

# Persecuted Christians



Christians are currently being persecuted in more than 70 hostile or restricted nations around the world. In just the last year, more than 5,600 Christ-followers have been killed for their faith, and over 2,100 churches were attacked or closed. But even amidst such suffering, our brothers and sisters in Christ are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith because of their hope in Christ and the prayers lifted up by God's people.

*Blessed are those who  
are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake, for  
theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.*

*Matthew 5:10*



# Pray for Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters In Christ



- Pray that persecuted believers will sense God's presence (Hebrews 13:5) and that they will feel connected to the greater Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:20, 26).
- Pray for their encouragement and strength, especially in times of suffering and pain. (2 Cor. 12:9).
- Pray that they will be given God's grace to rejoice in suffering (Acts 5:41).
- Pray that they will have more opportunities to share the Gospel (Colossians 4:3) and for boldness to make Christ known (Philippians 1:14).
- Pray that they will be comforted by God when their family members are injured, imprisoned, or killed for their witness for Christ (2 Cor. 1:3-5).
- Pray that they will love, forgive and pray for their persecutors (Matt. 5:44).
- Pray that their ministry activities will remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them (Acts 9:25).
- Pray that they will be refreshed through God's Word and grow strong in their faith (Ephesians 6:17).
- Pray that they will be strengthened through the prayers of fellow believers (Jude 20-25).
- Pray for a great harvest! Pray for souls to be won in restricted nations, including the souls of persecutors and government leaders who direct the persecution of our brothers and sisters in Christ (Matt. 9:36-38).