

Prayer Diary: Syria

25-31 January 2026



Sunday 25 January

During 2025 we saw a series of sectarian attacks, abductions and killings, as communities such as Alawites, Christians, Druze, and Murshidis were targeted by extremist elements. Please pray for the safety of Syrians who belong to religious minority communities.

Monday 26 January

Pray that the Syrian government will do more to combat sectarianism, sectarian incitement and violence. Where there is division and fear, ask God to sow seeds of peace, reconciliation, mutual respect and equality of citizenship.

Tuesday 27 January

Last July, government forces supported tribal fighters against Druze militia, causing ongoing tensions. In October, unidentified gunmen opened fire on a coach carrying Druze civilians to Damascus, injuring eleven and killing two instantly. Pray for the families of Aya Salam and Kamal Abdulbaqi and all those affected, and for reconciliation.

Wednesday 28 January

Dr Hamza Shaheen, a Druze community leader, was abducted by masked men on 27 October and died following severe mistreatment. Security forces arrested the kidnappers on 4 November. Spend a moment praying for his loved ones, and for the prevention of further incidents like this.

Thursday 29 January

In October, locals in the city of Homs complained to CSW sources of police inaction amid a wave of sectarian killings. Some even accused the police and local authorities of being complicit in attacks targeting the Alawite minority. Pray that Syrian authorities will take these allegations extremely seriously, and act to address them.

Friday 30 January

The scale of loss experienced by Alawite families in Homs is staggering. Reham Hammouda (a teacher and mother of two) was killed in October – one of 19 killings in Homs that month. Pray for all who mourn or live in fear because of their religious identity.

Saturday 31 January

Please pray for CSW's advocate working on Syria, who cannot be named for security reasons. Part of their work includes gathering accounts of violations, equipping human rights defenders, and leading workshops for trauma survivors.

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