

## Australia

"To Ms. Päivi Räsänen, MP

I support your right to express your clear Christian faith and views in Finland.

I never thought you would face criminal investigations for sharing your Christian views and faith in public.

You have a fundamental right to freedom of speech. I wish you success in your struggle."

## United Kingdom

"For as long as I can recall the statement that-"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the very end your right to say it regardless"-was at the heart of all that was accepted as good among the vast majority of people in the civilized world.

This should obviously still be as true today as it has been for millennia, but it is clearly not.

The reason is simple.

Truth has been attacked and diminished by small but noisy minorities, who care more for their mistaken and twisted views than they do for the majority opinion and this situation is getting worse and worse.

I for one agree with your stand and pray for this totally wrong situation to be reversed-the sooner the better!!!"

## Canada

"Thank you for your example of liberty in Christ and service for the body of Christ. My husband and I support you in prayers and we will share your story with others. Love in Christ."

## UK

"You have spoken out on behalf of those with no voice of their own. I stand with you."

## Belgium

"Dear Mrs. Räsänen, dear sister in the Lord,

It made me sad to be pointed to the news of your trial. It's an attack on the Christian faith and, as you said it already, on the freedom of speech. I am in no position to tell you what you should(n't) do, but, as your brother in Christ, I can only pray that the Holy Spirit may guide you through what you have to go through. We know that our God is stronger than every evil in the world. God is mighty to save you from this trial, if that is what He wants to happen. Otherwise, in His wisdom, and to His glorification, in the case that He will not prevent things to happen, please know, based on the scriptures, that you will be used as a witness for Christ. I pray that you may have the courage and that God will grant you the wisdom to speak as you should speak. We, your brothers and sisters, all over this world, are with you in our prayers. May our Lord grant you His peace and rest, regardless of what will happen. God bless you! Love from Belgium!"

“We will continue to pray for you God will give you strength and courage to stand against those who are against free speech and our shared Christian values.”

Canada

“I was a once member of a group within my church body that was speaking against altering the teaching of Scripture regarding marriage and sexuality. We have not been given direction by God to change what He teaches. The church body made decisions to embrace the popular ideas of our Government and society. I could not; so I left for the traditional beliefs and official position of another synod. Already, a decade ago, my Government's policies were making citizens fearful of speaking freely about their religious convictions. Many people keep silent because they are afraid of our Country's laws. Yet, so few seem to see our freedoms of speech and religion being eroded, not just in your Country and mine but around the world. I am, to some degree, able to understand what you are experiencing. I will include you in my prayers. I will also remind you of Isaiah's encouragement in Isaiah 55: 10 - 13.”

Canada

“I think that this kind of censorship is a disgrace. Everyone should be entitled to voice their own opinion, on any subject, if done peacefully. Laws should not be enacted for the purpose of stifling public opinion. A free society means freedom to think and express one's thoughts, no matter who may feel offended. If one is convinced that their personal opinion is right, then, they are not bothered by what is being said in opposition.”

Finland

“Kiitos, että jaksat taistella oikeiden perhearvojen puolesta kaikista hyökkäyksistä huolimatta.”

Canada

“I support free speech and freedom of expression, For everyone. No one should be muzzled. A difference of opinion is ok. It is the same right for everyone. For or against. If one does not like what is believed or said. Move on to where ever.”

Netherlands

“God bless and protected you. Don't compromise and be strong in Him.”

UK

“So called "liberal" views are absurdly illiberal when it comes to tolerating any view that differs from them. They state their views. Anybody who disagrees should be free to state their views too. For some people, to be tolerated does not seem to be enough. Everybody has to applaud them. This is unreasonable. You have my support and prayers.”

Poland

“Dear Ms. Räsänen,  
God bless you. May you hold your stance and courageously fight to ensure the freedom of speech for Europe, one of the fundamental rights of the Western civilization. My family and I will pray for you.”

UK

“Freedom of speech both in writing and in the spoken word must be an absolute given. I fully support the right of Paivi Rasanen to be free of persecution under Finland's laws. It is wrong that she is being questioned by police for something she wrote sixteen years ago or at any other time. Put a stop to her persecution immediately.”

