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# PRAY WITH THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

## PRAYER GUIDE

### Bless

“Bless those who persecute you: bless and do not curse them.” *Romans 12:14*

### Resist

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” *1 Peter 5:8-9*

### Speak

“And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.” *Mark 13:11*

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*But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... Matthew 5:44*

## **Pray for the Persecuted to Walk in Honor**

The great temptation for persecuted believers is to react in the flesh, but the Word calls for the persecuted to keep the high ground to glorify God. Pray for persecuted believers to rise above the heavy hand of suppression, walk uprightly, and keep their eyes on Jesus.

*Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*  
1 Peter 2:12

## **Pray for the Persecuted to Have Wisdom in Speaking Truth**

Oppressive governments delight to undermine believers, but the Lord is calling believers to overcome and to speak out as a bold witness for Christ. Pray for persecuted believers to be wise in their witness and boldly share Christ when given the opportunity.

*But be on guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten...and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them.* Mark 13:9

## **Pray for the Persecuted to Abide in the Love of Christ**

Love and hatred cannot stand together in the same house. Persecution hurts and the temptation is to return pain for persecution. Christ calls us to love. Pray for persecuted believers to stand firm in the Lord – resting in the eternal love of Jesus.

*If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*  
John 15:18-19