

pray 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.

Today, an estimated 100 million Christians in more than 60 countries face discrimination, hostility, brutalization, and deadly persecution for their faith. It is estimated that every five minutes a Christian is martyred.

We may feel helpless—even guilty—when presented with these realities. But we play a critical part in supporting persecuted members of Christ's body.

We are called to stand in unwavering prayer for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are crying out for comfort, support, and strength. Join the movement by standing with victimized Christians through prayer intercession and advocacy.

Consider how Christians worldwide are suffering today for their faith in Christ:



Despite having one of the world's most diverse ethnic and religious populations, Indian Christians are still widely targeted for their faith in Christ.

2.3%
are Christians,
compared to 80%
Hindu.



Once home to ancient Christianity, a staggering percentage of Iraq's Christians have been forced to flee the country or be killed by ISIS.

2,000
Iraqi Christians
killed in 2014.



Christian leaders in China are often singled out for their faith and are frequently arrested, beaten, and tortured.

1,200
church buildings
have been defaced
by authorities.



North Korea is ranked the deadliest country to be a Christian. Christ followers face arrest and execution and must practice their faith in total secret.

50 - 70,000
Christians are
detained in labor
camps.

PRAY

FOR PERSECUTED BELIEVERS IN:

SYRIA and IRAQ who are being forced by ISIS to flee their homes, convert, pay a high tax, or die.

NIGERIA as the militant Islamist group Boko Haram continues to terrorize innocent Christians.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC as it has become one of the most volatile places for Christ followers today.

INDIA and NEPAL who suffer violent religious and ethnic attacks and intimidation.

NORTH KOREA who worship under extreme anonymity in the most dangerous country in the world for Christians.

CHINA and VIETNAM as they continue to invest in the growth of the underground house-church movement.

CUBA who are being strongly discouraged from starting house churches or meeting together to worship in large groups.

PROVIDE

The Middle East is undergoing what many are calling a “Christian holocaust.” Millions in Syria and Iraq are now living as refugees or are displaced, and an estimated 28 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. Christians and minority ethnic groups particularly have suffered unimagined loss.

World Help is working around the clock to provide life-saving supplies and implement sustainable solutions to refugee communities throughout the Middle East. We partner to supply water, food, blankets, heaters, education, medical care, Bibles and spiritual resources, and more to those who have lost virtually everything.

On the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, we encourage you to put action behind your compassion. Stand with World Help in the gap for traumatized refugees who have very little hope. Together, we can be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus on the ground where love is desperately needed in the Middle East.

Learn more about how you can get involved by visiting worldhelp.net/crisis

Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

—Matthew 4:4



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