

Prayer Diary: Central African Republic

30 June–6 July 2024



The Central African Republic (CAR) is a secular and democratic state, but violations of freedom of religion or belief are prevalent. Following years of conflict, progress towards security, peaceful co-existence and reconciliation remains slow. Humanitarian needs remain high, and civilians continue to bear the brunt of violence committed by armed factions.

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Sunday 30 June

Russian mercenaries from the Wagner Group continue to commit widespread violations of humanitarian law and human rights, including extrajudicial killings, torture and rape. Pray urgently for this to end, and for the protection of civilians.

Monday 1 July

46% of CAR's population remains extremely vulnerable. Violence has forcibly displaced one in five Central Africans either internally or externally, and assistance efforts have been hampered by logistical constraints and security concerns. Pray for the necessary resources to reach those who have been displaced, and for unhindered humanitarian access in all areas of the country.

Tuesday 2 July

On 21 December 2023 at least 23 people, including children, were killed and several were wounded during attacks on Nzakoundo village in the north of the country. Pray for comfort, peace and adequate protection for the victims' families, and for the communities as they rebuild their lives.

Wednesday 3 July

Ask God to bless the efforts of those involved in the United Nations (UN) peace keeping mission. Pray especially for additional support to ensure long-term disarmament and reintegration of armed groups, as steps towards lasting peace, security and sustainable development.

Thursday 4 July

At the start of the year, CAR underwent its quadrennial human rights review at the UN. Praise God that key issues were raised, including the right to freedom of religion or belief; attacks on women, children and journalists; and the need to make accountability a reality. Pray that these recommendations will be accepted and enacted.

Friday 5 July

Residents of the Kilometre 5 area of the capital, Bangui, went on strike in May 2023. They were protesting what they described as 'the continuous harassment, kidnappings, torture, and intimidation' in the area – and in the entire country – by Wagner mercenaries. Pray for all who are courageously taking a stand against the violations committed by all warring parties, asking God to protect them.

Saturday 6 July

President Touadéra's controversial electoral victory in 2023 and a contentious new constitution strengthened his office at the expense of democracy and rule of law. Subsequent targeted harassment and arbitrary detentions of dissenting political figures – and even business and military figures – do not bode well for free and fair local elections in October. Pray for justice and peace to prevail.