

Pray for Cuba

4-10 September 2022



Pastor Lorenzo and Maridilegnis

'They no longer even have the shame to hide their lies.' - Maridilegnis, wife of Pastor Lorenzo

In December 2021 Reverend Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo was convicted on unfounded charges of 'disrespect', 'public disorder', 'criminal incitement' and 'assault'. He had been arrested five months previously during nationwide protests in Cuba, and has been in prison ever since.

In April Pastor Lorenzo and his family learned he had been sentenced to seven years in prison. The sentence had been decided soon after his trial - yet the government did not inform him of the decision until months later. This is the strategy of the Cuban authorities: lies, deceit and secrecy.

Find out more at csw.org.uk/cuba

Sunday 4 September

Ask God to bring peace and comfort to Pastor Lorenzo's wife Maridilegnis, and their children David and Lorena. Pray that justice would prevail and that Pastor Lorenzo would be released from prison without condition.

Monday 5 September

Pastor Lorenzo was not the only individual targeted for participating in last year's peaceful protests. At least seven other religious leaders were detained, sometimes violently, and most have faced ongoing harassment and threats of re-arrest since their release. Ask God to protect and strengthen them today.

Tuesday 6 September

In CSW's latest annual report on Cuba, we noted an increase in reported 'acts of repudiation', in which the authorities organise supposedly spontaneous mobs to harass, intimidate and sometimes physically assault religious leaders. Pray that God would change the hearts of those who organise and participate in these mobs. Read more at csw.org.uk/HomelandFaithLife

Wednesday 7 September

'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.' John 16:33. Pray this verse over Christians in Cuba today, as many continue to face harassment and intimidation even amid the country's ongoing economic- and pandemic-related challenges.

Thursday 8 September

Thank God today for individuals like Yoe Suárez and Ricardo Fernandez Izaguirre, who continue to bravely stand up for human rights in Cuba - despite facing intense harassment and being subjected to travel bans. Pray for their protection and the daily renewal of their strength.

Friday 9 September

Pastor Alain Toledano Valiente and his family have faced relentless harassment from the authorities, including through efforts to defame his character online. On 25 June he was given 30 days to leave Cuba or face the possibility of long-term imprisonment. He arrived in the United States on 24 July with his wife and two of his daughters. Pray that Pastor Toledano and his family would be filled with a sense of freedom and peace today.

Saturday 10 September

Lord God, we thank you that people in Cuba are increasingly willing to challenge the authorities' decades-long abuses of power and human rights. We pray that their efforts would not be in vain, that we would see prisoners freed and the perpetrators of injustice held to account. Amen.