

Pray for Cuba

11 - 10 October 2020



Yoel Suárez

Since the 1959 revolution, many religious groups in Cuba have endured significant hostility from the government. Sadly we've seen the situation worsen in recent years, with people detained, arbitrary fines imposed and churches demolished. Yoel (Yoe) Suárez and Ricardo Fernández Izaguirre are human rights defenders who have experienced personal reprisals from the Cuban government because of their work. Both men continue speaking up for justice, despite the dangers.

We interviewed them both recently. Watch their interviews in full at youtube.com/cswuk

Sunday 11 October

'I have come up against the government many times, from threats, to imprisonment, to being prohibited from leaving the country.' Pray that the Cuban government would allow Ricardo to continue his vital work without harassment.

Monday 12 October

'We have seen an increase in the number of churches that have been demolished.' Ask God to comfort all the churches which have lost their buildings, and to provide them with new places of worship.

Tuesday 13 October

'Even though the new constitution included the right to freedom of religion, every time we come before the authorities, the authorities disregard these rights.' Pray that the authorities at every level would respect the rights in the constitution.

Wednesday 14 October

'The Cuban government tries to silence the Christian community and all religious groups.' Thank God for the courage of those who refuse to be silenced despite the intimidation.

Thursday 15 October

'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33) Pray this verse over the whole of Cuba today.

Friday 16 October

'There are [church] ministries which are primarily dedicated to distributing food to those in need, especially to the older generations that are in the high-risk group for COVID-19. These ministries have been restricted from distributing aid.' Ask God to provide for everyone who relies on church ministries for food and other necessities.

Saturday 17 October

Father of all, we struggle to imagine what daily life is like for those who wish to peacefully express their faith in Cuba. Our prayer is that these stories would move us to greater thankfulness for the freedoms we enjoy, and we ask you to protect and deliver Ricardo and Yoel from any repercussions they may face after sharing their stories. Finally we ask that the international community would hear these stories and be inspired to take decisive action to bring justice and freedom to Cuba. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

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