

## Eritrea is fourth on the World Watch List – here are four ways to pray

It's 22 years since the government closed all churches that are not Orthodox, Lutheran or Catholic. This includes the Full Gospel Church, and one of its founders recently passed away whilst serving a two-and-a-half-year prison sentence for his faith.



*Eritrea is known as the 'North Korea of Africa' due to its intense authoritarian government*

Reverend Ghirmay Araya was arrested in 2021 and had been held in a maximum-security prison. He suffered from diabetes and other related illnesses. He was aged 83, and leaves behind a wife, five children and 13 grandchildren.

One of his children, Samuel, who's a Lutheran minister, has been in prison for the last

seven years in the same facility where his father was held, but there was no opportunity to meet and it's unclear whether he's yet been informed of his father's death. It's believed that Samuel is being held in one of the country's notorious shipping containers.

In Eritrea, anyone who follows Jesus outside of the three recognised denominations is at constant risk of arrest. They have no right to gather for worship, publish Christian books and magazines, produce Christian music or distribute Bibles and Christian tracts. They are not allowed to share their Christian faith with any other Eritrean at work, school or military camps. Current estimates suggest around 1,000 Eritrean Christians are imprisoned, without having been charged with any crime. Members of some house churches have been in prison for more than ten years, enduring shocking conditions, including solitary confinement in tiny cells. Like Reverend Ghirmay, many of those still held are getting older and suffer from various health conditions.

### PLEASE PRAY

#### 1. Prisoners

Ask God to strengthen and sustain those in prison. Pray that they will experience His peace, presence and power in deeply profound ways. Pray for opportunities to share their faith. Pray for their release.

#### 2. Government

Pray that the authorities will recognise their responsibility to look after all Eritreans. Ask God to raise up individuals who speak up for religious freedom. Pray for breakthroughs.

#### 3. Church

Praise God that the church in Eritrea, despite persecution, is growing. Pray that this will continue. Ask God to empower and encourage church leaders. Pray for unity among different church groups.

#### 4. Martyrs

Praise God for the faithful witness of martyrs, like Reverend Ghirmay. Ask God to comfort their families. Pray that God will use their witness to draw persecutors to Jesus.

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# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



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Third Sunday after Trinity

### Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Psalm 92: Thanksgiving for Vindication

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**They are planted in the house of the LORD;  
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they still produce fruit;  
they are always green and full of sap,  
**showing that the LORD is upright;  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**

### Readings for this Sunday

**Ezekiel 17.22-24**

**2 Corinthians 5.6-10**

**[11-13]14-17**

**Mark 4.26-34**



### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Tom Rae, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Denise Warcup, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of Wally Baxter, Gordon Lack, Belinda Neumann, Barbara Robinson, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Baptisms: Patrick Kacperski, Amelia Kacperski, Paul Taylor, Molly Cooper (1 year)

Wedding Anniversaries: Danielle and Patrick Kacperski (1 year)

Funeral anniversaries: Maurice Brooker (6 months); Don Ricci, Nora Green, William Middleton, Paul Clark (1 year); Albert Edwards, Maxine Jessop, Brenda Brenkley (2 years).

### Can you help?



**There is a collection box in St. John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church**

Pulses	Milk (UHT cartons)	Rice
Potatoes, Tinned or Mashed Potato Packets		Tinned vegetables
Squash	Rice Pudding	Custard
Tea Bags (80 packs preferred)		

**The items are things that are running low at the food bank**



**An open invitation to the Visitation Service and the Admission of Churchwardens to Office**

**Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm at Lincoln Cathedral**

Please would you let Revd Neil know if you would like to go to this service

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

Revd Neil (Rector): revdneil@yahoo.com, 01778 219626 or  
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Group Administrator and for entries to news sheet (by Tuesday please)

Sue O'Riordan: ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

9 June	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
16 June	11am	Eucharist	Morton
23 June	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
30 June	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale

Wednesday 10 am See below Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replaced by a service of Morning Prayer

**Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626**

### THE WEDNESDAY SINGERS present SPANISH FIESTA

**a concert of music and verse from Spain, or with a Spanish connection**

**Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 3.00 pm**

*in the garden of The White House, Fen Road, Dunsby PE10 0UE  
(if cold or wet, in the barn in White House Farm yard next door)*

*Accompanist: Heather Atkinson*

*followed by tea and delicious home-made cake*

*Please pre-book places to assist with seating and catering  
by telephoning 01778 440234.*

*Easy access for wheelchairs*

*Places cost £10 adult (including tea), children free Raffle*

*All proceeds go to All Saints' Church, Dunsby*

### Morton Village Fete—Saturday 6 July 10am - 4pm

**We need your help!**

**Teas and Coffees** will be served in the church all day. If you could provide a cake and/or give up an hour to come and help serve, please let Dianne Newton know  
**Art competition** will be on show in the church. Please be brave and enter the competition. The theme is 'A postcard from Lincolnshire' but can be any size and any media. Entries should be left in the church or given to Sue O'Riordan by 30 June

