

pray

FOR THE PERSECUTED



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In these areas, Christians encounter varying degrees of repetitive, persistent and systematic suffering, and deprivation of basic human rights, because of their faith in Jesus Christ – a belief their persecutors will not tolerate.

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PAUSE & PRAY

1. Pray that our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ will feel the comfort and encouragement of the Lord. In 1 Peter 4:12-14, the Apostle Peter shares about suffering and takes great encouragement from the knowledge that God is always with us, even in our most difficult moments.
2. Pray that persecutors will come to know Christ. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (ESV). As you think about our brothers and sisters in Christ, pray that God will use their suffering to bring others to faith – particularly those who are carrying out the persecution.
3. Pray that the church will be strengthened and continue to grow. Ask that God will increase the boldness of believers as they share the Gospel, and that more and more people will accept Jesus as their Saviour.

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Heavenly Father, we know that in hard times You are with us. Protect and encourage all those whose lives are endangered by their witness for You. Walk closely alongside them. In Jesus' all-powerful name, Amen.

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