

Pray for Indonesia

31 May - 6 June 2020



Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim majority nation and is home to around 13% of the world's Muslim population. The country has a long tradition of pluralism, but over the past decade it's seen a considerable rise in religious intolerance. President Joko Widodo, who was re-elected last April, must now ensure that religious freedom is protected and seek to bring an end to intolerance. Find out more about Indonesia at [csw.org.uk/indonesia](https://www.csw.org.uk/indonesia)

Sunday 31 May

Pray this verse over President Joko Widodo today: 'Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever and a crown is not secure for all generations.' (Proverbs 27:23-24)

Monday 1 June

Today Indonesia marks Pancasila Day, when the country remembers the declaration of its founding principles in 1945. Pluralism was among them, and Pancasila has historically ensured that the country's religious groups can coexist peacefully. Pray that Indonesia would return to a truly pluralistic society.

Tuesday 2 June

Thank God for national initiatives aimed at countering extremism and religious intolerance. Shortly before last year's election, leaders from various faiths including Islam, Christianity and Buddhism came together for a conference in Jakarta, to promote peaceful coexistence. CSW was also privileged to attend.

Wednesday 3 June

Give thanks for Father Felix Supranto, a Catholic priest who works to build inter-faith relations between Muslim and Christian leaders. CSW attended one of his inter-faith meetings and was told by a Muslim cleric: 'We have to be together with other religions and ethnicities, to build Indonesia together.'

Thursday 4 June

Despite these encouraging signs, blasphemy laws continue to be used. The Constitutional Court has rejected calls to challenge these laws and new laws that may restrict religious freedom could be introduced by the Indonesian Parliament this year. Pray that this new law would not pass and that Indonesians would be allowed to choose and change their religion freely.

Friday 5 June

On 13 May 2018 three churches in Surabaya were attacked by a family of suicide bombers. One of the churches, Santa Maria Tak Bercela, welcomed around 5,000 worshippers at Easter 2019, with 76 people being baptised. Thank God that, despite the trauma of 2018, the community has been blessed with resilience and an unshakable faith.

Saturday 6 June

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the people of Indonesia. Grant wisdom to the country's leaders, that they may rule justly and protect the rights of all their citizens, whatever their faith. Bless and multiply the work of those trying to bring about inter-religious harmony, so that Indonesia might return to the peaceful, multi-religious country it once was. Amen.

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free to believe

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