



ALL GIRLS ALLOWED
In Jesus' Name, Simply Love Her

PRAYER GUIDE



PRAYING FOR THE END OF GENDERCIDE

In China under the One-Child Policy, girls are often aborted, abandoned, or killed after birth in order to make way for boys.

The scale of the problem is staggering. Today there are at least 37 million more men than women in China, and the gap continues to widen. Each year, male births outnumber female births by 1.1 million. For every 100 girls born in China, 117 boys are born. Up to a million babies are also abandoned each year in China.

Skewed gender ratios (“bachelor booms”) like the one China currently faces have historically led to a host of documented problems: rising crime rates, aggressive or expansionist governments, and increases in human trafficking and the sex industry. The scarcity of women doesn’t make them more valuable in their communities—rather, they are increasingly viewed as commodities.

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DENG'S STORY

Sister Deng was despairing.

The mother of a two-year-old boy was pregnant with her second child—something she had hoped would bring new life into her marriage. Her husband, Wang, had grown distant and would leave for days at a time.

But instead of rejoicing over the pregnancy, Wang told Deng to get an abortion. When she refused, he left her, stealing money and even her wedding ring.

Deng lost hope. She told an All Girls Allowed field worker: "Don't bother coming to visit me." She had already decided to leave her church, abandon her faith in Jesus, and abort the baby she thought she couldn't raise.

The field worker and his wife rushed to her home, though, and prayed with Deng. They encouraged her with verses from scripture and told about Jesus' love. She wept and embraced the love of Jesus.

Deng is now five months pregnant and committed to keeping her baby, a testament to the power of prayer!

Gendercide can only happen where women are undervalued. When girls are routinely aborted or left to die after birth, this sends a sinister message to women as a whole.

Gendercide and the Chinese Church

Gendercide takes place even inside the Chinese church, and church leaders have repented for urging women to undergo coerced abortions. Women outnumber men in most house churches, and so the problems that foster gendercide deeply affect the church as a whole. Missionaries in China have told us that one of the biggest struggles in the Chinese church is not persecution, as we might expect, but rather damaged relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. This is ultimately the same problem that leads to the nation's mass gendercide.

Signs of Hope

There is every reason to trust that God will use the Chinese church to display his glory and end gendercide. Lasting change will come through the power of the Spirit at work in the local church as they proclaim the gospel.

Jesus transforms people from the inside out and is already working powerfully in China. The church there is witnessing explosive growth despite persecution: there are now at least 125 million followers of Jesus in China. In many ways, the expansion of the church in China (among women in particular) resembles the explosive growth of the early church in the first centuries after Christ. Then, women and slaves—the most powerless members of society in the Roman Empire—were the fastest to embrace the gospel and made up the majority of the early church.

Right now, believers in China are praying earnestly for God to lift up ministers of the gospel among them to proclaim Jesus to the nations. Followers of Jesus around the world can support them in prayer and play a role in equipping them for the task.

Scripture tells us that sin first entered the world in the context of a male-female relationship, that of Adam and Eve. Now, one of the most obvious and powerful outward signs of our redemption in Christ is our restored human relationships.

This is why we must pray for the Chinese church to rise up and display a love for women that will glorify Jesus, transform the culture, and end gendercide. It's a Goliath task. *But remember, we believe in a God who raises the dead!* He has already won the victory over gendercide and every other evil that now mars the world He created. In love, God has chosen to make His followers the agents of His work in the world. This is why we have every reason to be confident and "count it all joy" to take part in this struggle (James 1:2).

Let's support our brothers and sisters in China through prayer and ask God to embolden them, strengthen them, and enable them to end gendercide in the name of Jesus.

"Lord Jesus, you know every woman and child in China. You know every girl whose life has been cut short by gendercide, for each one is your daughter, created in your image. Jesus, we pray that you will soften the hearts of the officials who enforce the policy. Convict them and bring them into repentance so that they can be restored. Lord, we ask that you would pour out your Holy Spirit upon the house church in China. Let them become a beacon to the oppressed, a refuge for the lost, and a light of hope to every woman who faces pressure to abort or abandon her child. Raise them up to display your gospel by ending the injustice of the One-Child Policy. In the name of Jesus, amen."

