

Pray for Inspirational Women

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CSW is blessed to work alongside and advocate on behalf of some truly inspirational women, who continually show courage and resilience in the face of suffering and danger. Their determination to follow Christ no matter the cost, and to praise God throughout their times of greatest suffering, is deeply moving and inspiring. Join us this week in thanking God for their remarkable example.

Thank God for Michelle Chaudhry, one of our closest partners in Pakistan. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, she has been offering practical support such as food and face masks to religious minorities who were already very vulnerable.

Pray for Marilín Alayo Correa, one of the leaders in the Apostolic Movement in Cuba. On account of their ministry, she and her husband Pastor Alain Toledano Valiente have been harassed by the authorities for over two decades, and have seen their church and home destroyed multiple times. Marilín bravely recorded a video testimony of her experience, even though speaking out could put her at risk.

Praise God for the remarkable women who have shared their moving experiences in our Faith in Extraordinary Times video series: Meriam Ibrahim, who was sentenced to death for apostasy in Sudan; Helen Berhane, an Eritrean gospel singer who spent 32 months detained in a metal shipping container; and Ladan Nouri, who was imprisoned in solitary confinement in Iran for converting to Christianity.

Thank God for Leah Sharibu, another inspiring young woman of incredible faith. In February 2018 Leah was abducted by ISWAP (an offshoot of Boko Haram) from her school in Dapchi, Nigeria, and refused to convert in exchange for her freedom. She was only 14 at the time and has been held ever since.

Give God thanks for the wonderful example these women offer us, and for the bravery they display by remaining faithful to God's call in spite of the risks they encounter for doing so.

Heavenly Father, you have blessed these daughters of yours with incredible strength, and given them the courage they need to face head-on their suffering on account of you. May they be inspired today with an even more unshakable faith, trusting with their whole heart, soul and mind that they can look forward with confidence to the day when they will rejoice with you in heaven. Amen.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. (Matthew 5:11-12)

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