

# Pray for Nigeria

**18-24 September 2022**



*'There is nothing more heinous than being unable to protect the poor, the vulnerable, the orphans, the widows and the helpless, as is being witnessed in Nigeria today.'* - The Most Rev Dr Benjamin Kwashi, Anglican Archbishop of Jos

CSW continues to receive reports of horrific violations and violence against vulnerable communities in Nigeria's northern and central regions on an almost daily basis. Attacks are spreading southwards, and the Nigerian government has done little to contain the various armed non-state actors it has recently designated as terrorists. This inaction cannot continue.

Find out more at [csw.org.uk/nigeria](https://csw.org.uk/nigeria)

## **Sunday 18 September**

As Christians across Nigeria meet for church services today, praise God for their steadfast faith in the face of adversity, and ask that he would protect them from those who seek to do them harm.

## **Monday 19 September**

On 5 April the president of the Nigerian Humanist Society, Mubarak Bala, was sentenced to 24 years in prison by a High Court in Kano after being arrested in April 2020 for allegedly insulting Islam in Facebook posts. Please pray for his release today.

## **Tuesday 20 September**

'I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.' (Leviticus 26:6). Claim this promise for the people of Plateau and Kaduna states, where violence is particularly widespread.

## **Wednesday 21 September**

On the International Day of Peace, pray that the international community would formulate a robust response to promote peace in Nigeria. Pray that states would hold the Nigerian government to account for its failures to protect citizens, and would assist in combatting violence wherever possible.

## **Thursday 22 September**

Thank God for our colleagues at CSW-Nigeria who continue to boldly speak out for freedom of religion or belief in Nigeria, even under dangerous and unstable circumstances. Ask God to protect and bless them and their families in abundance today. Also ask God to intervene powerfully to protect them and others who travel by road or rail from attack or abduction.

## **Friday 23 September**

In May Deborah Emmanuel was beaten, stoned to death and set on fire by her fellow students in Sokoto state following a blasphemy allegation. Pray for her devastated family, for justice, and that those who committed or supported the murder would have a change of heart and mind.

## **Saturday 24 September**

*Lord God, we know that your heart breaks even more than ours ever could at the violence and injustices taking place in Nigeria. We ask for breakthrough in the country today; may it become a nation of tolerance, justice and peaceful coexistence. Amen.*