

# Prayer Diary: Giving Thanks

28 December 2025–3 January 2026

## Sunday 28 December

Praise the Lord for his marvellous deeds in 2025. We may not be able to report every piece of good news publicly, but we are very grateful for everything we have been able to do and achieve, by God's grace and through your ongoing support. Thank you!

## Monday 29 December

So many of you prayed and campaigned tirelessly for Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo in Cuba following his unjust arrest on 11 July 2021. Let's continue giving thanks for his release in January 2025, keeping him and his family in our prayers.

## Tuesday 30 December

Give thanks for a long-awaited answer to prayer: eight of the Du Merci children were released and reunited with the Tarfa family in August 2025. This week marks six years since 27 children were seized from the Du Merci Centres in Nigeria, and the orphanages' co-founder Professor Tarfa was unjustly arrested. Please continue to pray for the eight youngest children who remain (at time of writing) in a government-run orphanage where they are extremely vulnerable.

## Wednesday 31 December

In June, Tom Andrews (UN Special Rapporteur on the situation in Myanmar) highlighted that the flow of weapons into the hands of Myanmar's military had been reduced by a third. Give thanks for this rare piece of good news and pray for even more effective action from the international community.

## Thursday 1 January

Happy New Year! Give thanks that the Lord goes before us and will be with us each day of 2026. Let's renew our commitment to serve him this year, asking ourselves: *how can I be his hands and feet for justice?*

## Friday 2 January

We continue to be grateful for CSW's ECOSOC status. Since gaining this official UN accreditation eight years ago, we have been able to advocate with greater agility and even more effectively in the international arena. We praise God for every opportunity to include our expert analysis in UN meetings, reports and dialogues.

## Saturday 3 January

In July, the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea was renewed for another year, despite a strong challenge by Eritrea. We give thanks because this role is vital for monitoring and reporting on human rights violations in Eritrea, with the aim of eventual accountability.