

# Pray40NK 2019

A GUIDE TO PRAYING FOR  
NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES  
THIS EASTER SEASON

The prayer of  
a righteous  
person is  
powerful and  
effective.

James 5:16

## Week 1

Wednesday, March 6 - Sunday, March 10  
**Hunger in North Korea**  
*Amos 8:11-12*

North Koreans hunger for much more than food. They hunger for information from the outside world. They hunger for better lives. They hunger for freedom. But perhaps the most profound hunger is a spiritual one.

As more information seeps into North Korea from the outside world, people are beginning to realize that they've been deceived. This realization often leaves many North Koreans with a painful hole in their hearts.

This week, please pray for the hungry North Korean people, that their stomachs, minds and souls will be filled.

## Week 2

Monday, March 11 - Saturday, March 16  
**China**  
*Hebrews 13:5-6*

China's economy has grown exponentially over the past 20 years. This has brought countless benefits to its people but with a heavy cost. One cost is that many Chinese business owners and citizens have been overcome by an insatiable craving for economic gain, no matter the cost. China has recently started a massive persecution of Christians and any foreign influences, making it extremely difficult for groups like Crossing Borders to operate.

Let's pray for China this week, that the nation would turn away from greed to pursue justice.

## Week 3

Monday, March 18 - Saturday, March 23  
**North Korean Refugees in China**  
*Mark 6:34*

As we prayed last week, the many human rights abuses in China have a profound effect on North Korean refugees. Seventy percent of all North Korean refugees are women, 80 percent have been trafficked. Chinese police relentlessly pursue, arrest and deport North Korean refugees.

There is no legal repercussion for murdering a North Korean refugee in China, according to our field workers. But despite these daunting circumstances, one bright hope remains. Many Chinese churches have taken the call to care for and shelter these refugees. This week, let's pray for the people who are crushed by China's policies to this day. Let's also pray for the Church in China and across the world to intercede for many refugees in need.

## Week 4

Monday, March 25 - Saturday, March 30  
**North Korean Orphans**  
*Matthew 19:14*

North Korean orphans are often a forgotten topic in the conversation about North Korea and its refugees. As North Korean refugees come to China and are sold to Chinese men, children are born into these families. When mothers are arrested and sent back to North Korea or escape to South Korea, there are few to care for these children.

The UNHCR estimates that there are about 20,000 to 30,000 North Korean orphans in China today. Many of the orphans in our network have witnessed their mothers being arrested by the Chinese police, never to be heard from again. Some of the girls in our network have reported being raped by relatives or neighbors because they had no one to protect them.

This week, let's pray for the children caught in this horrific ordeal. They are the voiceless victims in these terrible circumstances.

## Week 5

Monday, April 1 - Saturday, April 6  
**North Korean Refugees in South Korea**  
*Matthew 11:28*

The bruising journey through China and Southeast Asia that most North Korean refugees must endure is fraught with danger. Not everyone makes it through.

Most of the refugees who do make it go to South Korea. As of 2018, about 32,000 North Korean refugees have successfully escaped to South Korea. While refugees appreciate the freedom that comes with having an ID, many miss their families and homes. Others report being discriminated against by their South Korean counterparts. Some report sinking into a depression from the trauma they endured in North Korea and China.

This week, let's pray for these 32,000 people who are out of physical danger but are in need of healing, community and comfort.

## Week 6

Monday, April 8 - Saturday, April 13  
**Aid Workers and Missionaries**  
*Isaiah 52:7*

China does not allow missionaries to help North Korean refugees by law. In 2018, we have heard more and more reports of missionaries being ejected from the country. Many refugees who were in the care of Christians are now without help or support.

The refugees in China and those who are still working in this dark place need prayer.

Please pray for the safety and effectiveness of these workers, many of whom operate under the veil of secrecy.

## Week 7

Monday, April 15 - Saturday, April 20  
**The Global Church**  
*John 17:22-23*

We live in a time of great division and disunity in the world. Unfortunately, the same can be said of the global Church. When the Church is divided it tends to focus inward on petty squabbles and infighting. When it is united, it is a powerful force for justice and peace.

This week, let's pray for the Church to be unified and for it to usher in the kingdom of God.