

Prayer Diary: Nigeria

10-16 May 2026



David Solomon Tarfa

Sunday 10 May

In Matthew 11:28, the Lord invites all who are weary and burdened to come to him for rest. Pray especially that he will heal those who have been traumatised by insecurity and abductions for ransom in Nigeria.

Monday 11 May

Praise God that 166 Christians regained their freedom after being abducted from Kurmin Wali (Kaduna State) on 18 January. The state governor said he would help with their rehabilitation and build internal road networks, a hospital, and a skills acquisition centre for the village. Pray that he fulfils his word, and that Kurmin Wali and vulnerable communities across Nigeria will be protected.

Tuesday 12 May

Pray today for 35-year-old Lovina Ezekiel. Her husband and five of her children were among those abducted from Kurmin Wali in January. They returned home safely, but tragically her sixth child, a nine-day-old baby, fell ill and died two days after the abductions. Prior to this, Lovina's father was abducted in 2025 and eventually killed by his captors. Pray for healing and protection for Lovina, and others like her who are experiencing multiple traumatic events.

Wednesday 13 May

The CSW Nigeria team met Lovina when they visited Kurmin Wali on 25 January. Pray for them and CSW Nigeria's volunteer state coordinators today. May God guard them from all danger as they conduct research and advocacy in challenging contexts.

Thursday 14 May

Today is the 23rd birthday of Leah Sharibu, the sole Christian among 110 girls abducted from their school in northeast Nigeria in 2018. She was the only one not released because she refused to convert. Thank you for continuing to remember Leah and her family in your prayers.

Friday 15 May

Hold a moment of silence today for David Solomon Tarfa (13), who died in a Kano State orphanage on 28 January after his illness was neglected. David was one of 27 children unjustly taken from the Du Merci centres in 2019, which were founded by Professor Solomon and Mrs Mercy Tarfa. Pray urgently for justice for David, and that the seven youngest children will be returned to the care of the Tarfas without further delay.

Saturday 16 May

Over 200 people were killed in terrorist attacks on remote villages in Kwara, Katsina and Benue states on 3 February. 170 died in Woro (Kwara State), and days later terrorists released a video of 176 people they had abducted, including women and children. Pray urgently that the Nigerian authorities will move swiftly to address gaps in security that terrorist factions are exploiting, causing trauma and devastation.

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