
Koinonia Prayer Requests

Last time we prayed for Uzbekistan 21 and Laos 22 on the World Watch List, this week it is Turkmenistan and Algeria.

- Turkmenistan has 68,000 Christians about 1% of the population. Persecution against Christians in this repressive Islamic state comes mainly from the government and society. Especially women who are totally subordinate to their parents, unless married to their husband. They open themselves to beatings, house arrest, verbal abuse, threats, forced marriage, disinheritance and rejection. They may also face abduction, rape and sexual harassment. Men can face harassment and intimidation which can lead to home detention, disinheritance, shaming and beatings.
- Percentage wise - Algeria has slightly more Christians than Turkmenistan, 3% of the population but they are still a tiny minority in a population of over 43million Muslims. The majority of Christians here are converts from Islam. They are most at risk of persecution, not just from their family and extended family, but from the wider community. This can involve harassment, beatings, threats and imprisonment. some of the stories coming out of this North African country are horrific.
- Thank God for the way He is still working through His persecuted Church, also pray He would answer the cries of His persecuted children, protecting them, helping them stand strong for Him.
- Please pray for our friends in Malawi, Syford and Elizabeth, pray God would give them all the resources they need for looking after the people there all their needs including the spiritual and physical. Also, keep in your prayers, Dennis and Shelia that they will be able to go to Malawi later this year.
- We were praying for Trevor, Vicki's friend, and the biopsy his dog had - sadly, the results were not good and his dog hasn't got long to live as it has cancer.
- Continue to pray that Diana's flat would sell. She has also mentioned her friend's dad, Dave for prayer; he has just heard that his cancer has returned to his other lung and they can't do anything for him.
- Pray for folk in the fellowship, those known to us; individuals that are suffering through ill health, who are on their own, who need our encouragement, the one parent families and those suffering financially. I think we all know people who need prayer, Maybe pray for a different church member daily?
- As we are told to pray for those in authority first can we pray for our Church leaders starting with Don and also Paula, then for all who have the responsibility of shepherding God's people and peaching His word.
- Our political leaders definitely need our prayers particularly at this time, on Sunday in prayers we were praying against "Stonewall". On Tuesday I read a Christian article saying that for the first time ever there has been infighting in Stonewall and that civil servants are getting fed up with their bullying tactics and harassment of a lot of government staff, so please pray on.

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- Mary would like us to pray for her dad who is still poorly and not picking up at all, pray he would realise he needs Jesus in his life before it is too late.
- We have heard from David Sullivan that Eileen was taken into Basingstoke hospital after falling and breaking her hip, pray for all the Sullivans please.

Thank you,

Billy