

JUSTICE AND PEACE LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS

GREETINGS CARD CAMPAIGN WINTER 2019

*This will be the **23rd Winter** that we are invited ...*

to remember a handful of the many people who are being persecuted today in our world. Each winter Action by Christians against Torture selects a few cases of individuals, groups and communities. These people have all either been subjected to human rights abuses or are living under the threat of them. Throughout the winter, cards are sent with greetings and messages of support.

This parish can be proud of the numbers of greetings cards sent to the persecuted over the years.

If you got involved in last year's campaign you made a real difference.

Thank-you for this invaluable support which is deeply appreciated.

If you have not managed to send cards in previous winters, why not make a special effort this winter? We start by sending cards to people featured in previous years.

Please do follow the guidelines carefully **and please check the postage.**

POSTAGE RATES (correct at the time of going to print)

| Weight up to and including ... | Europe | Rest of the world |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 10g | £1.35 | £1.35 |
| 20g | £1.35 | £1.55 |

Please spare a few moments each week to send greetings to those being persecuted so that they, and their governments, know that the world is watching.

Simple messages of goodwill are enough. Please never include political comments

When a non-religious card is advised, please avoid referring to religion in your message.

(For example, rather than writing 'you are in our prayers', write 'you are in our thoughts')

Please put your name and address (including country) on your card (or your name and just your town)

Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh, Iran*

Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh* was arrested on 24 June 2016 at an engagement party. Held in solitary confinement for two months and subjected to intense interrogation, he was charged with 'illegal gathering, collusion and evangelism'. At his trial in 2017 Naser was charged with 'acting against national security through the formation and establishment of an illegal church organisation in his home' and was sentenced to ten years in prison. In November he lost his appeal in spite of his lawyer providing numerous grounds for his innocence. In January 2018 he was moved to Evin Prison. He developed a severe gum infection for which he was denied treatment but in January 2019 was reported to be in good spirits and enjoying the company of other Christians. [* Last featured in our Christmas Appeal 2018.]

Please send a non-religious card (with your name and address if you wish) but do not mention ACAT.

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