

Activity (7 min): Although innocent, you just got sentenced to life in prison. What emotions, thoughts, questions would you have for God? Share.



Prayer 1: 10 min of lament/adoration

Lament

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. ... But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. ... Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help." (Ps. 22 selected verses)

Add your prayers of lament

Adoration

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white...crying out ..."Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ... and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (Rev. 7:9-12)

Add your prayers of adoration

Activity (3 min): Imagine yourself as a victim; then as a victimizer.





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Prayer 2: 15 min asking God's just kingdom to come

For Victimizers

- Based on being an imagined victimizer, ask God for whatever came to mind
- Victimizers are enslaved by evil. What bondages should be broken? Pray for release leading to repentance.
- Per prison staffing records, some perpetrators are Uyghur. What special prayers would you offer?
- Pray God's just kingdom justice come –
 what does that mean for victimizers?

For Victims

- Based on being an imagined victim, ask God for whatever came to mind
- Pray for strength and courage under suffering, violence, forced labor
- Ask the Holy Spirit to keep bitterness from hardening hearts
- Ask God to turn what Satan means for destruction into kingdom redemption
- What if prisons became sites of revival?
- "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)

Activity (3 min): Imagine yourself in these prisoners' shoes; imagine being family

- Osman Abdulla, 63, went abroad for business
- Returned to care for hospitalized wife; while caring for her, he was arrested
- Family members initially threatened not to disclose location, but they've had no word since 2017
- More info on <u>Xinjiang Victim's Database</u>





- **Gulmire Imin**, 43, former Aksu government employee, journalist, poet
- Sentenced 12-20 years in Xinjiang Women's Prison
- Likely subject to forced labor, XWP provides contracted labor for the garment industry
- More info (including where to send postcards) on <u>Xinjiang Victim's Database</u>

Prayer 3: 15 min remembering prisoners "as if we were together with them"

For Osman and Gulmire – and families

- Based on your imaginings, ask God for ...
 whatever came to mind
- Based on your imaginings, ask God for ...
 whatever came to mind for their families
- Jesus knows their names, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal himself
- Pray for protection/favor prisoners, especially women, may be unthinkably brutalized
- Give your prayers feet write to Gulmire!

For imprisoned believers

- Pray for strength and courage under suffering, violence, forced labor
- Pray the same for families, also for means of support so children can stay home
- Ask the Holy Spirit to be palpably present, for believers to receive the breath of God
- Pray they find opportunities for eternal conversations with cellmates and guards (think Corrie TenBoom!)
- What if prisons became sites of revival?
- For believers released after years of imprisonment – pray grace and healing

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