

Pray for Nigeria

20-26 September 2020



A family of four was shot and injured in May by armed assailants who invaded their home in Ghana Ropp, Plateau state, and opened fire at close range as they were praying in their sitting room. This was just one in a series of continuing armed assaults on Christian communities in Plateau and Kaduna states that continue despite lockdowns in both states.

Meanwhile we continue to pray and campaign for Leah Sharibu, the schoolgirl abducted by terrorists in February 2018 and held because she refuses to renounce her faith. We've gathered together regularly since her abduction to pray and protest, and we haven't let the lockdown stop us. In May we held our first ever online prayer event, where over 250 people gathered to lift Leah up to God and petition for her release. We will not stop until she's free.

- Thank God for Leah's continued courage and inspiring faith. 'If she, at her age can stand for Christ, then as an adult, I have no excuse.' – Reverend Yunusa Nmadu, CEO of CSW-Nigeria
- Continue to ask God to release Leah from captivity and return her home safely. Also pray for the safe release of those kidnapped for ransom from villages in southern Kaduna by Fulani assailants.
- Ask God for physical and mental healing for the family shot in their sitting room in Plateau State, and for other victims of attacks both there and in Kaduna State. Pray that all such attacks would cease.
- Pray for effective strategies and action to end violence from the Boko Haram factions and from Fulani militia. Ask God to remove any obstacle to a coordinated and effective response to every source of violence in the country.
- Pray for a change of heart for the attackers, that they would put down their weapons, and would find ways other than violence to solve any grievances, or secure an income.

All-powerful God, we declare that you are sovereign over everything that is happening in Nigeria. Though we may feel overwhelmed by the seemingly endless violence, we leave it all in your hands. Fulfil the promises in Isaiah and bring about a Nigeria that is secure under a just and fair government, where everyone lives in peace and terror does not come near. We ask especially for you to return Leah Sharibu and other abductees safely to their families. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

You will be secure under a government that is just and fair. Your enemies will stay far away. You will leave in peace, and terror will not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it is not because I sent them. Whoever attacks you will go down in defeat. (Isaiah 53:14-15 NLT)

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