

How to host a prayer night for the church in China





Dear friends,

The word “persecution” often brings pictures of suffering into our minds. Since the winter of 2018, many Chinese believers have lost homes, jobs, and freedom because of their faith in Christ. Christians and their families have been intimidated, their safety threatened. Men, women, and at times even children and the elderly have been mistreated by the police. These are the realities of the persecuted church in China.

What has struck us, however, is the amount of joy we have seen and heard. From the mouths and pens of our persecuted Chinese brothers and sisters comes praise and thanksgiving to Jesus their savior: “God has gifted the Chinese church with persecution”; “I am blessed”; “God is truly the living God!”

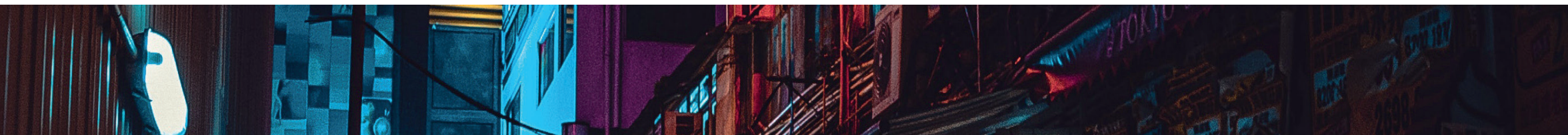
What more can we say? As we pray for the persecuted church in China, let us stand with our brothers and sisters, not only weeping with them in their sorrow, but also rejoicing with them in their joy, that they are counted blessed for suffering disgrace for the hope they have in the great name of Jesus.

Let us pray with them that the Lord will strengthen the church in China to run the good race and that he will accomplish his perfect will in and through them, until that day when he makes all things new.

For his glory,

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This kit contains the tools you need to host a great prayer night.

You can also find digital resources, as well as access the videos, at chinapartnership.org/prayernight. (To access the videos, use the password "prayernight").

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at prayer@chinapartnership.org

Before

5-6 weeks out

- Choose a date and location for your prayer night.
- Sign up to be a prayer night host at chinapartnership.org/host-a-prayer-night so that we can be praying for you and follow up with you if needed.
- Begin inviting people to your home for the prayer night.

3-4 weeks out

- Announce the prayer night (for example, make a church announcement, send out email invitations, etc.)

1 week out

- Send out reminders about the event.

The day of

- Set out food and drink.
- Print a copy of the Prayer Points Hand-out for each of your guests (OR, visit chinapartnership.org/prayernight to read them on your phones).
- Print the Next Steps Sheet (OR, visit chinapartnership.org/prayernight to view the Next Steps directly on your phones).
- Make sure you have a way to play the videos. You can access the videos at chinapartnership.org/prayernight (use the password "prayernight"). Double-check your internet connectivity before your guests arrive.

The Prayer Night

This guide will help you walk through the prayer night step by step. Our suggested schedule will take 60 minutes to complete, not including fellowship before and after. Don't feel locked into this schedule; if you would like to create your own rhythm using these materials, be our guest!

Welcome

5 min

Open in prayer. Explain why praying for the church in China matters to you personally.

Video

5 min

Watch Video #1.

Pray

10 min

Read Hebrews 12:1-2, then use the Prayer Points (either on the Prayer Points Handout or by going to chinapartnership.org/prayernight) to pray for the first prayer movement. *Suggestion: have everyone pray out loud, one at a time.*

Video

5 min

Watch Video #2.

Pray

10 min

Read Colossians 1:24-25, then use the Prayer Points to pray for the second prayer movement. *Suggestion: divide into smaller groups.*

Video

5 min

Watch Video #3.

Pray

10 min

Read 1 Peter 1:8-9, then use the Prayer Points Handout to pray for the third prayer movement. *Suggestion: pray silently for five minutes, then have everyone pray out loud simultaneously for five minutes (the Chinese style).*

Praise

5 min

Sing a closing song of praise to God.

Next Steps

5 min

Have your guests sign the Next Steps Sheet, or direct them to the Next Steps link on chinapartnership.org/prayernight for more ways to get involved.

After

We want to hear about your prayer night!

We'd love to hear how it went! Once your prayer night is finished, feel free to reach out to us with any comments, questions, or feedback. If you had your guests sign the Next Steps sheet, be sure to include a picture of the sheet so that we can follow up with any of them who want to take the next step in partnering with the church in China. Thank you for standing with our Chinese brothers and sisters in prayer!





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