

Pray for communities affected by COVID-19

22 - 28 November 2020



In April we issued a statement on the coronavirus, in which we called on world leaders to ensure that the pandemic did not lead to vulnerable religious communities being further marginalised. Unfortunately, we've seen this become a reality in almost all of the countries on which we work.

This week join us in praying for religious communities around the world which are now at even greater risk because of COVID-19. Find out more at csw.org.uk/coronavirus

Sunday 22 November

From Pakistan we have heard of instances where food aid has been denied to Christians and Hindus, while in Cuba churches which have tried to distribute basic necessities have faced government opposition. Pray that people of all faiths and none would be given fair access to food and basic provisions.

Monday 23 November

We're concerned about the continuing spread of COVID-19 in Iranian prisons. Pray that the authorities would take decisive steps to control the spread.

Tuesday 24 November

We've been campaigning for Uyghurs, between one and three million of whom have been detained in 're-education' camps in Xinjiang, China. Most are Muslim. We've also been raising awareness about refugees from Burma – the Christian Chin and Kachin ethnic groups, and the Rohingya Muslims – who have had to flee their homes. Pray that UK MPs would be moved to speak up for these groups who are now even more vulnerable because of the coronavirus.

Wednesday 25 November

In India, Muslims have been blamed for transmitting the virus; in Pakistan, the Hazara Shi'a community has been scapegoated; while Cuban churches which have provided food to those in need have been accused of spreading the virus. Pray for an end to the scapegoating and targeting of religious communities.

Thursday 26 November

Thank God today for all the religious communities around the world which have assisted those in need during the pandemic, despite knowing the risks.

Friday 27 November

'I will heal my people and let them enjoy abundant peace and security.' (Jeremiah 33:6) Pray this verse of hope over faith communities throughout the world which have become even more vulnerable due to COVID-19.

Saturday 28 November

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over all marginalised religious groups which have become even more vulnerable because of the pandemic. Grant them protection from the virus itself, and from those who mean them harm. May they be filled with hope and trust that one day they will be able to practise their faith in freedom and safety. Amen.

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