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PRAYER CALENDAR

June 2015

despite political differences.

June 5: Almighty God, we pray for Your power to move upon the people of Eritrea, bringing freedom and peace. The human rights crisis has led to an unprecedented exodus with Eritreans fleeing the country in record numbers.

June 6: The UN passed a resolution in 2014 calling for a Commission of Inquiry into the human rights situation in Eritrea. It's one of the most serious steps that can be taken to hold a country accountable. Pray for the ongoing work of this Inquiry.

June 7: Pray the Commission of Inquiry receives detailed, credible testimonies from those who suffered at the hands of the Eritrean regime. Pray final report results in decisive international action to hold Eritrea's leaders accountable.

June 8: Ask God to protect all those who submit their testimonies to the Commission of Inquiry. Pray particularly for protection for family members still living in Eritrea.

June 9: Give thanks for CSW's Africa and Middle East team which has been working tirelessly for religious freedom in Eritrea for many years.

June 10: Since Eritrea gained independence in 1991, its government has grown increasingly ruthless. It banned most churches, forbidding them from meeting together under any circumstances. Pray for safety of Christians in Eritrea.

June 11: Thousands of Christians in Eritrea are imprisoned in appalling conditions without charge or trial. Pray for safety and release of Christians imprisoned unjustly for years.

June 12: Pray for Patriarch Antonios, leader of the Eritrean Orthodox Church, who has been under house arrest since 2006. He is one of 9 senior church leaders who were indefinitely detained from 2004-2006.

June 13: Ask God to bring unity to churches in Eritrea, where only three denominations are legally permitted.

June 14: Pray against attempts by Western governments to play down repression in Eritrea in order to justify returning asylum seekers to that country.

June 15: Pray for God to empower the faith of Christians in Syria so the love of God will be revealed through them. Pray for the Church in Syria to represent Christ, who is the only hope for the nation of Syria.

June 16: Please pray for Syrians who have fled the war in their country and for those who remain in Syria and are seeking refuge.

June 17: Christians in Syria have received ultimatum to convert to Islam, pay a religious levy (Jizya) or face death, causing many to flee their ancestral lands. Pray for the estimated 450,000 Christians forced to flee Syria who are living as refugees in neighboring countries.

June 18: Ask God to strengthen and protect Christians still in Syria who are vulnerable to attack. The Islamist jihadi group Daesh (Islamic State) kidnapped at least 90 people in February from mainly Assyrian Christian villages in northeast Syria.

June 19: Please pray for peace in Syria where at least 190,000 have died, 6.45 million have been forced to flee their homes, and nearly three million are refugees in other countries.

June 20: Dear God, we pray for Your protection upon Your children in areas under IS control, who are still being forcibly displaced or killed. We pray for the power of Your Holy Spirit to move across Syria.

June 21: Pray for the family and friends of those who have been abducted in Syria. Pray for the international community to provide protection for Syria's Christians against an onslaught that seeks to erase the country's diverse heritage.

June 1: Pray for Christians in Muslim-majority countries who are working to build relationships with their Muslim neighbors. Inter-community activities and peace building initiatives are providing a powerful witness to the love of God.

June 2: Pray the worldwide Church would work together to support all those facing harassment, discrimination or persecution because of their Christian faith.

June 3: Pray Christians who are facing persecution are united as they speak out against injustice with one voice. Ask God to pour out His peace on regions in turmoil.

June 4: Pray for Christian politicians around the world to work together for good



June 22: Almighty God, You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. We ask You to intervene in all the situations against Your Church around the world. May Your love and truth replace all ignorance and hatred.

June 23: Lord, we pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ to know the transforming, healing power of Jesus upon them. Where there is oppression bring freedom, and where there is despair let there be hope.

June 24: Dear God, Your word tells us those who follow Jesus are called to be faithful to the truth. We lift up all Christian journalists, human rights defenders and lawyers who are standing up for the truth in face of dangers and death threats.

June 25: Pray for safety of CSW's partners as they document religious freedom violations. Lord, please watch over Your servants and move in powerful ways for Your glory.

June 26: Pray for congregations who have lost pastors because they spoke up for truth, peace and justice, or refused to close their churches. Dear Lord, we pray You would give them Your guidance and wisdom to stand firm in their faith.

June 27: Lord, we pray for Your peace and love to surround Your children who are imprisoned for their faith. May the good news of Jesus Christ spread through these prisons to reach the lost.

June 28: Jesus instructs us to pray for our enemies and those who persecute us. Today we pray for all those who are persecuting Christians around the world. Dear God, speak to the hearts of those who persecute Your Church, so they can repent of their evil ways.

June 29: Almighty God, we pray for strength and protection upon Your suffering children. We pray they would experience anew each day the freedom and power of knowing that You live in them.

June 30: Merciful God, we ask that You would guard and defend all Your children who face terror and destruction, even in their own homes. Cover them with Your mercy and power.

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