



CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE USA

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PRAYER CALENDAR June 2019

June 1: Lord, we pray for the nation of Indonesia. We ask You to bless the president of Indonesia and other leaders elected in April. Guide these leaders to rule for the good of all the people, regardless of their religious beliefs.

June 2: Indonesia's tradition of tolerance is facing increasing erosion. Lord, bring a return to tolerance, pluralism and peace for all of Indonesia's citizens, regardless of religion.

June 3: Indonesia's Christian community makes up less than 10% of the population. Local authorities have used blasphemy laws to attack Christians. Pray for safety of churches which have been targets for violence.

June 4: Pray for Christians living in the midst of hostile communities in Indonesia. Ask God to give them strength to show love to their neighbors despite the circumstances. Pray against the promotion of religious hatred in Indonesia's schools.

June 5: Indonesia used to be an example to the international community of harmony and pluralism due to its founding principles known as Pancasila, which promote tolerance and acceptance. Pray that Indonesia would return to its founding principles.

June 6: CSW has traveled regularly to Indonesia in the last few years and is uniquely positioned to face the rising intolerance. Thank God for our contacts with human rights defenders and churches across the country. Pray for wisdom as we combat intolerance.

June 7: Lord, we commit the people of Indonesia to You. We pray that community leaders and politicians will unite to reject violence and work for freedom of religion.

June 8: Dear God, bring peace to the nation of Colombia. We pray for the Colombian government to end the violence and stop those who seek to harm Christians.

June 9: In 2016, the Colombian government signed a peace agreement with guerrilla groups that control parts of the country, yet Christians still face many dangers in some areas. Pray for new Christians, churches and church leaders who are regular targets for extortion and kidnapping by armed groups.

June 10: Changes to the original peace agreement are both a concern and a potential setback to peace. Pray the Colombian government and the FARC would adhere to their commitments under the agreement.

June 11: Pray for safety of religious leaders who live and work under constant threat with an increase in extortion and other threats from illegal armed groups in many parts of Colombia.

June 12: Pray against corruption in Colombia. Pray for protection of pastors, often de facto community leaders, who face forced displacement and violence at the hands of illegal armed groups.

June 13: Dear God, comfort the wife and five adult children of Pastor Elfren Martínez Pérez, who was shot and killed in September outside his home in Antioquia, Colombia by members of an illegal armed group.

June 14: Pray for lasting peace in Colombia. Lord, move in power in the hearts of government officials and leaders of the illegal armed groups. Protect those working for peace and justice and bless their efforts richly.

June 15: Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide forced to flee their homelands, possibly leaving behind their families. Pray they would find their comfort and security in Him.

June 16: Lord Jesus, You who were separated from Your Father on the cross and who see and feel the pain of families separated by religious persecution, have mercy on families torn apart for their faith.

June 17: Pray for Christians who are separated from their families because of choosing to make a stand for justice and truth. Loving God, strengthen them wherever they are. We pray for families to be able to communicate despite physical barriers that exist between them.

June 18: As we observe the upcoming World Refugee Day, the world is witnessing unprecedented numbers of refugees, many of whom are fleeing severe religious freedom violations. Ask God to give them the sanctuary and refuge they're seeking.

June 19: Religious intolerance is one of the root causes of the refugee crises in many countries. Pray for vulnerable Christians who are forced to flee because their religion makes them a target for violent attacks, persecution or torture.



June 20: Today is World Refugee Day. Since 2001, the UN has held this annual observance to bring public awareness to the difficult situations faced by the millions of refugees scattered across our globe. Pray for safety of refugees.

June 21: Please pray for all refugees seeking peace. Ask God to protect them and provide for their every need. "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him." (Nahum 1:7)

June 22: Pray for CSW's work to raise awareness for refugees and to see the root causes addressed by international policymakers. Pray for the 65 million refugees worldwide. Their journeys are often long and dangerous, and their futures uncertain.

June 23: Dear God, we remember that Jesus started His life as a refugee when His family fled into Egypt to escape the threat of death. We ask You to watch over refugees and protect them as they journey to a place where they can live in peace.

June 24: Pray international governments see refugees as people in need of care and understanding, not as a threat to be treated with suspicion and fear.

June 25: Tens of millions of people worldwide are currently refugees because of conflict, violence and persecution. Violations of religious freedom is a key reason why people are forced to leave their countries. Pray for fair treatment of all refugees in the resettlement process.

June 26: Much of CSW's work on the refugee crisis happens at the highest levels of the UN, thanks to our dedicated UN team. Please pray that God would grant them wisdom and bless their efforts.

June 27: Lord, we lift up Christians who've been forced to flee their homes. Please provide them with safe journeys and a destination where they can rest and peace.

June 28: Freedom of religion or belief is one of the most widely violated human rights worldwide. Pray those with power and influence use their positions to ensure no one is forced to flee their homes because of their religion.

June 29: Pray world governments would take a leading role in effectively tackling the root causes of the refugee crisis. Instability leads to extremism, war lords, terrorist groups and then to mass migration.

June 30: Pray for courage and perseverance for millions of refugees forced to flee their homes due to persecution. Pray God moves powerfully in their home countries so they can return in peace.

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