



# CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE USA

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## PRAYER CALENDAR

February 2019

in recent months.

**February 4:** During the government crackdown earlier this year human rights defenders, including those who work on freedom of religion or belief cases, were arrested or faced severe intimidation. Pray God strengthens and protects all those who bravely stand up to defend human rights in Sudan.

**February 5:** Please pray for the Church in Sudan as it faces a spike in religious repression. Pray for the Sudanese government to end its campaign of harassment against the Christian community and to respect the right of freedom of religion or belief for all of its citizens.

**February 6:** Pray for Christians and Muslims in Sudan to find ways of living together peacefully. Dear Lord, bring an end to all violence, persecution and intimidation of Your children in Sudan.

**February 7:** CSW is alarmed by the rise of specific targeting of Christians in Sudan. Recently, 12 Christian men in Darfur were arrested and tortured. They were peacefully gathered in a private place and posed no threat to the state. Pray for the safety of Christians in Sudan.

**February 8:** Pray for Christians in Sudan's Darfur region. In October, 12 Christian men were arrested while they were meeting at the home of a church leader in Nyala, South Darfur. Nine were accused of apostasy, severely tortured and pressured to recant their Christian faith.

**February 9:** Lord, we pray for Your Church in Sudan to prosper and be a source of light and hope, especially to the many Sudanese who have been displaced from their homes due to conflict.

**February 10:** Lord, we pray for the nation of Cuba. Please work in the hearts of government leaders to bring about a future of peace and respect for religious freedom. Pray those who oppress religious freedom in Cuba become channels for peace.

**February 11:** Pray for the Church in Cuba, courageously living out their faith under daily threats. Pray for the Gospel to spread, so Cuba will be freed from all tyranny and oppression.

**February 12:** Many Assembly of God churches in Cuba have been shut down and even demolished. Its pastors and church members have been harassed and detained. Pray for God's protection over these brave men and women.

**February 13:** Please pray for safety of members of the Apostolic Movement in Cuba. This large, unregistered denomination has been the target of severe government harassment for years.

**February 14:** Pray for Cuba's new President, Miguel Díaz-Canel, appointed in April 2018. This is the first time the president is not the head of the Communist Party. Pray President Díaz-Canel takes strong action to protect religious freedom in Cuba.

**February 15:** Please pray for Christians in Cuba who experience discrimination and harassment on a daily basis in their schools and workplaces. Pray for the abolishment of the Office of Religious Affairs, which is the primary source of religious freedom violations in Cuba.

**February 16:** Almighty God, we pray for the nation of Cuba. We pray for Your Church in Cuba to be able to worship freely, without fear or intimidation, and that the Cuban government would rule with mercy and justice.

**February 17:** Please pray for peace in the nation of Mexico. Communities are often split along religious lines with majority Catholic communities using harsh measures to force Protestants to conform to the majority.

**February 1:** Pray for the nation of Sudan. Pray equality of citizenship becomes a reality, bringing an end to racial and religious discrimination. Over 97% of Sudan is Muslim, and Sudanese Christians face daily persecution.

**February 2:** Please pray for religious freedom in Sudan. The Sudanese government severely restricts the rights of Christians. Churches in Sudan continue to be demolished without notice, religious leaders face arrest and judicial harassment and Christian schools are facing unfair restrictions.

**February 3:** The government in Sudan continues to arrest and intimidate church leaders. Ask God to give strength and justice to church leaders who have been arrested



**February 18:** Pray all Mexican children have access to education, regardless of their faith. Children are expelled from school just because their parents follow a different religion than the rest of the community. Some families are forced to leave their homes and villages.

**February 19:** Pray community leaders and government officials in Mexico would intervene to ensure that the right to an education is respected for all children, regardless of their faith.

**February 20:** Dear God, we pray for Christians in Mexico who are cast out from their communities simply because of their faith. Bring peace and justice where there is division and persecution.

**February 21:** Pray for Protestant Christians in Mexico who are living in communities often hostile toward them. Pray Christians who have been forced to leave their homes can find safe places to live.

**February 22:** Pray God's protection over Mexico's religious leaders, who often take on the role of human rights defenders. Thirty-three religious leaders in Mexico were killed between November 2013 and July 2018.

**February 23:** Many criminal groups in Mexico view church leaders, and their influence, as a threat to their power. A culture of impunity in local and federal government means justice is slow to act on behalf of Christian communities. Pray for the safety of church leaders in Mexico.

**February 24:** Please pray for peace and justice for churches in Mexico. Violent criminal groups commit crimes with impunity, and frequently target churches and church leaders who refuse to support them.

**February 25:** Pray for the new Mexican president, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, to strengthen the rule of law and end the impunity that often follows violations of freedom of religion or belief.

**February 26:** Mexico has laws that protect freedom of religion or belief, but they are often not enforced. Pray that local, state and federal governments and officials in Mexico uphold these laws by publicly recognizing violations and ensuring justice.

**February 27:** Mexico is currently the second most dangerous country in the world to be a priest. Pray the government would ensure the safety and protection of religious leaders.

**February 28:** Lord God, we commit the nation of Mexico to You. We pray for harmony in multi-religious communities in Mexico. Embolden Your Church to be an instrument of peace.

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