

Prayer Initiative

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

October 2026 Prayer Topics

Sunday, October 4: NIGERIA

Ruth Musa and her husband **Paul**, a pastor, were kidnapped by Islamist terror group Boko Haram in March 2023. In June 2024 Boko Haram threatened to kill the couple unless a huge ransom was paid. It is believed that Paul has since been killed. Ruth was seen without him in a video issued by Boko Haram in August. // *We pray for freedom for Ruth, and for all victims of kidnappings in Nigeria.*



Sunday, October 11: NEPAL

The Bijas, a pastor and his wife, live in an area that was severely affected by the flashfloods at the end of August. They have been cut off from their grown-up children who are on the other side of the river. Many people in their community are still missing. Despite their own difficult situation, the couple try to encourage others not to give up. // *We pray for the Bijas and all victims of the flashfloods in Nepal.*



Sunday, October 18: CHINA

Wang Lin, a pastor in Beijing's Zion Church, a prominent house church, was one of 18 pastors and co-workers arrested in a clampdown by the Chinese authorities in October 2025. Nine have since been released on bail, but Wang and eight others remain detained and now face additional charges. // *We pray for the release of Wang Lin and the other house church detainees, and for all Christians facing persecution in China.*



Sunday, October 25: SOUTH SUDAN

Abuk Machar Tong, a South Sudanese Christian woman, has been freed after 28 years of slavery in Sudan. Abuk, 40, was captured by an Islamist militia in 1998 during Sudan's civil war. She is one of more than 160,000 people Christian Solidarity International (CSI) has helped free from slavery in Sudan. // *We give thanks that Abuk is free, and pray for all those South Sudanese still held captive in Sudan.*



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

Pray for prisoners and the persecuted. <https://csi-usa.org/pray>

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