

Prayer Diary: Cuba

18-24 January

Donaida Pérez Paseiro.

Sunday 18 January

This time last year, we celebrated as Pastor Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo was released as part of a mass amnesty. Please continue to pray for his safety, freedom and encouragement, as well as for his family and church. He said they were all sustained, knowing you were holding them in prayer.

Monday 19 January

Sadly, some political prisoners who were freed in January 2025 have since been returned to maximum-security prisons. Among them is Donaida Pérez Paseiro, an Afro-Cuban religious leader who was arrested in July 2021. She is now expected to serve her eight-year sentence in full.

Tuesday 20 January

Donaida's husband, Loreto Hernández García, is also unjustly imprisoned. He has been humiliated by prison officials and repeatedly ridiculed because of his religion. He has also reported being beaten. Pray that both Loreto and Donaida would be treated with dignity, and ultimately freed without condition.

Wednesday 21 January

Pray for Kevin Laureido Rojas, the son of two Assemblies of God pastors. He has been sent to a maximum-security prison far from home on charges of desertion – despite the fact that he has a medical exemption from Cuba's obligatory military service. His parents faced unjust criminal charges after they mentioned 'God's justice' in a military tribunal, but their trial was indefinitely postponed in June.

Thursday 22 January

Ask God to help Pastor Maikel Pupo Velázquez, who leads a church in Camagüey. He was detained incommunicado for around 14 hours in July after trying to deliver medicine to Marta Perdomo Benites, the mother of two political prisoners. Pastor Maikel has had difficulties recovering from the trauma he experienced while detained.

Friday 23 January

Henry Constantín Ferreiro is the director of an independent media outlet called La Hora de Cuba. He spent 'four difficult, uncomfortable days' detained last summer – simply for accompanying a colleague to a police summons. Pray that the Cuban government would not succeed in their efforts to intimidate independent voices and crush fundamental freedoms.

Saturday 24 January

Let's echo Pastor Lorenzo's words today, giving thanks and praying for CSW's work in Cuba. Remember that this includes you! You are part of the team, bringing light to the darkness, through every act of solidarity.

'Thank you, CSW, for being a light in the darkness and salt in the midst of a hurting world. My prayer is that the Lord will strengthen you, open even greater doors for you, and use you to continue being defenders of God's Kingdom on earth.' Amen.

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