

Prayer Diary: Our work at the UN

22-28 June 2025



Claire with Pastor Fundora (Cuban pastor and human rights defender) at the UN

'It is vital that the international community unites in countering religious hatred globally...'

Claire Denman (CSW's UN Officer) continues to speak truth to power at the United Nations. Thanks to our UN accreditation, we are able to be an expert voice for freedom of religion or belief at the Human Rights Council (HRC), and the June-July session is now underway. Ask God to guide our work in this international arena.

Sunday 22 June

Give thanks for the opportunities we have to speak up for freedom of religion or belief at the UN Human Rights Council this month. Pray for wisdom and boldness for all who will be presenting evidence, especially our UN Officer Claire and our team of advocates.

Monday 23 June

We believe that human rights are critical in enabling societies and countries to flourish. Pray that the UN would play an increasingly proactive role in promoting human rights around the world, and that world leaders would uphold their duty to protect the right to freedom of religion or belief for all.

Tuesday 24 June

An important part of our UN work is amplifying the voices of those suffering freedom of religion or belief violations. Where possible, we facilitate their participation in UN meetings so that they can speak truth directly to power. Pray that we would be able to help many more people be the voice for their communities at the UN.

Wednesday 25 June

CSW works closely with many UN staff and independent experts, such as the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Nazila Ghanea. Pray for the UN staff and the independent experts, as they champion fundamental freedoms around the world.

Thursday 26 June

To operate effectively at the UN, CSW staff seek to maintain good working relationships with other NGOs and with representatives of country delegations, both in Geneva and New York. Pray that God would continue to bless and develop these relationships.

Friday 27 June

In two weeks' time (at the end of the UN Human Rights Council session), Council members will vote whether to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Eritrea. Please pray that the UN would take strong, decisive action to protect human rights in Eritrea by renewing the mandate. Pray, too, for all those involved in the negotiations ahead of the vote.

Saturday 28 June

Father God, thank you that you are above nations and governments and can move in situations that seem too big for us to even contemplate. We pray for a brighter future, one that is free of violence, lack, fear and hostility. Amen.