

# NORTH KOREA Ways to pray



Home to over 25 million people, North Korea is infamous for its severe restrictions on freedoms of belief and speech, as well as for serious human rights infringements. As a result, North Korea regularly hits the headlines, particularly in recent years.

This is a land where the Kim dynasty is held in near-divine reverence, where people who criticise the leadership or practise Christianity are condemned to labour camps and where millions suffer regular food shortages with little to no support from the government.

#### **TWO**

The people are taught to believe that the nation's founder, Kim II-sung, and his son, Kim Jong-il are gods. Though they are both dead, their images abound throughout the country.

Pray that there will be a spiritual awakening and that the eyes of the people will be opened to the reality of the one true God.

#### FIVE

Around 200,000 people are being held as political prisoners. Criticising the regime or being outed as a Christian will likely result in imprisonment. The prison camps have some of the worst human rights violations in the world.

Pray for those who suffer in these camps - particularly for believers who have been imprisoned.

## **THREE**

You can't escape the intense propaganda. Portraits of leaders are found in almost every public place, even in the underground trains. The propaganda is also found in the music played in public spaces. As a result, people struggle to think critically.

Pray that people would see through the propaganda and find freedom.

# SIX

There is no religious freedom in North Korea and an estimated 300,000 Christians live fearing for their lives. Sometimes they must keep their faith secret from family members.

Pray that God would protect those who belong to Him and use them for His glory.

## ONE

North Korea has a Communist-based system but with a family ruling dynasty. The state controls the media, including heavy restrictions on internet access, and there is no freedom of thought or movement.

Pray that these oppressed people will one day enjoy the freedoms we take for granted.

# **FOUR**

Visitors to the country have no contact with the outside world except by using landlines, and are accompanied at all times to ensure no outside influence is exerted on locals.

Pray that truth and freedom of information would become commonplace, and that the ultimate truth of Jesus Christ would be known.

## SEVEN

Evangelism is extremely difficult given the risks. Little material is available and contact with Christians is dangerous for all involved. Providing Bibles to the church would put them in severe danger.

Pray that God will open doors for the gospel to be spread in North Korea.



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