

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

2023 Prayer Guide



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Dear Friend,

The persecution of Christians is one of the greatest global humanitarian crises of our time.

In countries around the world, our brothers and sisters often face unimaginable hardships because of their faith.

They need our prayers more than ever.

That's why I'm so grateful you've chosen to join us in praying for them during the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 5, 2023.

This booklet is designed to guide you in your prayers during that day. In it, you'll find Scripture readings, stories from persecuted believers, and prayer points to lead you.

As you pray, you'll be joining fellow Christians around the world as together we lift up those who suffer hardship... simply because they choose to follow Jesus.

Thank you for joining us on this special day as we stand with these brave believers. You're a blessing!

In Him,



Clint Lyons
Executive Director
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Morning

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

-John 15:18-19

“I was kidnapped by militants and held for days while they beat and interrogated me demanding the location of our safe house. By God’s grace, I escaped with the help of one of the terrorists who had sympathy.

“On the journey, I was able to share with him that Jesus loves him, and will accept him no matter what. He became a believer that day!”

-“Sani”



Join us in praying...

- For believers around the world who are at risk of kidnapping and abuse because of their faith.
- For those who’ve experienced torture and abuse to find healing through trauma counseling.
- For the perpetrators of these crimes, that they would have a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Afternoon

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

-2 Corinthians 12:10

"I have been living in ignorance, persecuting Christians and thinking God will reward me at the end because that's what my religion teaches. Meeting Jesus is the best thing to happen to me.

"I know once the news of my conversion gets out, I may be killed. But I have made the right decision to follow Jesus."

-“Bo”



Join us in praying...

- For people around the world who are persecuting Christians for their faith – that they would come to know and embrace the love of Jesus.
- For new believers who risk everything to follow Jesus to have strength to endure persecution.
- That God would provide protection for Christians who are forced to flee their homes and communities because of persecution.

Evening

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

-Romans 8:35-37

"I was kidnapped and held for months because I had been sharing Jesus with others in my community. The things that happened to me during that time are too troubling to share.

"Praise God, I was given the chance to escape and made it to safety. I'm grateful He saw me through."

-"Esther"



Join us in praying...

- Specifically for vulnerable women and children who often have unimaginable acts perpetrated against them because they are Christians.
- That God would bring those who commit such crimes to justice – and that they would come to repentance.
- That God would make His presence felt tangibly among those who are in captivity right now because of their faith.

Thank you for praying!

We're so grateful for the chance to pray with you during the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church – a day when we come together to offer our support, solidarity, and hope to our brothers and sisters who face persecution for their faith around the world.

The IDOP reminds us of the enduring power of faith and unity. Your prayers make a significant difference, and for that, we are truly thankful.

Let us continue to remember and support those who are persecuted for their faith, and may our collective prayers help them endure faithfully as they shine the light of God's love around the world.

About iReach Global

iReach Global exists to empower Africa's persecuted Christians to thrive physically, spiritually, economically, and socially – so they can let God's love shine in some of the world's darkest corners.

Find out more about iReach and learn how you can get involved in helping our brothers and sisters by visiting iReachGlobal.org today.

