

Pastor Saeed Abedini and Estranged Wife Naghmeh to Divorce

Pastor Saeed Abedini and his wife Naghmeh have officially filed for divorce after months of separation.

“It is with a heavy and broken heart that I inform all of you who have prayed and wept with our family the last few years, that Saeed has rejected counseling for anger and abuse and has filed for a divorce. There will be a time to share more fully, but for now, we appreciate your prayers,” Naghmeh posted to Facebook on October 4.

Saeed was imprisoned for nearly four years for preaching the gospel in Iran. He was released as part of a prisoner swap in January. Before he touched foot in the United States, though, Naghmeh filed for legal separation.

“My heart is deeply saddened to be sharing the news that Naghmeh and I will be divorcing. She has been my wife of 12 years and she will always be the wonderful mother to our amazing children. While we have experienced struggles, she, along with my children, will forever be my heroes, both for what they had to deal with during my imprisonment in Iran and for how they never gave up fighting for my freedom,” Saeed said in a statement.

“There are no words to describe the ongoing effect of the trauma I experienced and my family has experienced both during and in the aftermath of my imprisonment. We are different people, and we are hurting people. It pains me to say, but I have decided the only path toward healing is apart, and not together. Sometimes as Christians, we experience pain for which there is no explanation in this life, yet we must continue, even in the hardest of times, to look to Christ for

strength, grace and comfort. I am trying to do that now, and I know Nagmeh is doing the same. Even in our disappointments, when we don't have all the answers, Christ is still Lord. He is good now and forever."

Please pray for the family as they move forward in their decision.