

Prayer Diary: Syria

23-29 August 2026

Sunday 23 August

Syria is in transition following the fall of the Assad regime in 2024. The country remains unstable and there is anxiety among religious minorities. Pray for them today, and for the new regime to reform laws and regulations in line with international human rights standards. Pray for vision and determination to combat hate speech, extremism and terrorism.

Monday 24 August

Earlier this year, rising sectarian tensions led church leaders to cancel public Easter celebrations across Syria – restricting activities to inside churches only. Pray for practical measures to end tensions and prevent further incidents of sectarian violence.

Tuesday 25 August

Church leaders can play a vital role in building bridges and facilitating dialogue between different communities. Ask God to bless them with an abundance of wisdom, compassion and opportunity to continue this work.

Wednesday 26 August

Sheikh Farhan Al-Mansour was a prominent Shia imam who had taken part in several interfaith dialogue initiatives since the fall of the Assad regime. After prayers on Friday 1 May, he was assassinated outside a mosque in Damascus by an unknown assailant, who threw a hand grenade into his car. We think of his community today, and pray that those who committed this heinous crime face justice.

Thursday 27 August

Pray that perpetrators who have committed atrocities and crimes against humanity in Syria are brought to justice. Call on the Lord to bring healing for victims of torture and abuse.

Friday 28 August

CSW's advocacy on Syria is made possible through the efforts of our research and advocacy officer, who must remain anonymous. Join us in giving thanks for their work, including the psychosocial support and training they're providing to those who have experienced trauma. Ask God to continually strengthen them with health, perseverance and hope.

Saturday 29 August

Lord God, you love the people of Syria. We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. Please remove from positions of influence those set on violence and division, bring an end to sectarian attacks, and raise up peacemakers to lead with truth and integrity. Amen.

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