UK

“God bless you for standing up for truth. There are more for you than against you in God's kingdom.”

UK

“Dear sister-in-Christ,  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world.  
The Lord bless you & keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you & give you peace.”

UK

“Dear Paivi,  
Keep up your good work, for the freedom of speech. The sanitization of language and the abuse and the exploitation it masks must be challenged, as language is a powerful force, it has significant power to both communicate and change perspectives especially in the area of ethics and morals in our society.  
God Bless you and your family, and you can take comfort in the fact you're not alone in the fight for the freedom of speech around the world. Peace be with you.”

## Ireland

"I wish to thank and congratulate Paivi in her courageous struggle for what is truth."

## United States

"Stand your ground.

In 2016 I was banned from the church I had belonged to for over 45 years, because I spoke out publicly rebuking the minister and retired bishop who had violated Methodist Discipline by marrying two men in our sanctuary. But as the final Beatitude (Matt. 5) says "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution only drives you deeper into God's Kingdom. Not only that, count yourself blessed every time someone puts you down, or throws you out, or tells lies about you to discredit me. What it means is the Truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. Be glad when that happens, give a shout even. For though they don't like it, I do. And all Heaven applauds. And know you're in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

As the 3 Jews said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "Our God can save us. (from fiery furnace). But even if he chooses not, we will not bow down to your statue.""

## UK

"Thank you for your boldness and faithfulness to Gods Word the Holy Bible. God bless you, may you receive justice through Jesus Name Amen"

## Poland

"Dear Mrs. Päivi Räsänen,

Our Lord Jesus Christ told us to be always faithful to His teaching and openly declare our beliefs despite any persecution that we may face. This is how we become be His witnesses and work for the kingdom of God. You obviously have my wholehearted support and admiration, but what really matters is that God is with you. Keep on doing the right thing!

Best wishes."

## Canada

"I would hope that in this tragic time of Covid-19 and the need for support and prayer that the court be the first to realize the need to have more people like Paivi Rasanen."

## Australia

"Thank you ADF and Päivi for having the courage to speak the truth in love, and for standing up for justice and freedom of speech.

May the Lord make you to light and salt, and grant that your work would bear much fruit."

Australia

"I am with you in my prayers that you will receive justice. I greatly admire you for your courage and faith."

Russia

"I fully support Päivi Räsänen. We have fundamental rights to practice Christianity and evaluate all things according to the Holy Bible. I condemn the violation of free speech and Päivi Räsänen's rights in Finland. Be safe and strong, my sister!"

Canada

"Freedom of speech in a free country includes differing views, that are not hateful. Persons who complain of hateful actions because of differing views, are consumed with hate themselves, so as not to allow a differing view. Please release Dr. Päivi Räsänen, an outstanding citizen of Finland."

Slovakia

"Dear Dr. Paivi,  
Please stand firm against anything that goes on to harm you. God is Mighty king and He reigns. If there is a way I can help you, other than prayer, please let me know."

Canada

"Sorry to hear that you are being harassed for your Christian faith. Here in Canada we are starting to experience similar situations although not yet as severe as reported in Finland. It seems that only Christianity is out of favor. My wife and I are praying for your freedom of conscience. Be strong and of good courage, trust in God."

Canada

"Dear Päivi ,  
I am appalled at criminal investigation in response to your expressing the faith of Christians that if every human life sacred so is its font - human sexuality, and indeed marriage. To be punished for expressing this belief would be the undoing of the basis of modern civilization. It offends not only Christians and Jews at their roots but also Muslims and many others. A definitive thing that makes us human and not mere animals is a conscience. and conscience means nothing if it is not approachable by others with their opinions, experiences and beliefs. Criminalizing the expression of conscience is to block and stultify the essence of the conscience of all persons. I

hope, pray and trust that those who presume to investigate you will drop their charges and all intimidation, and that whatever head of power thinks it has the right to silence conscience and its expression may realize its egregious and inhuman error.”

Canada

“Thank you for standing up to your correct moral principles. I pray for you to be cleared of all phony accusations which are plaguing you at this time.”

