

## June 2025 Prayer

*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

—Revelation 21: 2-4

**Israel/Gaza**—Since war broke out in October 2023, living in both countries has become extremely unsafe. Thousands have lost their homes and have fled the country or turned to community centers and churches for shelter, yet even those are often destroyed. Christians struggle to remain faithful during such a hard time, especially with no hope of safety. Pray for their protection and that they stay steadfast in faith and constant in prayer, turning to the Lord in their time of need. Please pray that Christians would shine the light of Christ to all around them and that God would use this tragedy to bring many to him. Pray that He would bring peace to this region. (*Source: Open Doors*)

**Syria**—US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said, "It is our assessment that, frankly, the transitional authorities, given the challenges they're facing, are maybe weeks, not many months, away from potential collapse and a full-scale civil war of epic proportions." Amid the violence that is rocking this country, civilians—especially minorities—have been targeted. Monitoring groups report that 900 Alawite minority civilians were killed by pro-government forces in March and loyalists to the overthrown Assad regime killed almost 450 civilians and 170 security personnel. There is great concern that Christians and other minorities are at incredible risk of violence and murder. Pray for Syria, for peaceful resolution, for an end to violence, for a just government to be established. Pray for all civilians to be protected, especially the most vulnerable such as religious, political, and ethnic minorities. Pray that those believers who remain will be strong in their faith and provide a profound witness to the love and grace of Christ. (*Source: BBC; CBN*)

**Myanmar**—Pastor Yang and his wife have spent many years on fire for the Lord. The attack on their country, Myanmar, had a huge impact on them, making them realize even more how much Christ is needed in their lives every day. Through the struggles of finding safety, shelter and enough food, all while providing for their community and other members of the body of Christ, they have not only clung to their faith, but have helped others realize the mercy, hope, and grace found in Christ. They have started a business providing supplies and encouragement for those in need. Pray that they would have a strength and a joy that only comes from the Lord in all they do and stay faithful and hopeful in Christ's promises. Pray that God would bless their ministry and cause it to flourish and bear fruit. (*Source: Open Doors*)

**Cuba**—For 20 years, Pastor Alain Toledano Valiente was harassed and persecuted by the Cuban government for his leadership of Apostolic Movement in Cuba, which officials refused to register. In 2022 he was given 30 days to leave the country or be imprisoned, at which time he, his wife, and two younger daughter were granted emergency parole in the United States. His two other adult daughters were not allowed to go with. Yet only a month later, their daughter Susana was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer. She has had to go through numerous surgeries and treatment without the presence of her parents, and like many in Cuba, her situation is much worse because of medication shortages. The cancer is advancing, and Pastor Valiente is being refused entry to Cuba to see his daughter. Pray for Susana that she would be comforted and if God wills it, be miraculously healed, and that she would be granted a humanitarian visa to be able to receive appropriate medical care outside of

Cuba. Pray for the Cuban government, especially President Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez and Lázaro Alberto Álvarez Casas, the Minister of the Interior, that they would act with humanity and compassion and allow the family to be together during this time. (*Source: CSW*)

**Nigeria**—This past Easter weekend in Nigeria, six people were killed and 18 injured in a purposeful attack by an 18-wheel truck that drove through a parade. The driver was against believers and didn't like seeing people worship Christ freely and joyfully. Those in defense of the driver claimed he was driving too fast and couldn't break suddenly, while witnesses and others have deciphered the truth that it was a deliberate attack. The truck had driven right into the parade, without honking or signaling, after being told about the parade and warned to drive slowly and cautiously. Pray for softening of hearts and comfort for those grieving. Pray for people like this driver to repent and find salvation in Jesus Christ. (*Source: International Christian Concern*)

**Afghanistan**—Pray for 12-year-old Mujeb who works 12 hours a day breaking stones in the mountains of Afghanistan. He is the sole breadwinner of his family, like many children in this devastatingly poor country. When parents cannot find work and have no means to even feed their families, they are given no other choice but to take children out of school and send them to work, often in brutal and dangerous conditions. Mujeb hopes of being a teacher, but basic hunger and survival stands between him and that wonderful dream. World Vision has a goal of providing life-saving nutrition and support for 2.1 million children. Pray that Mujeb and his family specifically would be lifted out of this extreme poverty. Pray that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven, that we would care for all of God's beloved creations. Pray for the work of World Vision that attempts to do that. (*Source: World Vision*)

**India**—A Christian family was attacked by their extended family due to their conversion from Hinduism to Christianity. Suman, a member of the family who wasn't there on the day of the attack, recalls the phone call from which she heard about the event in traumatic detail. "Our sister has been beaten and killed," her brother had told her. Her cousins and uncle had hid in the field near their home, waiting for them to come out, before attacking. The rest of Suman's family survived, but had terrible injuries. They were also told they were no longer welcome on the shared family land. Pray for the family as they grieve and heal. And pray for the hearts of their uncle and cousins to be touched by the Lord, so that they would be impacted and feel remorse. Pray for them to turn to Christ whom they are persecuting. (*Source: Global Christian Relief*)

**United States/El Salvador**—Pray for Andry José Hernández Romero, a gay make-up artist who was sent by the US government to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador despite there being no court order authorizing his removal, no notification of his attorney, no hearing to contest allegations against him, and no due process. Despite seeking asylum in the US and the legal process he had already begun, he was sent to the notorious, brutal CECOT along with 260 others. Pray for the safety of Andry and other asylum seekers, among whom are actually Christian believers who are often persecuted in Central and South America. Pray that no matter what the concerns the US may have about immigration they would still act with integrity and follow due process. (*Source: Amnesty International*)

**Middle East**—In an area of the Middle East where Bibles are illegal, a group of believers came together to create a printing station where they print Bibles in many languages and find ways to hand them out to believers. They take risks to continue the spread of the Gospel. Many of the members live in a Muslim community and sacrifice their lives everyday to do this work. Often, they deal with death threats and are persecuted for what they do, but they remain faithful and continue doing work for the Lord. Pray for their hearts to stay on fire for Him and that the Word of God would continue to be spread. (*Source: Global Christian Relief*)

**Nicaragua**—Nearly a year ago, Carmen María Sáenz Martínez and Lesbia del Socorro Gutiérrez Poveda, two women who are religious leaders in Nicaragua, were detained and have not been seen or heard from since. Though they are believed to be held in the awful La Esperanza women’s prison, their families and lawyers have not been allowed any access or communication, not even proof of life. In 2024, CSW documented at least 46 cases of religious leaders being arbitrarily detained. President Daniel Ortega and Vice-President Rosario Murillo (his wife) have cracked down on all civil freedoms, and the government stripped religious orders, churches, entire Protestant denominations, schools, religious radio and television outlets, and faith-based charities of their legal status and frozen their bank accounts. Pray for the immediate and unconditional release of Carmen and Lesbia—or at very least that their families would be provided with proof of life. Pray for the many religious leaders who have been arbitrarily detained and are being held in atrocious conditions. Pray they remain strong in their faith and that guards and other prisoners around them might find Christ through the witness. Pray for Nicaragua to become a safe, just country—and pray that as believers and other persecuted people flee Nicaragua, they might be met with compassion and safe-haven by the countries where they seek refuge. (Source: CSW)