

Winter 2026

# PRISONERS: THE VANISHED

Given the Uyghur homeland has by far the highest incarceration rate in the world, researchers estimate that as many as 1 million are serving 20-to-life.



Photos credited to [Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation](#) and used under CC BY-NC-ND 3.0.

# Meditate, Pray: (15 min) Perseverance until Deliverance

## Prayers for Perseverance

- By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible. Heb 11:27
- All these people [forefathers] were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised...[i]nstead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God...has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13
- Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Heb 13:3

## Prayers for Deliverance

- Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Prov 31:8-9
- You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Ps 32:7
- The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He...was appalled that there was no one to intervene...Is 59:15-16
- My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. Is 51:5

# Prayers of Lament/Adoration (5 min)

## Lament

- Nearly 1 in 12 homeland Uyghurs are in prison, by far the world's highest incarceration rate
- Cultural thought leaders are disproportionately incarcerated, along with heads of households
- The world expresses little outrage about this extralegal imprisonment
- A new wave of religious crackdown is afoot across the country
- "LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry." Ps 88:1-2

## Adore

- No one is locked away from God's presence
- God often brings prison miracles (Paul's break out, Ten Boom's pest-infested Bible studies, frequent dreams/visions)
- Believers are also in prison, bringing light and life
- Some prisoners' addresses are known; we can write post cards of encouragement
- Historically, efforts to lock up the gospel have catastrophically backfired – the gospel spreads during persecution

## Pray for perseverance/hope (12 min)

- Ask the Comforter to be palpably near to those unjustly imprisoned
- Bestow health, stamina, grit, and determination on those serving in forced labor, especially elders
- Ask Holy Spirit to convict perpetrators
- Ask Spirit for dreams and visions pointing to Jesus
- Bestow bold witness opportunities for imprisoned Jesus followers
- Ask for the global Body to make this situation known, to advocate for countries to bring pressure for justice



# Pray for deliverance from cruelty and injustice

- Most prisons are contracted to CCP-run factories using prisoners in forced labor
- Overcrowding and unsanitary conditions prevail; torture is frequent
- Prisons are sites for organ harvest, drugs experiments, atrocities against women
- Few prisoners can see family; many have not been heard from in years
- Most sentences are long, 20 years to life
- Some have died
- Ask (and keep asking) for a speedy end to these unjust imprisonments



## Prayers of Adoration, Praise (5 min)

- Justice is His name:  
“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” Luk 18:6
- Celebrate! The glorious end of God’s story is already written:  
“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...” Rev 7:9



God's people  
are not  
powerless in  
bringing  
justice!

For doable  
acts, visit the  
[CC4U website](https://www.cc4u.org)

HOME | Uyghurs | Consumers | Pray-ers | Advocates | Events

## CC4U: Christian Coalition for Uyghurs

### Do-able acts to counter genocide

**For Consumers**

Strategies for reducing forced labor risk in the goods you buy

[Learn more](#)



**For Advocates**

Ways you can raise your voice against genocide and for freedom

[Learn more](#)



**NEW!**

Check out the [EVENTS TAB!](#)

Choose a scheduled advocacy or prayer session; join with others in resisting genocide!

**For Learners**

Bite-sized learning about Uyghur culture and ongoing genocide

[Learn more](#)



**For Pray-ers**

Access to requests for timely needs for Uyghurs and workers

[Learn more](#)

