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PRAYER CALENDAR

September 2020

September 1: Please pray for North Korea, known as the world's most closed, isolated and repressive state, with one of the worst records for human rights. It is ruled by the only dictatorship in the world which is both a dynasty and also portrays itself as a deity.

September 2: Dear God, we pray for freedom and peace in North Korea. The UN Commission of Inquiry report on North Korea concluded that the gravity, scale and nature of the violations of human rights reveal a State that does not have any parallel in the contemporary world.

September 3: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion do not exist in North Korea. The regime considers Christianity a particularly severe threat. Pray for safety of Christians, who are punished by being hung on a cross over fire, crushed under a steamroller and herded off bridges if caught.

September 4: It is incredibly difficult to get information out of North Korea at the best of times. There are real concerns about the spread of coronavirus, even as the government claims there are no cases of Covid-19 in North Korea. Pray for health of North Koreans.

September 5: Pray for safety from the pandemic in North Korea, which closed its border to China in January. A source in the military stated that almost 200 soldiers have died of COVID-19 symptoms, while prisoners have been dying of respiratory problems.

September 6: Due to the secretive nature of the North Korean regime it is unlikely the truth of the extent of the pandemic there will ever be known. Pray for healing and safety of all affected by COVID-19 in North Korea.

September 7: The coronavirus pandemic could cause a shake-up at the highest levels of the North Korean regime. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to bring religious freedom and spiritual revival.

September 8: North Koreans are forced to embrace Juche ideology, which mixes Marxism with worship of the late Great Leader Kim Il Sung and his family. Concepts from Christianity were taken to create a religion in which he is worshipped. Pray God's power envelopes North Korea, bringing freedom from bondage and suffering.

September 9: North Korea is a country run as a personality cult. Any deviation from expected norms is punishable by anything up to execution by firing squad. Owning a Bible is enough to get you killed. Pray God sets this oppressive country free.

September 10: Pray for Christians in North Korea who face daily terror for their faith. Three generations of a family are sent to political prison camps if one member is accused of the crime of believing in God.

September 11: There is no freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in North Korea. Any North Korean who expresses an opinion or belief which differs from the regime's propaganda faces severe punishment. Pray for the estimated 200,000+ people detained in prison camps, enduring dire living conditions and brutal torture.

September 12: There are four official state-controlled churches in Pyongyang. Religious freedom in North Korea is non-existent, and Christians face the risk of prison camps, severe torture and execution for their faith. Pray for deliverance of persecuted Christians.

September 13: Pray North Korean government ensures all human rights are upheld and defended, including the right to freedom of religion or belief. Pray the government ends the violent, targeted persecution of Christians.

September 14: Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring spiritual revival in North Korea. It is ruled by a dictatorship which portrays itself as a deity, demanding complete obedience. Pray this dictatorship is replaced by democracy and freedom.

September 15: Pray for peace in the nation of Sudan. As its leaders adjust to a new government, pray for wisdom and justice to guide all those involved in making decisions for the country's future.

September 16: Sudan's recent nationwide demonstrations called for systematic reforms and an end to decades of human rights violations. Protests resulted in the deposition of former president Omar al Bashir and transfer of presidential power to the Sovereignty Council of Sudan. Pray for peace and reconciliation to prevail in Sudan.



September 17: Thank God for the recent abolition of the death penalty for apostasy and other important reforms in Sudan. These changes mark important steps forward in the process of reform and democratization.

September 18: Pray the Sudanese government advances the process of reform by creating a legislative body and the necessary institutions for expediting justice for victims of human violations.

September 19: As Sudan emerges from a lengthy dictatorship and several conflicts, the situation of human rights remains precarious. Violations continue to occur in conflict affected regions. Pray the international community maintains a close watch as the country progresses toward civilian rule.

September 20: Pray for international support to shore up and improve Sudan's economy, and to prioritize financial assistance for the reform process. Pray for the Church in Sudan to bring healing and unity.

September 21: Pray that the reforms in Sudan will continue despite any opposition and that justice will be served for the many victims of decades of human rights violations.

September 22: Praise God that a Sudanese court has ordered the return of land belonging to the Baptist Church. Pray for the Church in Sudan to prosper and be a source of light and hope to many Sudanese displaced from their homes due to conflict.

September 23: Lord, we lift the nation of Sudan to You. At this historic time, we pray for the hopes that inspired the recent revolution of freedom, justice and peace would become a lasting reality.

September 24: Lord, we pray for Your Church in Iran. Give strength and courage to Your children as they stand as light in the darkness. Pray for safety of the rapidly growing underground church network in Iran.

September 25: Pray for CSW's advocacy team as they continue to support and speak up for Christians in Iran during the current Covid-19 crisis. Pray for safety and perseverance for the many church leaders serving or facing unjust prison sentences.

September 26: Praise God for many Christian prisoners in Iran who have been released temporarily or permanently due to concerns about the spread of Covid-19, including Pastor Amin Khaki, Rokhsare Ghanbari and Fatemah Bakhteri.

September 27: Pray Iranian authorities dismiss charges and release all Christians unjustly imprisoned for their faith. Pray international awareness of judicial harassment of Christian communities is raised during bilateral discussions.

September 28: Pray the Iranian government honors its constitutional and international obligations to protect and respect the religious rights of its citizens.

September 29: Lord, give courage and protection to Your children in Iran facing discrimination, harassment and danger. We pray for the release all Christians unjustly imprisoned for their faith.

September 30: As we pray for the nation of Iran, we thank God for the news that many Iranian Christians have been released from prison. Praise God, who reigns forever and is sovereign over every nation.

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