

Prayer Initiative

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

September 2026 Prayer Topics

Sunday, September 6: ARMENIA

Catholicos Karekin II, the head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, is standing trial in Armenia amid a government campaign to seize control of the 1,700-year-old national church. If convicted of abuse of his official powers, Karekin faces up to two years in prison. // *We pray for the Catholicos, and six bishops standing trial with him, and for the Armenian church during a time of state repression.*



Sunday, September 13: INDONESIA

Pastor Dedi Saputra (31), a former Muslim, has been sentenced to two years in prison for blasphemy and incitement of the people. A court in Banda Aceh convicted him over comments he made about the prophet of Islam on social media. Islamic law is in effect in Banda Aceh. // *We pray for Dedi Saputra's release and that the current, discriminatory blasphemy laws will be reformed.*



Sunday, September 20: NIGERIA

Faith Barnabas, 17, disappeared from her home in Muslim Bauchi State, northern Nigeria, in April. Her mother subsequently found out Faith had converted to Islam and changed her name. Faith's mother, a widow, believes her daughter was forcibly converted. She is taking legal action to have her daughter returned to her. // *We pray for Faith to be reunited with her mother, and for all child victims of forced conversion in northern Nigeria.*



Sunday, September 27: PAKISTAN

Nadeem Yousaf, 51, was acquitted of blasphemy on June 22 and released from jail. Blind since birth, Nadeem had spent 10 months in prison after false accusations were brought against him. Nadeem described his freedom as a miracle. // *We give thanks for Nadeem's liberty and pray for all those falsely accused of blasphemy 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/