



Pray for Andrew and Turkey

31-Day Prayer Initiative • October 2018



This is a guide for prayers over Andrew Brunson and his family, and for the nation of Turkey. It is designed to last for the month of October. The first 13 days are found below, and the remainder of the month will be posted on the 14th, once we have processed news about the outcome of the October 12 trial. Andrew and Norine are called to serve Turkey, the very nation that is detaining him. Perhaps our prayers can be used by God to bring a release not only for Andrew, but also for the Gospel in Turkey.

October 1

PRAISE Read Psalm 1, and praise for the power of the Word through Bibles in Turkey.

PONDER Turkey was the cradle for the Gospel's worldwide advance. Now only a fraction of one percent believe (more info: [link](#)).

PRAY For individuals and ministries that bring Bibles into Turkey. May they be used of God to transform lives (more info: [link](#)). Pray that Andrew and Norine will find strength and comfort through God's Word.

October 2

PRAISE Read Psalm 2, and praise God for His sovereignty over the nations, even over Turkey.

PONDER The Northern Kurds live in the mountain areas near the borders of Iran and Iraq, making them difficult to reach (more info: [link](#)).

PRAY For God to bring the Gospel even to these dispersed Northern Turks. May the Lord empower believers in Turkey to be bold, despite opposition, trusting in God's sovereignty. Pray for the church Andrew pastored, Izmir Resurrection Church, to be blessed by God with strong leadership (more info: [link](#)).

October 3

PRAISE Read Psalm 7, and thank God for His protection for believers in Turkey.

PONDER There are some 65,000 Armenians in Turkey. They are 94% Christian. Fewer peoples in

the world have known greater suffering (more info: [link](#)).

PRAY Pray for the Armenian people to be protected by God and to be God's witnesses, even in Turkey. Pray for God's mercy and protection for Andrew, Norine as long as they are detained by house arrest, and pray for the three Brunson children, Jordan, Jacqueline, and Blaise, all in America, to know God's provision and peace.

October 4

PRAISE Read Psalm 8, and praise God for His majesty that will one day be displayed in heaven, with believers from all the people the world.

PONDER The Zaza-Dilmi in middle-eastern Turkey are a nomadic people with roots traced to the Medes and Persians. Almost 1.7 million strong, they are 00.00 percent Christian (more info: [link](#)).

PRAY Pray for God's majesty to be proclaimed through mission outreach, conversions, and churches planted for the Zaza-Dilmi people. Ask God to use the government-allowed Sat 7 Christian satellite television ministry in a mighty way to touch all the peoples of Turkey, even the Zaza-Dilmi ([link](#)). Pray also that God's majesty will be declared daily through the witness of Andrew and Norine, even touching the guards who watch them, and any visitors God sends to them.

October 5

PRAISE Read Psalm 9 and thank God for His wonderful deeds!

PONDER The Jesus film has had great impact worldwide, and even in Turkey (more info: [link](#); see also: [link](#)).

PRAY For God to use the Jesus film and other means to deepen the God's work around Turkey, even impacting the Arab Lebanese (see: [link](#)). Pray for Andrew and fellow pastors in Turkey who are using creative means to witness to all the peoples of Turkey.

October 6

PRAISE Read Psalm 10, and give praise to the God who brings down the arrogant and lifts up the humble.

PONDER In 1923, the "population exchange" between Greece and Turkey emptied the land of Greeks, who where and are primarily Christians. Hence the drop at the time from around 25% Christians in Turkey to about 2.5% (see: [link](#)). The nationalistic spirit

and pressure against Christianity has been unrelenting and now the percentage of Christians is below 0.25%.

PRAAY That God will open the doors for the Gospel in Turkey despite the nationalistic spirit. Ask for President Erdogan to be humbled, and to enact policies that honor God and all the people he serves. Pray for God to use the almost 4,000 Greeks who remain in Turkey to be His witnesses (see: [link](#)).

October 7

PRAISE Read Psalm 11, and give praise to the God who provides refuge to His people.

PONDER There are only several hundred Hungarians in Turkey, part of a people group that is almost 90% Christian (see: [link](#)). They need God's refuge.

PRAAY Pray for Hungarians to know God's grace, and to share it in Turkey. Pray also for God's protection over Andrew and the Turkish pastors who are preparing for the October 13 trial. May they know God's refuge as they travel and soon assemble to support Andrew.

October 8

PRAISE Read Psalm 12, and praise God for His help for the downtrodden and oppressed.