United States

“I strongly support your right to share your beliefs about human sexuality. I would do so whether or not I agreed with them. However, it does so happen that I am a traditional Christian, and it appears that your views on human sexuality are based upon traditional Christian teaching. If so, then likely I am in harmony with them as well. I applaud your willingness to tell the truth about, bear witness to, and suffer persecution for, the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church. May the triune God bless you, strengthen you and give you his grace to persevere through the trials that it is His Will that you endure. May He also grant His grace to open the eyes of, and convert, the benighted people who persecute you.”

Canada

“I support your endeavors for free speech - many religious rights and freedoms are being removed all over the world. Please help bring freedom --thank-you so much.”

Canada

“Dear Dr. Rasanen,  
This is just a short note to say we support you in Prayer and ask God to protect you and give you victory in this case against you. You are a brave lady, and we thank God for you, that you are standing up for Jesus' truth and righteousness.  
God bless you.”

Canada

“As a retired federal judge I know only too well how critical freedom of speech is to any democratic society's survival. If it is removed, the society is no longer a democratic one and will ultimately slip into a dictatorship in which all freedoms are lost.  
I admire you for the courage in standing against those in power in Finland who are attempting to increase their power by restricting freedom of speech in Finland. If they succeed, the country and its citizens will no longer be free. Anyone who is familiar with German history will understand what happens when freedom of speech is lost. Hopefully there are enough Finnish people to stand against these power brokers and keep their country free.”

Russia

“Dear Doctor Räsänen, I am an Orthodox Christian and believe in all the dogmatic and moral teachings of our Church, including those that concern marriage and sexuality. Therefore, I thank you with all my heart for standing up for the genuine Christian teaching on these issues. In fact, you are standing up not just for Christianity, but for elementary sanity. A few decades ago, your views were absolutely uncontroversial in practically all human societies. Now, all of a sudden, normality and abnormality have changed places and our civilization is descending into the abyss of madness. May God give you strength!”

Australia

“May the Lord's Grace continue to sustain you in your faithful witness. With my prayerful best wishes.”

France

“Thanks for your steadfast courage and your leading example for us French people who face the same threat on our freedom of speech. God bless you!”

Ukraine

“Everyone should have right to say their point of view! Now it seems Europe gone to be censored. Päivi Räsänen is modern hero! I suppose in time, people like her would be studied as freedom leaders.”

Australia

“Dear Paivi,  
Until recently Finland has stood out among its neighbors as a country that protects the traditional family. We are saddened to hear that political correctness has now invaded your beautiful country. Like you we share your deeply held beliefs and values and stand beside you and offer our love and prayers for you in your fight for Freedom of Speech within Courts ruled by Judges who no longer hold with the reality of biology.  
May God Bless you in your endeavors.”

Poland

“Dear Mrs. Räsänen,  
Please know that you are right in your Biblical beliefs, and that you are not the only one who holds a Christian position on marriage and gender.

Today, I pray that the truth will prevail, and that justice will triumph over deception. Thank you for speaking out loud and defending that, which is right, and I thank the LORD for your courage, you are an encouragement to others!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.""

Serbia

"Everyone should have the right to free speech. If we start policing what people may and may not say, we will stop living in a free, democratic society. Having a different opinion is not an expression of hate but of diversity and differences that make us all unique. I want to have the right to have my opinions challenged by others, because that is the only way we can learn and grow."

France

"Nous aurons la justice en partage, si nous mettons soigneusement en pratique tous ces commandements devant l'Éternel, notre Dieu, comme il nous l'a ordonné. - Deutéronome 6:25 (LSG)  
Que Dieu vous garde et vous bénisse."

Spain

"Soy profesor de Religión Católica en Madrid, España. También en España sufrimos una campaña muy dura en contra de las creencias cristianas sobre el matrimonio. Pero Dios está con nosotros y nunca dejará de estar con nosotros. Sea usted fuerte. Rezo por usted. Que Dios le bendiga."

Austria

"What you do is courageous and it is fundamentally important for all of us. It is stunning, how fast Europe seems to get used to the fact, that fundamental human rights become ignored, banned, criminalized.  
DEBATE is a basis of every Democracy. Thank you for standing for this. Praying for you."

