

**Prayer topics in May:**

**Sunday, May 5: IRAN**

Iranian-Armenian pastor **Anooshavan Avedian**  
(61) is currently serving a 10-year prison  
sentence in Evin Prison, Tehran. He  
wasarrested along with two Christian  
converts when around 30 agents  
raided a private Christian gathering in  
Narmak, North Tehran on August 21,  
2020. A request for a retrial was rejected in  
August. Anooshavan presented himself to Evin Prison on September 18, 2023.

*- We pray for Anooshavan to be freed, and for Christian converts in Iran to be allowed to practise their faith in peace.*

**Sunday, May 12: PAKISTAN**

**Sadia Aslam,** 17,and her elder sister  
Safia, 20, were abducted by three  
men while attending a party at a  
school on February 24, 2024. Both  
girlswere drugged and raped by the  
men. The police were able to locate and  
free Sadia on March 6 through sim card tracing,   
but Safia’s whereabouts remain unknown.

*- We give thanks for Sadia’s return, pray for Safia to be freed, and remember all victims of abduction and forced marriage in Pakistan.*

**Sunday, APRIL 21: SOUTH SUDAN**

In August 2023, **Manisha**, an 11-year-old  
Christian, was sold by her mother and  
Hindu stepfather to human traffickers  
in Delhi. Thankfully, due to the rapid  
intervention of the local police, Manisha  
was rescued before she could be trafficked.

**Sunday, May 19: BANGLADESH**

**Lovelu Sadek** converted to Christianity 10  
years ago and became a pastor.  
Because Lovelu shared his faith  
openly, the family began to face  
opposition. In February 2024,   
Lovelu’s name was added to a list of  
people accused of blasphemy by  
Muslim extremists and he was jailed. Lovelu has now been bailed, but the charges against him have not been dropped.

*- We pray for protection for Lovelu and all Christian converts in Bangladesh.*

**Sunday, MAY 26: MYANMAR**

**Hkalam Samson**, a former Baptist leader  
and human rights advocate, was  
sentenced to six years in prison in  
April 2023 after speaking out about  
the oppression of minorities, including  
Christians, in Myanmar. On April 17 this  
year, he was pardoned and freed in an amnesty. However, within a matter of hours the military detained him again.

*- We pray for Pastor Hkalam in prison and for protection on the Christian minority in Myanmar.*

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