

Specific prayer requests from Dr. Guy Eshelman*, medical doctor in Albania** serving with [Christar](#) (1/19/2009):

1) Specifics of this case and the pending trial: pray ...

- For the timing of the trial.
- For the Judge (or judges) that will be appointed to hear the case.
- That it be short, accurate, truthful, just.
- That my reputation as a professional / businessman / foreign worker will be completely restored.
- That I and my lawyer have wisdom and clarity of thought & speech during the proceedings.
- That those advising me would have wisdom as they prepare the defense and make a legal defense plan.
- For translations & understandings (at all levels, throughout the process),
- That the right messages would be communicated, heard, understood...
- That those running the trial would seek truth, justice & goodness, not vengeance, (or other things that would hinder justice).
- Against potential motives, agendas, personal vendettas, jealousy, and other things that would promote corruption/injustice.
- For the positive impact of the international presence in this case
- That the high profile nature of this case, would work in our favor, and for the benefit of the greater good (and that God would prevent any harm from it.)
- That throughout the process, that I would maintain a godly attitude, godly reactions, and that my Master's presence would be evident in my whole life & testimony.
- That all parts of the hearing would be corruption-free and honorable.
- That any irregularities in the process would be exposed.

2) Individuals & groups who will be involved in this case and the Trial: Pray ...

- For the prosecutor in my case, which so far has been Erida Lamka.
- For the investigator working for the prosecutor's office in my case, Mr. Leonard Filopati.
- For my Attorney - Vangjel Kosta: God to be working in his heart ... in his mind ... in his health. That God would be helping him His life -- personally & professionally; That He would be using him in my case, and in the many other cases he is involved in (Vangjel also runs a foundation that defends those who can't afford legal services) ; blessing him, and his family (especially wife & two children). He is a very busy man.
- For those who have been giving us assistance:
 - Austin McCaskill -- Director of Albanian Encouragement Project
 - Roger Sherrard, of Advocates International ... a long time friend of Albania, and of law, human rights, religious freedom, and judicial ethics. Lord willing, he is planning to attend part of the trial, and is very well known here in the high courts of Albania.
- For those each of the other 3 physicians at ABC who have been questioned during the investigation. Pray that their reputations and professions would be protected.
- For the US Embassy in their role of supporting us, and in monitoring the trial. That they will be able to having a representative in the courtroom (availability, scheduling, permission).
- For the media and their influence. Their involvement so far has slandered my reputation and that of ABC Family Health Center. My trial will be public. Pray that the damage done so far, and the considerable loss of business at ABC in the past months, will be reversed.
- For God's working through those friends, co-works, & patients who hope to attend the court sessions to support me.
- For those working behind the scenes (friends here, friends abroad, people in the State department, US senators & representatives, ambassadors, etc.).

3) Our family, co-workers, ministry partners, & churches: Pray ...

- For health, protection (physical, emotional, spiritual), safety, strength, wisdom, faith, growth, obedience, fruitfulness, fruit of the Spirit
- For us in all our roles, positions, and phases of life (our ... marriage, parenting, friendships, choices, school, homework, leadership, ministries.)

- For Guy: Medical Director of ABC Family Health Center, Exec Director of ABC Health Foundation
- For Carolyn: Jr hi science teacher at GDQ [missionary/expat kid school];
- For Ryan: 16 yrs, Grade 10 at the Tirana Coop [missionary/expat kid school]
- For Philip: 13 yrs, Grade 8 at GDQ
- For Katie: 11 yrs, Grade 6 at GDQ
- For Aubrey: 9 yrs, Grade 4 at GDQ
- For My Teammates ... at ABC, and in our organization (Christar). (protection, reputation, faith, extended family)
- For the staff of the ABC Family Health Center (past & present) and the impact that this has had on each of them.
- For that great "crowd of witnesses" who are following this case
- For us all to grow in our relationships with the Father as we go through difficulties. (We Eshelmans are thankful that our children are not fearful, despite the stresses we are facing. It is our desire that all of us grow spiritually through it all.)
- THAT GOD WOULD BE GLORIFIED through this, and in many ways!

4) Albania: Pray...

- For Justice System - Reforms ... Truth ... Justice ... Righteousness...
- For the general prosecutor's office, which has been under a lot of medial, political, and international pressure in recent weeks.
- For the Legal System - wisdom in laws ... in interpreting the laws.
- For the small group of Christian attorneys who meet regularly for fellowship and growth.
- Against strongholds of corruption ... in justice, law, government, medicine, education, and in all of society.
- For healing & forgiveness & integrity to be spreading in Albania ...
- For God's working in the media ... on the individual levels, right up to national levels
- For God's will to be done here ... and for His Kingdom work to advance.

A few reminders: Truths that have come our way ...

- "Have we trials and temptations; is there trouble anywhere? ... Take it to the Lord in prayer" (a song we just sang in church).
- "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:11, sent to us by a friend).
- "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7).

*See Missions Mandate posts [Prayer for Eshelman family](#) and [Update on Eshelman Family](#) for more details regarding this case.

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