

GULMIRA IMIN

China

Recent reports indicate that Chinese Christian persecution is at the worst it has been in 40 years. One example of such persecution is that Christian children – in the millions – have been forced to sign forms renouncing their faith in Christ publicly. Additionally, communist leaders in the country continue to desecrate Churches, often removing their crosses.

But as we have seen, many other religious groups suffer alongside Christians in China, especially Uyghurs, who are persecuted not only for their faith but also their ethnicity. Gulmira Imin is one example.

Gulmira is currently serving a nearly 20-year prison sentence in Urumqi, China because of her ethnoreligious identity as a Uyghur Muslim and her advocacy for religious freedom in the country. Uyghurs are continuously seen as threats to the Chinese Communist Party and thus harshly persecuted. With this, Uyghurs face forced separation of families and forced sterilization of Uyghur women, with the government goal being to eradicate all Uyghur heritage.

Pray with us for Gulmira today as well as for the millions of Uyghur men, women, and children who are persecuted for who they are and what they believe. And as we pray for their community, we also remember our Christian brothers and sisters struggling to freely worship or express their faith in China, knowing God's heart is for all of His creation and that as His children, we are called to care for those who are hurting.



Ethnoreligious identity: Uyghur Muslim

Sentence: 20 years imprisonment with reports of torture.

Motive for arrest: Protesting religious freedom violations in China and more specifically, for her ethnoreligious identity.

Read and share our CAAP Prayer Guide on China [here](#).

Read more about China's harsh policies on religion [here](#).

See the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom's Victims List [here](#) and pray with us for all who suffer for their beliefs.

