

Prayer Vigil Outside Chinese Embassy Believes for Chen Guangcheng



(Reuters/Benjamin Myers)

A member of the Christian Defense Coalition raises his hands during a prayer vigil outside the Chinese embassy in Washington on Sunday. The Christian Defense Coalition held the prayer vigil to call on the Obama administration not to turn Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng back over to the Chinese government after his escape from 19 months of house arrest in China. Guangcheng, a blind legal activist who fights against forced abortion in China, escaped from home arrest last week. He was being held under harsh and violent conditions since his September 2010 release from prison. Some reports indicate he was tortured for hours.