



Prisoners for Peace List 2017

A list of some of those currently in prison for their work for peace. We include those whose addresses we can obtain, and who are happy to have their names and stories made public. In some cases, nicknames are used and 'care of' (c/o) addresses given, where that person is happy to be contacted, but does not want their contact details spread publicly.

Eritrea

Eritrea continues to imprison conscientious objectors. There is no available recent information on the situation of the conscientious objectors listed below, who have not been charged. The below are all Jehovah's Witness, imprisoned for conscientious objection to military service.

Eritrea's military service is indefinite, for men and women, and starts in the final two years of high school, which is in a military camp.

[Paulos Eyassu](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Negede Teklemariam](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Isaac Mogos](#) (24 Sep 1994—)

[Aron Abraha](#) (9 May '01—)

[Mussie Fessehaye](#) (1 Jun '03—)
[Ambakom Tsegezab](#) (1 Feb '04—)
[Bemnet Fessehaye](#) (1 Feb '05—)
[Henok Ghebru](#) (1 Feb '05—)
[Kibreab Fessejaye](#) (27 Dec '05—)
[Bereket Abraha Oqbagabir](#) (1 Jan '06—)
[Amanuel Abraham](#) (1 Jan '07—)
[Yosief Fessehaye](#) (1 Jan '07—)
[Yoel Tsegezab](#) (26 Aug '08 -)

For all above, write to **Sawa Camp, Sawa, Eritrea**

[Nehemiah Hagos](#) (26 Aug '08—)

[Samuel Ghirmay](#) (1 Mar '09—)

For all above, write to **Meitir Camp, Meitir, Eritrea**

Action ideas

- Set aside time on 1st December to write to those imprisoned for their peace work, and get your friends, peace group, student, faith or community group to organise a card-writing session;
- Get postcards made up, leaving space for individual messages of support, and set up a street stall around Prisoners for Peace day.

For the most up to date *Prisoners for Peace* list go to: wri-irg.org/inprison

Support war resisters

WRI has publicised the names and stories of prisoners for peace for more than 50 years. Help us keep showing solidarity, and donating to help fund next year's research, wri-irg.org/en/donate

Receive regular news

Sign up for our CO-Alerts, to hear when COs are imprisoned and send protest emails at wri-irg.org/WRI-mailing-lists-and-publications

For updates on the status of COs, counter-recruitment work and conscription, subscribe to our CO Update – the bimonthly newsletter of the [Right to Refuse to Kill](#) programme, at wri-irg.org/WRI-mailing-lists-and-publications



'Refuse to occupy' – a day of action in support of imprisoned COs in Israel, calling on the international community not to support the Israeli military occupation through the arms trade, as COs refuse to support it with their labour. Prisoners for Peace Day, 2016.

Israel

In November and December some draft refusers in Israel are likely to be going to prison. Their prison sentences will be short—10, 20 or 30 days long—so it is not worth us adding them to this list, since by the time you receive it they may be out of jail.

Please check wri-irg.org/inprison for up-to-date info on how to write to COs in prison in Israel.

Korea, South

All COs in Korea face 18 months imprisonment, with no opportunity for substitute service. This is a list of political COs currently to be in prison. There are also around 400 Jehovah's Witness COs imprisoned. South Korea imprisons more COs than the rest of the world combined.

[Hong Joon-pyo #830](#) (6 Oct '16—31 Dec '17)

Write to **1968, Yeongnam-daero, Gimcheon-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 39655, Republic of Korea**

[Kim Jin-man #928](#) (18 Apr '17—30 June '18)

Write to **39, Woram-ro 23beon-gil, Daegok-myeon, Jinju-si, Gyeongsangnam-do, 52607,**

Republic of Korea.

[Kim Jin-yu #137](#) (19 Apr '17—30 June '18)
Write to **343, Duchi-ro, Seongyeon-myeon, Seosan-si, Chungcheongnam-do, 31930, Republic of Korea.**

[Park Sang-wook #1315](#) (6 July '17—30 Sep '18) Write to **Gosan-dong, Uijeongbu-si, Gyeonggi-do, 11797, Republic of Korea.**

United States of America

[Rafil Dhafir \(11921-052\)](#) (26 Apr '00—26 Apr '22)

Write to **FMC Devens, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 879, Ayer, MA 01432, USA**

22 years for convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions.

[Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. \(KN 9758\)](#) (1 Aug '11—31 Aug '18)

Sentenced for third trespass at military recruiting office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Serving one to seven years - 31/08/18 is the last release date.

Write to **SCI Dallas, 1000 Follies Rd., Dallas, PA 18612, US**

Turkey

[Yannis Vasilis Yatlali](#) (22 April '17 —)
A peace activist accused of "insulting the president", "encouraging people to disobey rules" and "terrorist organisation propaganda", having moved to Roboski following the massacre of Kurdish people there.

Write to **Elazığ 2 Nolu Yüksek Güvenlikli Ceza İnfaz Kurumu Ataşehir Mahallesi Çayırlı Sokak Malatya Yolu 10. Km Merkez / ELAZIĞ, TURKEY**

[Meral Geylani](#) (12 Oct '17 —)
A peace activist accused of "being a member of terrorist organisation", having moved to Roboski following the massacre of Kurdish people there.

Write to **Antalya L Tipi Ceza İnfaz Kurumu Koğuş A11 Kömürcüler Köyü Kireçli Mevkii Döşemealtı / ANTALYA, TURKEY**

Turkmenistan

[Soyunmurat Korov](#) (18 Nov 2014 —)

Jehovah's Witness conscientious objector. He has not yet been tried.

Write to **Seydi Labour Camp, Turkmenistan, 746222 Lebap vilayet, Seydi, uchr. LB-K/12**

Sending cards and letters

- Send your card in an envelope;
- Include a return name and address on the envelope;
- Be chatty and creative: send photos from your life or drawings;
- Let the prisoners know what you are doing to stop war and war preparations;
- Don't write anything that might get the prisoner into trouble;
- Think about the sort of thing you'd like to receive if you were in prison;
- Try not to begin your correspondence with "You are so brave, I could never do what you have done";
- Remember that the prisoner may not be able to reply.