Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – April 1968

Thursday April 4, 1968

United States – Tennessee: Memphis

Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr (aged 39, **UPDATE**: shot dead by a white supremacist)

Rev Andrew Young (aged 35, witnessed the assassination of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr)

Rev Jesse Jackson (aged 26, witnessed the assassination of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr)

Rev Ralph David Abernathy (aged 41, witnessed the assassination of Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.

Monday April 29, 1968

China: Tilanqiao Prison, Shanghai

Lin Zhao aka Peng Lingzhao (aged 35, convert, writer and poet, former communist, arrested on October 14, 1960; released from prison in March 1962 for a hospital stay; arrested in early November 1962, tortured, wrote anti-Communist writings with her own blood while imprisoned; tried on May 31, 1965, sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment; said during a prison visit of a friend in May 1966 that the authorities had decided to execute her and asked that he help her family after her death, said she was beaten daily by compliant prisoners, and feared that she would be raped, was seen to smile and cry for the first time in her imprisonment; **UPDATE**: dragged by revolutionary guards from the prison hospital in her hospital gown to a revolutionary meeting in the prison auditorium, gagged, denounced, shot dead behind the auditorium, in the months prior to her death was kept as the only prisoner on her floor in the prison and was forced to wear a mask that exposed only her eyes and nose in an attempt to muffle her voice)

Xu Xianmin (mother of Lin Zhao, convert, visited by a police officer who demanded payment for the bullet used to execute her daughter)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lin_Zhao
https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26542701M/Blood_Letters
http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/11/chinaaid-announces-lin-zhao-freedom.html
https://todaysmartyrs.org/pdf/By%20Person/Lin%20Zhao.pdf

April 1968, date unknown