

Prayer Diary: Tanzania

1-7 February 2026



The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

Sunday 1 February

Pray for freedom, justice and comfort for the people of Tanzania. They were denied free and fair elections in 2025, and many are mourning missing loved ones who may have been killed while protesting after the election. Funerals have even been held without bodies.

Monday 2 February

Pray for an independent international investigation into the killing of protestors in Tanzania. Pray that all who ordered or participated in their murders, as well as in the high number of abductions, will be brought to justice.

Tuesday 3 February

Abductions and enforced disappearances soared in the run-up to Tanzania's general election and afterwards. Pray for the safe return of those still missing, including Pastor Elias Samweli Domisiani. He was abducted on 4 October 2025 after being lured to a meeting by someone posing as a solar panel supplier.

Wednesday 4 February

Ask God to protect Father Charles Kitima. He was attacked on 30 April 2025 and hospitalised with serious head injuries. Nevertheless, he continued to expose government repression, including telling the world how the authorities also killed people in door-to-door raids, and dumped severely injured individuals in mortuaries.

Thursday 5 February

Give thanks and pray for the safety of all who speak out against injustice in Tanzania, including Bishop Benson Bagonza of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In May 2025, he revealed he was receiving death threats. The bishop had spoken publicly about the rise in killings and abductions.

Friday 6 February

Bishop Josephat Gwajima is the founder of Glory of Christ Tanzania Church. In a sermon on 1 June 2025, he criticised escalating human rights violations ahead of the elections. Less than 24 hours later, the denomination was deregistered by the government – highlighting how registration legislation is being used to control, coerce and silence legitimate dissent. Pray this injustice would be reversed.

Saturday 7 February

Pastor Eleth Mtaita was arrested on 24 October 2025, allegedly for telling church members not to take part in Tanzania's elections (deemed 'incitement'). Eyewitnesses said that armed men stormed his house and took him away in a vehicle without licence plates. As far as we know, he is still detained. Uphold him in prayer today.

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