

Prayer Diary: Cuba

4-10 May 2025

Pastor Lorenzo reuniting with his family, January 2025

‘... I could not have done it alone. Thank you, thank you. I am actually crying at these moments of so much joy, remembering all the work that you have done and are doing at our favour. THANK YOU and thank you LORD.’ – Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo

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Sunday 4 May

In January we received the wonderful news that Pastor Lorenzo had been released from prison in Cuba. He was arrested in July 2021 while peacefully protesting and later was sentenced to seven years in prison. Let's give thanks and celebrate his freedom!

Monday 5 May

So many of you tirelessly prayed and campaigned for Pastor Lorenzo. Thank God for every single person who contributed to his release by signing our petition, attending one of our protests, sending letters of encouragement, or praying for his release.

Tuesday 6 May

Pray for encouragement, wisdom and protection for Pastor Lorenzo and his family as he adjusts to life after three and a half years behind bars. He has already been subjected to harassment and threats from Cuban security officials, who are trying to intimidate and isolate him. His ability to work as a pastor will be restricted as the government continues to fear his influence.

Wednesday 7 May

Continue to surround Pastor Lorenzo and his family in prayer, as they are under intense pressure to leave Cuba and go into exile. Pray also for those who have already fled oppression on the island. Some have left under threat of losing custody of their children due to the Family Code legislation, which the government is using to force religious leaders and others into compliance.

Thursday 8 May

You may remember praying for Donaida Pérez Paseiro, an Afro-Cuban Yoruba religious leader. Give thanks that she was also released from prison in January, but continue to pray for her husband Loreto Hernández García, who remains in prison. He has a number of serious medical conditions.

Friday 9 May

The Cuban government regularly refuses to allow unregistered places of worship to be legalised. On top of this, they then routinely punish their leaders with heavy fines because they are unregistered. Pray that the government would end these unjust practices and allow faith groups to exercise their fundamental rights.

Saturday 10 May

Loving heavenly Father, we rejoice in the good news we have seen in Cuba this year! We pray for yet more good news – freedom for those who are unjustly detained, and that those who were released would remain free. Bring true and lasting change to the island. Amen.