



# PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BROTHERS & SISTERS

## Pray for the Persecuted Christians in China

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also.

(Hebrews 13:3)



## China

Total Population: 1,439,323,776

Self-Proclaimed Christian Population: 9% – **Evangelical Witness: 8%**

Largest Religion: Non-Religious: 44%

Death Rate: 8.2/1000 per year: Just today: 32,335

## Golden Lampstand Church Asks for Prayers and Demands Justice for Imprisoned Leaders

**07/25/2022** China (International Christian Concern) - A member of the demolished Golden Lampstand Church in Shanxi province asks for prayers for the imprisoned leaders of his house church, especially his sister.

According to ChinaAid, the church's refusal to register and join the Chinese state-vetted church has allowed for easy targeting by the government. The church has been under attack since 2009 when officials raided the church and beat Christians inside the church's Gospel shoe factory. Despite the church's demolition in 2018, members continue to gather for worship services.

The most recent attempt to shut down the church was in August of last year when nine Christian church leaders were arrested. Although two were released on bail, the remaining seven leaders were officially arrested and are currently awaiting their trial. The leaders in jail include Yang Kai's sister, Yang Rongli, and her husband, Pastor Wang Xiaoguang.

Officials charged the leaders with carrying out fraud in the church. Mr. Yang explains that the offerings collected from church members are used to support and keep the church ministry going, a practice in line with Christian tradition and is by no means a scam.

According to Mr. Yang, his sister does not receive proper meals, her family cannot visit her, and she is denied treatment for her diabetes.

In response to such tragic circumstances, the brother asks for prayers for his sister, and that the law would be laid down in all its truth