

Prayer Diary: Kenya

31 August-6 September 2025

Sunday 31 August

'The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad...' As we pray for the people of Kenya this week, take heart that the Lord is king over every nation, ruling with righteousness and justice (Psalm 97:1-2).

Monday 1 September

Pray against violations of freedom of religion or belief in Kenya, perpetrated by the Somali terrorist group al Shabaab. Since October 2011, the group has attacked churches, security installations, infrastructure and villages.

Tuesday 2 September

In predominantly Muslim areas of northern Kenya, non-Muslims have had difficulties opening places of worship and buying land. Their businesses have also been targeted and undermined. Pray that this discrimination would be dealt with and for harmony between people of all religions or beliefs.

Wednesday 3 September

Pray specifically for the areas of Kenya that border Somalia, which continue to suffer terrorist violence. On 23 March, police personnel were attacked in the northeast as they were preparing for morning prayers. Six were killed and four were hospitalised. Pray also for the local communities that report discriminatory treatment at the hands of the police while also being targeted by al Shabaab for cooperating with the government.

Thursday 4 September

In June 2024, nationwide protests erupted in Kenya as youth demonstrated against the proposed Finance Bill that would've placed heavy taxes on the most vulnerable citizens. Peaceful protestors sought refuge in the Anglican Cathedral in Nairobi, but were followed by armed police who fired live rounds. Pray against such use of excessive force and for the sanctity of places of worship to be respected.

Friday 5 September

The 2024 Religious Organisation Bill proposed by the government may be a well-meaning attempt to protect citizens from abusive cult-like organisations. However, it could allow for significant overreach and monitoring of religious activities. Pray that, instead of passing additional restrictions, existing laws would be used to ensure the safety of congregations and penalise corruption.

Saturday 6 September

2024 saw a high number of enforced disappearances. Some were prominent campaigners; many are believed to have been taken by security forces in unmarked vehicles. Pray for the safe return of those who are still missing. Pray that the government would no longer use enforced disappearance to target its critics.

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