2019. Pray for his safety and provisions and God’s comfort.
- ❑ **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 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. **Li 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. Her daughter has no interest in her high school 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 new job there. She hopes to obtain her driver’s license. Her son will go to daycare center. Please pray for the successful transition of the family.
- **20. Refugees Families in the USA - Ouyang Manping (Hannah), three kids** - Hannah is the wife of Pastor Su Tianfu who had two years’ bail in China since May 2018. 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 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. They struggle with English. They moved to Houston in January and a second daughter was born in February of 2019. Pray for their peaceful life and suitable community.
- **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** – One of the 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)** - Please pray for his wife’s new life 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** - Please pray they would stand firm when facing detention or church destruction, or bible rewriting in China.
- **25. Uighur Muslims** - Please pray as there are up to a million Uighur Muslims unfairly imprisoned in “reeducation camps.” Pray that God would comfort and encourage and lead them to Himself and they would find Jesus while in prison.
- **26. China’s President Xi** - Please pray he would come to know Christ and God can soft his heart.
- **27. Those in the Chinese government** - Please pray they 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 when working with 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.