

North Korea – still the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian



When the latest World Watch List was released earlier this month, it wasn't a surprise to see North Korea again topping it. Life for North Korea's secret believers remains extremely dangerous and it's made harder by a devastating humanitarian crisis that continues to

affect the wider population – one that is largely ignored by the regime as it seeks to strengthen its self-reliance as well as its strategic position on the world stage.

Your support continues to be 'an inexhaustible source of strength' for secret believers in North Korea. That's according to one of several new messages sent to you from the country which also give a deeply sobering glimpse into everyday life for North Koreans.

"The economic situation of North Korean residents is truly dire," says a believer. *"The streets are dark, and the citizens are suffering greatly in hunger. The government's constant emphasis on self-reliance as the only way to survive makes North Koreans feel utterly hopeless about their future."*

Another secret believer shares, *"The newspapers and television loudly proclaim that new factories and workplaces provided by the government are producing goods necessary for the people's daily lives. However, in reality, many factories are not operating."*

And yet, seemingly against all impossibility, faith in Jesus continues to flourish. Like most of the messages that Open Doors receives from secret believers, words of scripture, gratitude and praise reveal a church with a deep faith and resolve to cling to the gospel.

"With an unchanging and steadfast faith in the Lord, we have come to deeply realise that we must never abandon our faith in Christ," says a believer. *"Even if it costs us our life. We have to stand firm for the truth of God's Word."*

It's through your faithful support and prayers that God's presence is so often felt. *"Your unimaginable warmth and thoughtful actions have touched our lives profoundly, permeating every corner of our daily existence and flowing into us like air, becoming an inexhaustible source of strength,"* says a believer.

Please pray

- Give thanks to God for the remarkable resilience of our North Korean family, and the blessing your support is to them
- That God will provide for North Korean Christians and their fellow citizens
- That the situation in North Korea will improve and that the church will hold on to the gospel.

Ringstone in Aveland

News Sheet

8 February

Second Sunday before Lent

We welcome Revd Peter Lister and thank him for leading our Eucharist service



Psalm 136.1-9,23-26: God's Work in Creation and in History

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who by understanding made the heavens,

for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who spread out the earth on the waters,

for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

for his steadfast love endures for ever;

and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-34



The Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Prayer after Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

8th February	9.00am Eucharist	Haconby
	11.00am Holy Communion	Irnham
	3.00pm Evening Prayer	Morton
15th February	4.00pm Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	9.00am Holy Communion	Bassingthorpe
	11.00am Eucharist	Morton
	11.00am Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	11.00am Holy Communion	Swayfield

Wednesday Services	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
	10.00am	Eucharist	Corby Glen

Additional Services

Wednesday 18 February	10am	Ash Wednesday Eucharist	Morton
Tuesday 24 February	11am	Funeral of Eben Atkinson	Rippingale

Please pray for...

Jane Nichols, Jonathan Newell, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Rory O'Riordan, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, 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 remember Eben Atkinson, and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Anniversaries...

Funeral anniversaries: Gordon Coupland, Brenda Hare (1 year); Isabella Beekin, Fiona Creasey, (2 years)



14th February at 7pm Games Night in Morton Church Hall

LOTS OF GAMES TO PLAY
JENGA, SNAKES AND LADDERS, DOMINOES ETC

Tickets £10 per person to include buffet supper
(payable in advance please) by 10th February

from Dianne Newton on 01778 571890 or 07971 380034

Did you know?.....



If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in our drop off bin at the back of the church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be

available in the foodbank. Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>

These are a few of the things that are running low. Can you help?

Shampoo

Deodorant (M)

Pasta Sauce

Tinned Meat

UHT Milk

Washing Powder

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