Italy

"Sono a fianco di questa dottoressa per il suo diritto ad esprimere liberamente le sue convinzioni in materia di sessualità. Chiedo che sia prosciolta da ogni accusa."

Russia

“Dear Päivi!

I'm an orthodox Christian and I wish you to stay strong in your struggle for your faith. God bless you. Have no fear: if God is with us, who can stand against us.”

Poland

“Dear Paivi Rasanen,

I support you with all my heart. For sure the world will turn back from the wrong path. And people like us will be able to live peacefully and freely proclaim their views for the good of all humanity.”

Italy

“I believe that in a free society, everyone should be allowed to share their beliefs without fear of censorship. I support free speech and Dr Päivi Räsänen.”

Poland

“Dear Paivi Rasanen

Thank you for your the example of courage you are giving to the world, for standing up for your beliefs. You inspire me to do the same in my own society and state the truth even though it can cause a great deal of trouble.

I will keep you in my prayers and hope for a fortunate end to the difficult situation you have found yourself in. Stay strong and healthy. A big thank you.”

Malta

“Be strong. God bless you.”

Canada

“Stay strong, praying for you. God Bless”

Canada

“Keep on fighting! You have more support than you know!”

Poland

“I am deeply concerned about freedom of speech in Finland, as speaking about someone's beliefs and views is treated as a 'hate speech' as in case of dr. Päivi Räsänen.”

## Belgium

“Why is the expression of a Christian belief a crime? What about the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. We don't have to be ashamed to show we are Christians.”

## Switzerland

“Dear Päivi Räsänen,  
Be sure of my support in your battle for Free Speech in Finland and elsewhere. Free speech is a God given right to people, and it is worthwhile fighting for it. Päivi, never give up ! I'm praying for you.”

## UK

“I fully support Päivi Räsänen to voice her views publicly on human sexuality. Objecting her freedom of speech and the expression of her religious conscious is an act of discrimination that goes against the most basic human rights.”

## Ireland

“Please support Dr Räsänen and listen to her opinions and not just the opposing opinions; she is entitled to share her beliefs as much as others.”

## Australia

“I pray you will not be charged or be found not guilty and thank you for standing up for Christian values in Finland, a country I often visit.”

“If we remove the right to believe differently from others, we remove the God-given gift of free-will. If God does not demand we believe as He shows us is right, than what right do we have to do this to others. We are all going to stand before God one day, we ALL need to have the right to follow our belief systems. True Christianity does not force our beliefs on others, as so many groups are trying to do to us, rather it tries to live a life we believe to honor God, without persecuting others for their beliefs, or life choices.”

## Spain

“We pray for you, you are not alone in these uncertain times. Warm regards from Spain.”

“Be of good courage, stand by your beliefs. Everyone is allowed to believe as they wish even those who believe the opposite to you.”

Netherland

“Always happy to see that that there are still people with high principals and the courage to speak out. Thank you for making a stand.”

Belgium

“We believe that in a free society, everyone should be allowed to share their beliefs without fear of censorship.”

Italy

„Mai cedere alla prepotenza e alle vessazioni. Coraggio!“

Canada

“Thank you for your courage and willingness to stand for Truth. During the dictatorship of President Ceausescu in Romania, Dr. Joseph Tson was arrested and threatened with death if he did not rescind what he had written on the principles of God’s way of life. His response was a calm loving smile, and when the police demanded why, he revealed the secrets that overcame his fear and won the admiration of his captors. He was also exiled by the Communist government for taking a stand in the defense of Christians abused by the regime.”

Australia

“God bless and keep you. You are suffering because society has lost its way, and governments in particular. I hope that your situation makes it clear that there is a real crisis in so-called democracies: only one line of thought is now considered acceptable. I will be praying for you.”

Canada

“I just want to wish you the best in defending your faith, and the freedom for every person to pursuit and express their faith in yours and other countries. Thank you!”

France

“Hello,  
I just wanted to support your fight for freedom and the right to express every opinion.”