PONDER The American people comprise the second largest (next to Han Chinese) people group in the world. They are 77% Christian. Approximately 25,000 Americans live in Turkey (see: [link](#)).

PRAAY We don't normally think of Americans as the oppressed. Andrew may seem to be the exception. However, American missionaries serving quietly in Turkey can easily become overwhelmed with a sense of oppression and even despair. Pray for God's Spirit to embolden His people, including all Americans. Pray for missionaries in Turkey to see great fruit, and for God to use Andrew's house arrest to embolden others.

October 9

PRAISE Read Psalm 13. David cries out, "How long, O Lord?" Praise God that in the right time, God's great purposes are fulfilled, even as they were in David's life, as his kingship became a picture of the coming reign of the Messiah.

PONDER God used David's trials to shape his character that he might be a witness to the nations, one from whose progeny the Messiah would come. We too cry out, as we pray for Andrew, "How long, O Lord?" May God somehow allow Messiah Jesus to be

revealed and glorified in great measure, even as a result of Andrew's detention.

PRAY The Serbians in Turkey, 9,400 strong, boast an 80% Christian population, but very few really know Jesus. It is a cultural religion. Pray for a breakthrough (see: [link](#)). Andrew is being detained, in part, due to accusations that he was reaching out to Serbs. Pray for such charges to be turned around, to be seen as a blessing, and for God to prepare strong and positive testimonies for the October 12 trial.

October 10

PRAISE Read Psalm 14, and praise God for wisdom promised for those who ask, even for the foolish.

PONDER There are 44,000 Macedonians in Turkey. As we pray for them (see: [link](#)), we can recall how God led Paul to Macedonia through supernatural guidance (Acts 16:9). May such wisdom also guide Andrew's upcoming trial. If God can guide His servants, and If God can move the heart of a king (Proverbs 21:21), God can move government leaders, court officials, and the proceedings of the trial.

PRAY Pray for God to prepare all of the players in the trial: the prosecution, the defense, every witness, and Andrew himself. Pray for God's wisdom to prevail over all aspects of the trial, especially its outcome.

October 11

PRAISE Read Psalm 15, and praise God for the truth that if we are holy before God, we will be protected and helped by God.

PONDER The American government at the highest levels has been advocating and pressuring for Andrew's release. This very fact is amazing evidence that God answers the prayers of the righteous. How often does a bold Christian become such a focal point for the international media, even a flashpoint between nations? God is using Andrew as a witness.

PRAY The media around this trial can bring God great glory. Pray for all of the media representatives in the trial to be safe, and for journalists to create reports that will glorify God (see the work of Open Doors: [link](#)). Pray for Andrew to be emboldened to give a clear Gospel witness. Pray for the Turkish press and also for the guards (Jandarma) in tomorrow's trial to hear the Gospel (see: [link](#)).

October 12

PRAISE Read Psalm 16, and praise God that He will keep Andrew and all who attend the trial safe, and that God will accomplish His great purposes.

PONDER What happens in the courtroom today can impact many lives, and even nations.

PRAY Remembering that Turkey is between 7 and 9 hours head of American, depending on the time zone you live in, intercede through the day, praying for God to lead and to use this trial for His glory. Pray for Andrew and all who testify, to be bold, proclaiming God's sovereign grace (Ephesians 6:19). Pray that unless the Lord has a purpose we cannot yet see, that Andrew will be deported and his charges dropped.

October 13

PRAISE Read Psalm 17, and praise God that He enacts justice for His people.

PONDER More than 150,000 people have been imprisoned or detained in Turkey over the past few years. If Andrew has been released from Turkey, rejoice. Commit to continue praying for Turkey, and for the ministry God will open to Andrew (posts for the remainder of the month will be up tomorrow). If Andrew has not yet been released, we should also rejoice, knowing God works through difficulties (James 1:2-8). We must not give up in our prayers (Luke 18:1). Remember that a week after Andrew's July 2018 trial, he was released from prison to house arrest — perhaps largely because of our prayers. Might God surprise us by good news a week or so after this trial as well? We don't know what the future holds, but we must keep praying to the God who holds the future. Tomorrow you will find fresh guidelines posted here for Turkey (based on Andrew's current situation) to carry us through the end of October.

PRAY Pray for God's mercy to prevail for all who are imprisoned or detained in Turkey (see: [link](#)). Pray also for God's mercy and grace to reach the Turkish-speaking Kurds, who comprise the largest ethnic group in the world without a state of their own (more info: [link](#)).

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