

Pray for the UN

1-7 August 2021



‘Through verified, credible reporting, the Special Rapporteurs call out truth to power.’ - Claire Denman, CSW’s Deputy Team Leader for Public Affairs.

It would be very difficult to secure justice for victims of human rights violations without partnering with UN Special Rapporteurs, who work with NGOs like CSW to promote and uphold the right of every individual to freedom of religion or belief. These unpaid experts raise cases of concern to UN Member States, calling them to take action based on the accurate research provided by our advocates. Find out more at csw.org.uk/un

Sunday 1 August

Pray for wisdom and discernment as our Deputy Team Leader for Public Affairs, Claire Denman, prepares for the upcoming session of the Human Rights Council in September. We thank God for this important opportunity to raise cases of concern directly with policy makers from across the world.

Monday 2 August

Building good relationships with UN staff, Special Rapporteurs and country representatives is essential for our work with the UN. Pray that these connections will continue to grow and be strengthened, despite the pandemic having prevented in-person meetings and networking for over a year.

Tuesday 3 August

Give thanks today for technology that not only allowed UN conferences to take place remotely during the pandemic, but also enabled expert witnesses and human rights defenders to participate directly in online meetings, enabling people who may have been previously unable to travel to Geneva in person due to financial or security reasons to have their voices heard.

Wednesday 4 August

We are grateful for the consistent reporting of Dr Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur for freedom of religion or belief, who ensures that the voices of religious minorities are heard at the UN. Ask God to protect and sustain him as he exposes human rights violations and calls governments to action.

Thursday 5 August

Last year, 50 UN experts signed a joint statement, urging the UN to take action regarding human rights violations in China. Pray that their collective voice leads more people in power to speak out against the human rights abuses perpetrated by the Chinese authorities, putting pressure on them to change.

Friday 6 August

As the UN’s experts continue raising cases of concern, we pray for momentum to build so that perpetrators are held to account and justice rolls on like a river (Amos 5:24).

Saturday 7 August

Father God, we pray that our partners at the UN will not grow tired of doing good, but will continue to be a voice for the vulnerable at the Human Rights Council. May their work lead to real change from world leaders and policy makers. Amen.

**CSW everyone
free to believe**

CSW is a human rights organisation advocating for freedom of religion or belief, and as Christians we stand with everyone facing injustice because of their religion or belief.