

## August 2025 Prayer

*We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.  
Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.*

—Psalm 33: 20-22

**China**—This past year, China has attempted to ban independent missionaries throughout the country. The people are told to sing songs glorifying Chinese leaders. Many churches have been closed and leaders are not allowed to continue to preach. Yet followers of Christ are still continuing to do their work for the Lord. They have found ways to continue to share the gospel secretly. Pray that the Lord protects them and provides ways for them to continue to spread the Word. Pray that they stay fueled by the love of the Lord and on fire to continue ministry even when it comes with risk of imprisonment. *(Source: International Christian Concern)*

**Iran/ Turkey**—Mehran Shamloui was heading to Turkey for safety when he was caught and deported back to Iran. As soon as he arrived at the airport, he was arrested. He is now imprisoned in Evin Prison for his faith and has to serve a ten year and 8 month sentence. Authorities have made him look like a criminal because his faith in Christ is a threat against Islamic Law. Pray that he will stay firm in his faith, even when facing trials. Pray that he would cling to the Lord—his firm foundation. Pray for a miracle—justice and freedom for those being wrongfully trialed. *(Source: Church in Chains)*

**Democratic Republic of Congo**—On May 17 in the DRC, there was an attack on multiple villages, killing and injuring many. The terrorists attacked simply because those villages were known to have a number of believers. Many were killed in their homes, and others were taken captive and brought into a church where they were killed later. This is one of many attacks against these people for their faith. Pray that the violence would not lead believers away from the truth they stand firm in and rather draw them closer to the Lord. Pray that families and friends grieving a loved one would find comfort and hope in the Lord and that the ability to worship freely would be allowed in the DRC. *(Source: International Christian Concern)*

**Indonesia**—Apollinaris Darmawan was in prison for four years and has recently been released. He had been attacked and arrested, and was charged with blasphemy and insulting Islam in a book that he wrote after converting from Islam to Catholicism. While in prison, he used his time to write letters about his faith, to encourage other believers, and to walk laps around the prison to stay healthy. Praise the Lord that after his years of suffering he has been freed and continues to stay firm in his faith and spread the gospel. Pray that he would continue to stay on fire for the Lord and use his struggles as a testimony. Pray that he would be protected and be able to boldly proclaim the truth, without fear. *(Source: Human Rights Watch, International Christian Concern)*

**Nigeria**—Reverend Na'allah and a congregant who was a Muslim convert were killed and a townswoman was abducted this past month in Nigeria. They were at the altar worshipping during a church service, when Islamic militants entered and shot them. Spectators said there were about 15-20 attackers and they went straight for the church, shouting "Allahu Akbar" (Death to the infidels). The reverend tried to reason with them and was shot immediately. He had received many death threats in the past for his work with Muslim youth and had responded by saying, "If I must die, let it be in the service of God and peace." Pray for comfort for those grieving and for the light of Christ to spread in this Muslim area. Pray that the terrorists would find humility and remorse and seek the Lord. *(Source: Open Doors)*