

**Pray for our trustees, staff,
local partners and volunteers.**

23-29 January 2022



Over the last two years, we've seen the need for CSW's work greatly increase. In fact, it's needed now more than ever.

Many of the individuals and faith communities we were advocating for before the pandemic have been at even greater risk. During the pandemic church leaders have been interrupted or detained while live streaming services or have had their electricity cut off to prevent them from hosting online church services. Christians providing aid have been falsely accused of conversion; while many of those unjustly imprisoned because of their faith have been at even greater risk due to the spread of COVID-19.

At the same time we have witnessed crises in several of the countries on which we work. Nigeria is a country in crisis, with escalating violence in which thousands of vulnerable citizens in the north and centre – many of them Christians – have been killed, while hundreds of thousands more have been forcibly displaced. Since the coup in Myanmar/Burma last February, we've witnessed the devastation that the military crackdown has wrought across the country.

Our teams have been working harder than ever to continue speaking out for all those facing injustice because of their beliefs, working for those who have been targeted even further during the pandemic, and taking urgent advocacy interventions for nations in crisis.

This week, we ask you to join us to pray for our trustees, staff, local partners and volunteers.

Father God, thank you for the calling and purpose you have given to all those who are part of CSW. We praise and thank you for your provision of their every need over so many years. Thank you for calling them for such a time as this, to tackle injustice and advocate for freedom.

May all involved with CSW trust in you during this season and find new strength. May they run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

May the leadership team and trustees hear your voice saying, 'This is the way, walk in it'. Grant them wisdom, insight and understanding, that they may lead the organisation in line with your will and purpose.

May each member of staff be encouraged that, whatever their role, everything they do is known, seen and valued by you for the sake of your kingdom.

May you grant divine protection to all the individuals and organisations that CSW works with around the world. Thank you for their bravery in speaking up for justice and freedom, often at great cost to themselves.

We ask you Lord to intervene in the lives of all those who face harassment, discrimination, violence, imprisonment or worse because of their religious beliefs. Give power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Amen.

**CSW everyone
free to believe**