

# **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR ASIA**

## **PRAYER SEGMENT 1**

Praise God for being the Lord of history and of the Church.

Thank God for our forebears in church history (European and other) who suffered persecution rather than renounce or be silent about their faith.

Thank God for giving us an opportunity to identify with the persecuted Church in Asia through prayer.

Ask God to guide our prayers according to His will, so that they will benefit the persecuted Church.

Dear Lord, bless Your Church. Raise up Your people where the enemy is strong.

For the families of those imprisoned or martyred, and for those in prison or under persecution.

Pray that we may be given a willingness to suffer for the Gospel ourselves if necessary.

For the love and forgiveness of Christ to conquer hate and fear.

For the ultimate salvation of all those who now persecute Christians.

## **PRAYER SEGMENT 2**

### **For believers living in Communist countries**

Protection of House Church leaders in prison in China and Vietnam, and continued growth of the church in those two countries.

Protection of House Churches in China during this Olympic year, and blessing on the ministry of many overseas missions teams that will come.

That Communist leaders lose their fear of Christians and see them as a force for the good of their nations. That the governments will come to accept Christianity. We ask this especially for China within the next several years.

Protection of individual believers in North Korea, and a change in government policy to allow the formation of Christian congregations.

Protection of Christians in north-east China who seek to help North Korean Christian refugees. For a change in the Chinese policy of sending refugees back to North Korea.

### **For believers in India and Nepal**

Protection of foreign and local missionaries working in India from attacks by Hindu extremists.

Courage for Indian believers to continue evangelism and church-planting in the face of threats and harassment by Hindu police.

For a reversal in the trend toward increasing persecution in India.

Protection of believers in Nepal from persecution by Hindus, and for continued growth of the church in that country.

That the many Maoists recently elected to office in Nepal are prevented from repressing the Christians there.

### **For believers in Central Asian countries**

Courage for new believers in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan to continue meeting together and evangelizing as they face pressure from relatives, government authorities, and Muslims.

### **For believers in Southeast Asia**

Protection of Christians in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei from persecution by Muslims, and for growth of the Church in these countries.

That governments in Indonesia and Malaysia resist pressure to replace existing laws with Muslim *shari'a* law.

Protection of believers in Sri Lanka from pressure by Buddhists to renounce their faith, and renewed growth of the church there in the midst of civil war between Buddhists and Hindus.

## **PRAYER SEGMENT 3**

### **Praises**

Thank God for the faithful witness of the persecuted.

Praise God for His grace, mercy and faithfulness to Asian churches, and for the growth of the Church and the increasing numbers of Christians in Asia.

Thank God for the great growth of Christianity, that has taken place in China, South Korea, Indonesia, India, and Nepal over the past 20-30 years.

Thank our Savior that South Korea is sending missionaries out across the world.

Thank the Lord for the rebirth of Christianity in Central Asia and Mongolia in the 1990's.

Praise God for the emergence of strong missionary movements from the churches in South Korea, India, the Philippines, and China.

Praise the Lord for the great expansion of evangelical theological education in East and Southeast Asia.

### **Cultural obstacles and dangers**

Deliverance of the Chinese and other East Asian peoples from the beliefs and practices of ancestor worship.

Knowledge of the True God for peoples living under atheistic governments.

Prevention of cults from infiltrating the Church in Asia or interfering with it.

Protection of rural house churches in China from indigenous heresies and cults.

Please provide an abundance of strong, pure, well trained leaders for the house churches.

Protection of theological education in East and Southeast Asia from compromise with universalism, evolution, ancestor worship, and other practices.

For strength for new believers who must immediately face hardship.

For those in a position of governmental leadership, that God may instill wisdom in them—that the leaders will rule Asia with wisdom and mercy.

### **Work of the Church**

For Christian workers serving in Mainland China in various businesses and professions.

For the beginning of an outreach to Indonesia through giving relief to the 2004 Tsunami victims and partnering with local Christians to plant churches.

For the launching of long-term missionary outreach to Malaysia and Indonesia.

For our missionary brothers and sisters who are faithfully serving in Asia—that they carry out their ministries with impact and that God gives them all-round protection and bless them with all necessary wisdom and strength and sensitivity and opportunities to show God's love.