

Prayer Diary: Nicaragua

31 May - 6 June 2026



Pastor Efrén Antonio Vílchez López

Sunday 31 May

Give thanks that Pastor Rudy Palacios Vargas and five of his family and friends are no longer in prison! They were held incommunicado for over five months, which amounted to enforced disappearance. Three of the group were released to house arrest, while the others must report to the police station under 'precautionary measures'.

Monday 1 June

Mauricio Alonso Petri, a Protestant Christian from Jinotepe in southwestern Nicaragua, was arrested at the same time as Pastor Rudy and later died in custody. Ask God to comfort his family, especially his son who was also arrested. He only learnt of his father's death after he was released.

Tuesday 2 June

Continue to remember Carmen and Lesbia, who were released from maximum-security prison to house arrest in November 2025. The two women are Roman Catholic lay leaders, targeted as part of a wider crackdown on fundamental freedoms in Nicaragua.

Wednesday 3 June

The Nicaraguan government closely monitors religious activities, putting pressure on religious leaders to practise self-censorship. Those who defend human rights or criticise unjust government policies risk being harassed, threatened or detained. Pray for freedom and protection.

Thursday 4 June

Fear levels are so high that it is challenging to gather and verify information. Some people are too scared to speak out about the injustice their loved ones are facing. Ask the Lord to bring relief from oppression, surveillance and fear. May he make a way for important documentation to continue so that the truth can be exposed.

Friday 5 June

As you'll read on p.8 of *Response*, our advocates were able to verify a significant story about a list of prohibited items for tourists. Pray that no one would be banned from bringing a Bible into Nicaragua.

Saturday 6 June

Pastor Efrén Antonio Vílchez López is serving a 23-year sentence on false charges. The Protestant pastor was targeted because of his history of criticising the government. He is in a maximum-security prison, where he is not allowed any books, receives limited water and has been denied essential medicines for potentially life-threatening conditions.