

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves....defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Proverbs 31: 8-9

Please join Christians around the world in prayer, advocacy and aid for our family in Christ undergoing extreme trial – even facing annihilation – in many parts of the world.

Help to redress the justifiable accusation that a large part of the Western church has become unintentionally complicit in continued persecution by remaining silent, disregarding media reports of widespread suffering – even reluctant to acknowledge the evidence of genocide; the displacement and dispossession of millions.

All our efforts, however insignificant they may appear in the face of the seemingly insurmountable challenges – far reaching danger and suffering, grinding poverty and political upheaval – do not go unnoticed by our loving, compassionate God.

It is so easy to give up, believing that our efforts will have no effect upon the ‘important’ people who have the authority to change situations. While we are responsible to God for our actions, those to whom we advocate are responsible for their reactions.

Jesus’ parable of the widow, rewarded in her quest for justice, encourages faithful prayer in the courts of Heaven, and persistent petition in the courts of men.

Christian Refugees – If you would like to endorse and encourage the Australian Government’s acceptance of genuine Christian refugees fleeing persecution, please address a letter to:

The Hon. Peter Dutton MP
Minister for Immigration and Border Protection,
Suite MG-46, Ministerial Wing,
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT 2600 email: minister@border.gov.au

Letters to the Editor –

There have been many well-researched articles in the secular press acknowledging the intense persecution of Christians and other minority groups in Islamic nations. Please consider writing short letters to national or local newspapers in support of freedom of Religion enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international conventions to which Australia is a signatory. These include freedom of speech and freedom of peaceful assembly – the right to discuss issues of public concern. Journalists, and human rights monitors who demonstrate their intellectual integrity to research the truth, and editors who display the moral courage to publish it, deserve our support.

H.E. Dr Hassan El-Laithy,
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt,
1 Darwin Avenue,
Yarralumla,
ACT 2600

Embassy.canberra@mfa.gov.eg

Your Excellency,

The bombing of Mar Girgis Church in Tanta and St Mark's Cathedral in Alexandria and the massacre of innocent people has focussed the attention of Christians around the world on Islamic terrorisms’ barbarous disregard for human life.

Once again, the mass murder of Copts in Egypt contrasts starkly with Christian values, and the love of God revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Christians ask that all necessary medical treatment will be given to everyone injured and traumatised in the blasts.

We also ask that the Egyptian government will facilitate the repair/rebuilding of damaged Coptic property.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi’s commendable determination to oppose terrorism has brought comfort and greater security to many Christian communities, for which all are thankful.

Please extend these tighter measures to more remote areas where police are reported to have been negligent in their duty of protection, even when specifically assigned to safeguard Christians from violence.

With sincere thanks,
(Please add your name, address and date)

Mrs Cecelia Yahaya,
Acting High Commissioner,
Federal Republic of Nigeria,
26 Guilfoyle Street,
Yarralumla, ACT 2600

Your Excellency,

I share the mounting concern of Nigerian Christians and international human rights monitors that Muslim Fulani militants have superseded the notorious Boko Haram terrorists as the foremost danger to Christians, 4,000 of whom have reportedly been murdered in the last three years.

Nigerian Christians have even been ordered to cancel the planned national day of prayer and mourning for their loss.

Three years have passed since the Chibok schoolgirls were kidnapped and enslaved by Boko Haram, highlighting the inability of Nigerian authorities to secure their release and return them to their grieving families.

Please urge President Buhari to enlist outside help if necessary to provide security for Nigeria’s persecuted Christians.

Yours sincerely,
(Please add your thanks, name, address and date.)