

Prayer Diary: Give thanks

29 January–4 February 2023



Cyclists from the Bike Pilgrimage

‘Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them.’
(Psalm 107:21 NLT)

We believe in a God who does wonderful things. A God who works miracles and can bring light into the darkest of situations. And he invites us to share in his transformative, justice-seeking and peace-building work.

Sometimes we can feel powerless to bring change, but that is simply not true! Thanks to your unfailing support – through prayer, campaigning and giving – we continue to see situations transformed and people’s stories heard.

Let’s give thanks for all we’ve achieved together in 2022, through God’s all-sufficient power and love.

Sunday 29 January

Read about our training for human rights defenders on page 12 of Response. Praise God for the success of these workshops: that the participants felt cared for, and are now better equipped to support those in their communities facing violations because of their religion or belief.

Monday 30 January

Thank God for our continued engagement in international arenas, like the United Nations. Having UN Consultative Status means we are uniquely placed to raise the profile of cases involving violations of freedom of religion or belief, such as Pastor Lorenzo in Cuba.

Tuesday 31 January

In August 2022 the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights published a long-awaited report on China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. She concluded that the treatment of Uyghurs, Kazakhs and other predominantly Muslim ethnic groups may amount to crimes against humanity. Give thanks for increased international attention on these abuses.

Wednesday 1 February

Today marks the start of World Interfaith Harmony Week. Thank God for the people who show genuine love for their neighbour (Luke 10:25-37) by speaking up for everyone facing injustice for their beliefs, even if they do not share the same faith.

Thursday 2 February

Give thanks for our wonderful fundraising heroes, who give so much of themselves to support CSW’s work and to encourage others to join in. Pray a special blessing on them today.

Friday 3 February

Pray the blessing of 2 Corinthians 9:8 over all those who contribute to CSW’s impact.

Saturday 4 February

*Heavenly Father, thank you for everyone who says ‘yes’ to your invitation to participate in your justice-seeking work. For every staff member, trustee, volunteer, fundraiser, prayer-warrior, ambassador, gift-giver and more!
May our efforts this year be blessed and multiplied by your grace, and for your glory. Amen.*

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