PRAYER MAPS

Use these maps to pray for the families in every Chinese province and city. Note that the central and southeastern provinces have some of the highest rates of gendercide. Pray especially over the central leadership in Beijing, over provinces with recent known cases of forced abortion (Anhui, Shaanxi, Shandong), over areas where child bride trafficking is common (Fujian), and over our brothers and sisters in Jesus throughout China.

Right: Map of gender ratios and One-Child Policy enforcement in China by province. (*The Economist*)





SCRIPTURE TO FUEL YOUR PRAYERS

CHILDREN MADE & LOVED BY GOD

Psalm 36:7

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 139:11-14

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.
For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

Luke 18:15-16

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

GOD'S PROMISE TO END INJUSTICE

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Isaiah 58:6-11

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

Psalm 72:4

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

Isaiah 43:5-7

Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

THE POWER OF PRAYER

John 14:12-14

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

Matthew 18:19-20

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Acts 4:29-31: Believers Pray for Boldness

"...And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:29-31, ESV)

Matthew 17:20

For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, **4** and nothing will be impossible for you."



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE PRAY:



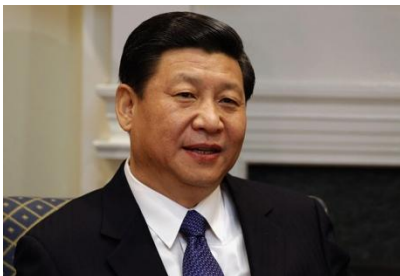
For the Chinese Church

- Pray that Chinese believers will rise up and be a light—that they will follow Jesus by honoring women.
- Pray that the broader culture will see this and know both the power of the Gospel and the value women have as daughters of God.
- Pray for more workers to come forward and devote themselves to ministering to rural areas where gendercide is common.



For Chinese Women

- Pray that God will reveal his love to women who face pressure to abort daughters. Pray that they would embrace daughters despite this pressure.
- Pray for women who are despairing or depressed. 500 women commit suicide in China every day, and many cite marital strife as a contributing factor. Ask the Lord to surround them with his love.
- Pray for the mothers enrolled in All Girls Allowed's Baby Shower Gift Program, and for the workers who serve them and share the hope of Jesus.
- Pray for girls who are at risk of gendercide.
- Pray for women who are trafficked in China because of the growing gender gap.



For China's Leaders

- Pray that President Xi Jinping and China's leaders will have their eyes opened to injustice and repeal the One-Child Policy, which brutalizes mothers and fosters gendercide.
- Pray that officials tasked with enforcing coercive family planning would experience compassion and repent. Pray that they would experience mercy and instead serve mothers and children fearlessly.

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JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM

Email us (info@allgirlsallowed.org) and ask to be placed on the weekly prayer list.





PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

Each morning, the team at All Girls Allowed prays this blessing over our staff, field workers, supporters, and prayer team. We welcome you to join us in following Paul's call to the Ephesians to "*put on the full armor of God.*" (Ephesians 6:13)

Romans 12:1	Heavenly Father, according to your Word, I present my body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight.
Ephesians 6:14-17	Now, Father, I gird my loins about with truth. I put on the breastplate of righteousness, I shod my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, I take the shield of faith wherewith I shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And I take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.
Isaiah 58:8	And, according to your Word, the glory of the Lord is my rear guard.
Isaiah 61:3	Now, Heavenly Father, I put on the garment of praise, and I thank you for the armor you have provided for me to dress in this day. I am completely covered now, in the name of Jesus, according to your Word, Father.
Matthew 16:18	Upon Jesus I have built my life and hell shall not prevail against it.
Psalms 23:1	You are my shepherd; I shall not want.
Philippians 4:19, 13	For you have supplied all my needs according to your riches in glory and I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me.
2 Corinthians 10:5	I cast down all imaginations and bring into captivity every evil thought, and I cast all my care upon you, for you care for me.
1 Peter 5:7	
Psalms 103:3	I praise you for walking in divine health, for you are my God who heals all my diseases, and by your stripes I am healed. I praise you and thank you for my prosperity and good health, even as my soul prospers.
Isaiah 53:5	
3 John 2	
Nehemiah 8:10	For the joy of the Lord is my strength!
Jeremiah 1:12	Father, I have prayed according to your Word, and you have said that you would watch over your word and perform it.
	Father, rise up and live big within me today, for I am yours, in the name of Jesus, AMEN.