

# Chinese Government Cracks Down on Leading Christian Prayer App, Bans It From Download

In China, the Bible is not safe. In fact, even Christian apps are on the chopping block.

The latest app to face the axe is , a platform filled with faith-based content, daily Bible-reading plans, and spiritual development programs. The app, according to a press release issued this week, is being removed from the Apple App Store in mainland China.

Its removal from the App Store in the communist country falls under the purview of China's "Measures for the Administration of Internet Religious Information Services," which went into effect in March 2022.

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According to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, an independent agency of the U.S. government monitoring human rights in China, the restrictions put in place in 2022 require a government-issued permit to post religious content and outright ban the online airing of religious ceremonies, events and worship services.

The removal of the app comes ahead of the National Day of Prayer on May 2.

"Since starting , we've grown accustomed to positive relations with China," said cofounder Michael Lynn. "President Xi [Jinping] has allowed for the printing of nearly 150 million

Bibles per year, and [former] President [Donald] Trump ensured that Bibles were exempt from Chinese tariffs."

Steve Gatena, founder and CEO of , said in the press release that he and his team are "exploring alternative avenues to deliver our content and services to people in mainland China."

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"As we work on a solution," he said, "I want to personally extend an invitation to President Xi Jinping to join us for this year's National Day of Prayer event in Washington, D.C."

CBN News has reached out to and will update this story with any statements from the ministry.

The Chinese government is no stranger to censorship.

Under Xi's regime, the Chinese Communist Party is even reportedly rewriting Scripture and calling Jesus a "sinner."

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