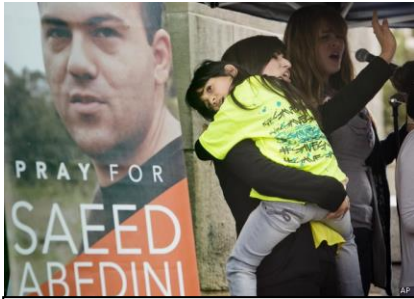


# Pastor Imprisoned in Iran Issues Easter Message

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Nagmeh Abedini holds her daughter, Rebekka Grace Abedini, during a prayer vigil for Saeed Abedini at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise on Sept. 26, 2013.

Saeed Abedini, the 33-year-old Christian pastor imprisoned in Iran, sent out an Easter letter written in the Tehran hospital where he has been for more than a month.

The letter was sent to Abedini's wife, Nagmeh, and the entire message was obtained by [The American Center for Law and Justice](#), the legal group representing the Iranian prisoner in the United States.

"On the Eve of Good Friday and Easter I was praying from my hospital room for my fellow Christians in the world," Abedini wrote. "What the Holy Spirit revealed to me in prayer was that there are many dead faiths in the midst of

Christians today. That Christians all over the world are not able to fully reach their spiritual potential that has been given to them as a gift by God so that in reaching that potential, the curtain can be removed and the Glory of God would be revealed."

The Idaho resident is serving an eight-year prison sentence for trying to spread his Christian faith in Iran. He has served one year of that sentence so far.

He is being [hospitalized in Iran](#) due to injuries the Christian pastor has sustained from beatings he has suffered there. Abedini told his fellow Christians that before they can experience Jesus' resurrection, they must first experience his death. He said that Christians can do this by dying "to ourselves and selfish desires."

"This means that we should not do things that we like to do (that God does not want us to do) and to do things that we do not like to do (but God wants us to do) so that He may be glorified," he said.

"We should also transform our dead faiths into living and active faiths through the resurrection of Christ which is an active and constructive love that is effective," Abedini added.

"Then we are able to experience the Glorious resurrection with Christ," he concluded. "A Glorious life with Christ starts only after a painful death (to self) with Christ."

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