



Center for Religious Liberty  
at Family Research Council

30 DAY

# PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE PERSECUTED

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE ENDURING PERSECUTION

1. Pray that God would give persecuted Christians the necessary wisdom to navigate their difficult and sometimes dangerous contexts and the discernment to live their lives in a Christ-honoring way. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
2. Pray that persecuted Christians would be filled with courage as they walk with the Lord. (Psalm 23)
3. Pray that persecuted Christians would experience the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding. (Philippians 4:4-7)
4. Pray that persecuted Christians would follow God's leading and share the good news of Christ without fear. (Ephesians 6:18-20)
5. Pray that God would meet the physical needs of persecuted Christians, especially those ostracized from their communities or forced to leave their homeland. (Luke 12:22-24)
6. Pray that media and communications technologies would be leveraged creatively to establish access to Christian teachings for underground believers. (Matthew 10:16, James 3:17)
7. Pray that the faith of persecuted Christians would be strengthened, even in the face of trials. (Matthew 5:10-11)
8. Pray for God's guidance and favor for Christians facing frightening confrontations with hostile authorities. (Psalm 5:12)
9. Pray for Christians who are in prison as if you were imprisoned with them. (Hebrews 13:3)
10. Pray that God would strengthen and sustain the husbands, wives, children, and close friends of Christians who are imprisoned or whose fate is unknown. (Joshua 1:9)

## PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS LIVING IN DANGEROUS PLACES WITH THE RISK OF PERSECUTION

11. Pray that God would preserve the lives and health of believers living in places where it is difficult to be a Christian. Pray that they would trust in God for their safety and security. (Psalm 121)
12. Pray that Christians living in places at risk of persecution would have peace of mind and heart. (1 Peter 3:14)
13. Pray that new Christians who converted away from another religion would be filled with wisdom and godly character. Pray that they would find favor with God and man. (Proverbs 3:1-4)
14. Pray that believers would find strong Christian community, especially in places where meeting corporately for worship is difficult or not allowed. (1 John 1:7)
15. Pray that pastors and church leaders would shepherd well. Pray that God would grant them wisdom, creativity, and favor from outsiders as they seek to safely gather their congregations for church services, Bible studies, and worship. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

16. Pray that Christians would have opportunities to encourage one another when facing increasing religious intolerance and uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
17. Pray that discipleship resources (such as Bibles and Christian literature) would be made available in places where it is difficult to be a Christian. (Philippians 2:4)

## PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

18. Pray that Christians would take their cultural commission to be salt and light seriously and take advantage of opportunities to meet the material and spiritual needs of those in their communities. (Matthew 5:13-16)
19. Pray that the global church would not feel or act distant from one another but support, care for, and learn from one another, recognizing that we are all joined together as members of the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:18-26)
20. Pray that Christians around the world would be a blessing to those around them and show God's love to their neighbors. (Mark 12:31)
21. Pray for Bible translators as they work to translate God's Word into the languages of unreached people groups. Pray that the Bible would reach remote areas and places where it is illegal to own a Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTORS

22. Pray that God would thwart evil plans intended to harm Christians and restrict the spread of the gospel. Pray that God would work all things together for good. (Psalm 37, Romans 8:28)
23. Pray that God would radically change the hearts of persecutors—both government and private actors—the way He changed the heart of the apostle Paul. (Acts 9)
24. Pray that Christians' faithful resolve while under fire would be a strong witness to their persecutors and that the persecutors would have the gospel clearly presented to them. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
25. Pray that Christians would have the grace to do as Jesus instructs and "pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:44)

## PRAYERS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

26. Pray that those currently detained or imprisoned for their faith in Christ would be set free. (Romans 15:30-31)
27. Pray that world leaders would have an accurate understanding of the state of religious freedom in their nations and courage to enact needed reforms and protections when necessary. (Psalm 2:10-11)
28. Pray for peace, justice, and liberty so that Christians can worship God freely and without fear of repercussions. (Psalm 34:14, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 1 Timothy 2:1-2)
29. Pray that God would raise up leaders and individuals in key areas to aid the persecuted church through advocacy, financial assistance, and prayer. (Deuteronomy 15:10-11)
30. Pray that government and non-government actors would stop persecuting believers and that religious freedom would become the global standard. (Proverbs 14:34, 21:1)

