

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom



South Korea

Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung (in his Easter message in Seoul on [March 31, 2013](#) asked for prayers for "those suffering from physical and spiritual pain" and especially "for the brothers and sisters of North Korea" during the current threats of war)

Augustine Nam Yoo-chul (aged 35, teacher, **drowned** on [April 16, 2014](#) while saving dozens of his students in the Sewol ferry disaster off [Gwanmaedo Island](#), his last act was to give his life jacket to one of his students)

Dr Kang Dae-gun (aged 82, announced his retirement from dentistry on [May 7, 2013](#), in 33 years had treated 15,000 lepers for free in [Seodaemun-gu, Seoul](#))

Bishop Linus Lee Seong-hyo (criticized a [Daejeon](#) court for handing down suspended sentences on [July 18, 2013](#) for four abortionists who had carried out 405 illegal abortions)

Thomas Cha Hee-jae (president of the Korean Pro-Life Doctors Association, accused the [Daejeon](#) court of ignoring the law when it handed down suspended sentences on [July 18, 2013](#) for four abortionists who had carried out 405 illegal abortions)