



## Many voices — one prayer

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As Christians, we are compelled to stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith. Use these Scripture references as you pray for the persecuted church. Pray them aloud or meditate on these passages during your quiet time before you pray.

### **MATTHEW 11:28**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

### **JAMES 1:2-3**

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

### **PHILIPPIANS 3:8**

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

### **COLOSSIANS 1:24**

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

### **REVELATION 21:4**

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 4: 8-10**

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

### **MATTHEW 5:10-12**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **ISAIAH 43:2**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

### **1 PETER 5:10**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

### **HEBREWS 13:3**

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:26**

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one mem