

# Prayer Diary: Our work in national and international arenas.

## 8-14 September 2024



Where local solutions may be ineffective – or even biased against religious minorities – we can use our expertise to urge the international community to exercise the pressure required for change.

Claire and Jonathan are instrumental in bringing CSW's research and recommendations into international spheres like the UN and EU. Meanwhile, Chibuzor equips UK Members of Parliament so that they can confidently speak out against situations of injustice.

We give thanks for every opportunity, and especially for the positive changes seen in Pastor Lorenzo's case. Our team has consistently raised his case across different arenas, and as a result, UN experts and EU representatives have raised his case directly with the Cuban authorities. Pray that we would see many more wins like this.

### Sunday 8 September

Pray Galatians 6:9 over CSW advocates working in national and international arenas. May they be strengthened, and may our cause find favour and respect in the eyes of authorities.

### Monday 9 September

*'The Human Rights Council, the UN's foremost body for addressing human rights issues, begins a new session today. It will be discussing important issues including a report from the UN Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan. Please pray for energy, strength and wisdom for the CSW team as we engage with diplomats, UN staff members and other key stakeholders.'* – Claire, CSW's UN Officer

### Tuesday 10 September

CSW's office in Brussels remains as vital as ever. They're working hard to brief key diplomats, inform policy decisions and advocate ahead of key human rights dialogues and trade deals. Join us in praying that human rights would be prioritised in all EU dialogues and trade deals.

### Wednesday 11 September

*'Last week, newly-elected Members of the European Parliament arrived in Brussels, along with their advisors and assistants. As we work to engage with this group, pray for minds and hearts that are receptive to the cause of freedom of religion or belief; to a European Union that pursues justice and human rights abroad, as well as at home.'* – Jonathan, CSW's Senior EU Advocate.

### Thursday 12 September

Closer to home, CSW is engaging with both new and returning UK MPs as they resume work after the elections and summer recess. Pray that these MPs will faithfully represent their constituents and use their positions to speak up for religious minorities around the world.

### Friday 13 September

*'I am deeply committed to enhancing CSW's presence and advocacy in UK Parliament.'* – Chibuzor, CSW's Parliamentary Liaison Officer. Give thanks and pray for Chibuzor as you read about her role on p.7 of Response.

### Saturday 14 September

*Thank you, Lord, for everyone working to promote and protect the right to freedom of religion or belief in international arenas. Give them courage and strength and bless the work of their hands as they strive to bring about justice. Amen.*