

Persecuted Youcef Nadarkhani Goes Begins Speaking in Churches

Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani was a special guest speaker at For Such a Time as This, CSW's National Conference in London this month. The **persecuted pastor** thanked those who had prayed and petitioned on his behalf during his incarceration in Iran for almost three years.

"It is the opportunity for me to share about what the Lord did for me and to thank you because you supported me by your prayers, you supported my family in a very difficult time," Nadarkhani said.

"My **prayer** is I ask the Lord to bless you for what you did for me as a small member of the body of Christ. Today my presence here is the will of God and the result of what your prayers did for me."

Nadarkhani also spoke at four services at Holy Trinity Brompton, and will shortly be returning to his family in Rasht, Iran.

The pastor was sentenced to death for **apostasy** in 2010 but released on Sept. 8 after a court appearance in which he was acquitted of apostasy but found guilty of evangelizing Muslims. Although he was sentenced to three years imprisonment, he was released as he was deemed to have already served his time.

"It was a pleasure to welcome Pastor Nadarkhani to our conference and to hear his testimony of faith and perseverance, and of his love for God, for his family and for his nation," says Christian Solidarity Worldwide Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas. "His quiet courage, integrity and

lack of recrimination cannot fail to have inspired anyone who heard him to deepen their own commitment to their faith."