

Prayer Initiative

Christians are encouraged to pray regularly for the oppressed and persecuted, whether in Sunday church services or during the week.

July 2026 Prayer Topics

Sunday, July 5: IRAN

Christian convert **Ghazal Marzban** was sentenced to nine years, eight months in prison in May 2026 for “propaganda against the state”. Ghazal had already spent two months in jail on the same charges in 2024, after protesting against the harassment she had endured since becoming a Catholic. // *We pray for Ghazal facing a long jail term, and for all persecuted Christian converts in Iran.*



Sunday, July 12: BANGLADESH

Lay evangelical preacher **A. Salam**, 55, was brutally attacked by a mob on June 5 after being questioned about why he did not perform Islamic prayers. In addition to physical injuries, he suffered psychological trauma. His family are living in a state of fear and insecurity. // *We pray for recovery for A. Salam, and that all Christians in Bangladesh can practice their faith freely.*



Sunday, July 19: EGYPT

Augustinos Samaan, a Coptic Christian scholar and YouTuber, was sentenced to five years in prison and hard labor in January 2026 for “contempt of religion,” and “misuse of social media.” Samaan had created online videos about the Christian faith and posted them online. // *We pray for strength for Augustinos as he serves his sentence and for all victims of religious persecution in Egypt.*



Sunday, July 26: PAKISTAN

F. Masih, 29, has been joyfully reunited with her husband and son, four years after she was abducted, forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married. F. shared that she had almost lost hope of ever seeing her family again. To support the family, CSI provided F. with a sewing machine so she can work from home. // *We thank God that the Masih family has been reunited, and pray for all victims of forcible conversion and marriage in Pakistan.*



If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. 1 Corinthians 12:26

Pray for prisoners and the persecuted. www.csi-int.org/get-involved/pray/

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