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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

for the

PERSECUTED CHURCH

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH is a day set aside to support those in the global body of Christ who suffer for their faith.

"Abuse, discrimination, brutality, and murder are all realities for millions of Christians today. Did you know that in the past 2,000 years, **70 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED** for following Christ? Martyrdom isn't a thing of the past . . . it's happening before our very eyes.

As part of the family of Christ, we must uphold our brothers and sisters around the world who experience the trauma and loss of extreme persecution. Will you join this global prayer initiative on behalf of those who need our support so desperately?

Here is just a glimpse of the persecutions Christians face around the globe:



India has one of the world's most diverse ethnic and religious structures, yet thousands of Christians are still targeted for their faith in Christ.

2.3%
are Christians,
compared to
80.5% Hindu



Life as a Christian in Nepal means potential persecution from Hindu extremists, Maoist rebels, and others.

< 2%
of the population
are evangelical
Christians



In China, unregistered churches are often terminated upon discovery, and their members are either arrested or threatened.

80-100
million Christians are
part of the
underground church



Perhaps the most secretive nation in the world, Communist North Korea has restricted any form of open Christian expression, Bibles, and evangelistic paraphernalia.

Ranked #1
most deadly
country for
Christ followers



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FOR PERSECUTED BELIEVERS IN

IRAQ AND IRAN experiencing severe cultural, religious, and political intimidation

NORTH KOREA working under extreme anonymity to advance opportunities for the Gospel

CHINA AND VIETNAM investing in the underground house-church movement

INDIA AND NEPAL suffering violent religious and ethnic attacks and intimidation

PAKISTAN, EGYPT, AND SOMALIA facing arrest, imprisonment, and public humiliation

SYRIA fleeing for their lives from militant and extremist groups

CUBA discouraged from starting house churches or meeting together to worship in large groups

PROVIDE

In the majority of nations where Christianity is censored, access to Bibles is almost always restricted. Not surprisingly, they are the most requested resource from persecuted believers worldwide. Imagine knowing Christ . . . but living your entire life without access to His empowering words. As a result, millions of victimized Christians have an insatiable appetite for God's Word, and they will go to extreme lengths to secure even a few pages at a time.

One of World Help's foundational roles is to distribute Bibles to individuals who need them desperately. From covert distributing to digital mediums, World Help's vision is to bring the Word to every individual on earth.

On the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, we're focusing on believers around the world who are in dire need of Christ's transcending promises. They need all the encouragement they can get. What better way to provide support than by giving the gift of God's Word?

Consider how you can distribute Bibles to persecuted Christians. Visit our website for detailed information about our international Bible distribution: worldhelp.net/prayer

*MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY
WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.*

—MATTHEW 4:4

