

Prayer for North Korea

Dear God, thank you for faithful missionaries who brought the Gospel to the Republic of Korea centuries ago. Their earnest dedication and their vision for holistic ministry flourished because of your faithfulness. Thank you for not giving up on the work of leaders past, both known and unknown, who suffered so that the Gospel could be made alive for the people of North Korea.

Dear God, empower the Christians who worship you in hidden places and behind closed doors. Strengthen those who lift up your name in plain sight and are persecuted for their faith. May the evil one not have the last word. When families are subjected to unlawful arrests, ridicule, and imprisonment, we pray for resilience. Protect your people as they read your word under the flickering lights of night. Remind them that their persecution does not escape the eyes and ears of the Sovereign Lord. May they gain strength knowing that prayers are going up on their behalf every day.

Dear God, reunite the families separated by decades of injustice. Separation has left anguish and sorrow for those on either side of the 38th parallel. Yet people have not lost hope that a unified Korea is still a part of your plan. We pray for the nudging of the Spirit to increase opportunities for family members to connect and renew relationships. We pray for the release of family members being held in North Korean prisons and work camps. We pray for freedom for these captives, and unification with their loved ones.

Dear God, protect the many North Koreans making the arduous journey to escape their country. The risks that they face are high. Watch over them, Lord. Protect those who make it to South Korea, those who are caught and punished, and those living as undocumented workers in China without recourse or rights. Lord, grant protection and cover from mistreatment and abuse. May they find help along the road from strangers who do not pass them by.

Dear God, move the government of North Korea. Work in the hearts and minds of officials to lay down weapons of destruction and death in exchange for olive branches of peace and religious freedom. You are the one who changes hearts. You are the one who rules the nations. May the leaders of North Korea turn their faces toward you for wisdom and truth.

Dear God, send out your word. May it not return empty. Work through the airwaves of Christian broadcasting ministries to reach North Korean people. We give thanks for media ministries who believe God's word can penetrate the brick walls and barbed wires with words of encouragement and salvation. May the Far East Broadcasting Company, and others, continue to be a Gospel voice to the people of North Korea.

Father God, we join our hearts with the Apostle Paul who prayed, "for this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for the saints. I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better (Ephesians 1:15-17)."

We beseech you Father, hear our prayers for North Korea! God, make haste!

Amen.

