

Prayer Diary: Nigeria

4-10 December 2022



Deborah Emmanuel

Deborah Emmanuel, a Christian student in Sokoto state, was lynched in May following an unproven blasphemy allegation. Reports suggest she had rejected the advances of a Muslim student, who later made the allegation.

This is just one incident in a seemingly unending scourge of violence that is currently affecting Nigerians of all creeds and ethnicities; in recent years tens of thousands have lost their lives.

During a Ministerial side event on Nigeria in July – organised by CSW, Humanists UK and Tearfund – CSW Nigeria's CEO, Rev Yunusa Nmadu, called on world leaders to recognise that Nigeria is facing an existential threat, and to urgently assist the government to address the critical levels of insecurity.

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Sunday 4 December

Thank God for the life of Deborah, whose faith did not waver in the face of the threats she received. Pray for comfort for her devastated parents and siblings.

Monday 5 December

On Pentecost Sunday, a terrorist attack on St Francis Xavier Catholic Church left over 40 people dead and more than 70 injured. Pray that God would comfort the bereaved, heal the survivors physically, mentally and emotionally, and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Tuesday 6 December

The attack on St Francis Xavier Catholic Church is particularly significant, as it marks the first such terrorist attack in southern Nigeria. Pray that this will be the wake-up call the government and international community need to take urgent action to address this violence.

Wednesday 7 December

'Nigerian lives are being extinguished on the slightest pretext...' Rev Yunusa Nmadu, CEO of CSW-Nigeria, made a powerful speech at the Ministerial side event in July. Pray God's protection over Nigeria's civilians.

Thursday 8 December

Thank God for the tireless, courageous work of Rev Nmadu and the rest of the CSW-Nigeria team, including their volunteers and contacts in northern and central states, whose work puts them at risk, but who continue despite the dangers.

Friday 9 December

'For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.' – Psalm 116:8-9. Pray this verse over Nigeria today.

Saturday 10 December

Heavenly Father, today on UN Human Rights Day we ask you to transform Nigeria, where the rights of the people are being violated in so many ways. As elections approach in 2023, we ask you to raise up to high office wise people of integrity who will work hard to protect, unite and restore security and human rights across the nation. Amen.