

Prayer Diary: our work in the media

7-13 May 2023



In a world of so many crises, and with so much disinformation and misinformation, it can be a challenge for the stories we tell to receive the attention they deserve. And yet every year, we meet more and more journalists, podcasters, radio hosts and others who want to learn more about our work.

This is hugely encouraging! It means that more people might hear and respond to what is happening to religious and belief communities around the world, including those you read about in Response. It means we can increase awareness with the hope that injustice will no longer be ignored.

Sunday 7 May

Thank God for the long list of journalists, parliamentarians, supporters and policy makers who have signed up to receive our press releases. Pray that the list would grow longer every day, and that all who have ears to hear would listen.

Monday 8 May

Give thanks for all the media outlets, websites and radio stations that help us draw attention to the cases and countries we work on. Ask God to bless our relationships with these organisations, and to stir up a passion for freedom of religion or belief for all in their readers and listeners.

Tuesday 9 May

Pray for an outpouring of wisdom, energy and creativity on our Press and Public Affairs Team. Ask God to give them new and exciting initiatives and opportunities to share CSW's research and reports with larger and broader audiences – particularly those who will take action for justice.

Wednesday 10 May

'The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.' (Psalm 37:30) Pray today that God would give all CSW spokespeople tongues that speak wisdom and justice during every media opportunity we have.

Thursday 11 May

In many of the countries we work on, such as Cuba and India, there are journalists and researchers who bravely continue to report on human rights violations and stand up for justice at great risk to themselves and their families. Ask God to protect them today.

Friday 12 May

Unfortunately, some of the situations we are advocating for do not receive as much media attention as they deserve. Pray that many more people would see these situations and not remain silent.

Saturday 13 May

Lord God, you see and care about every story of injustice – even those that are untold, unheard or unseen. Thank you for equipping CSW with words and media opportunities to bring these situations to light. We pray for increase – not for CSW's glory but for your glory, and for the good of those whose stories are being told. Amen.