

November 3 is held annually worldwide prayer.

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide.



Christians around the world come together in a petition for the Christians who are in persecutions.

## FACTS ON PERSECUTION

### WHAT IS PERSECUTION?

Religious persecution is the **mistreatment of an individual or group because of their faith**. The levels of persecution can range from acts of hatred, second-class citizenship, job discrimination, and forced conversion, to imprisonment, torture, rape and death.

### WHERE DOES PERSECUTION OCCUR?

All over the world. From 2006-2009, Christians were persecuted in 130 countries (according to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life 2011). The more extreme cases are found in the 10/40 window.\*



*\*Defined by Christian missionary Luis Bush in the 1990s, referring to countries located between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator in the eastern hemisphere. These countries deal with the highest level of socioeconomic challenges and least access to the Gospel.*

### HOW MANY HAVE BEEN KILLED FROM PERSECUTION?

**70 MILLION  
IN 2000  
YEARS**

*(65 percent in the last century alone)*

**PERSECUTION**  
100  
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN

I N T E R N A T I O N A L  
**DAY OF PRAYER**  
F O R T H E P E R S E C U T E D

Together we can change the lives of over 100 million persecuted Christians.



## WHAT IS IDOP?

All over the world, Christians are still persecuted for their faith. For this reason, the global Church sets aside one Sunday a year to collectively pray for our suffering brothers and sisters.

## WHY DO WE PRAY?

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

**Hebrews 13:3**

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

**1 Corinthians 12:26**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the right of all who are destitute.

**Proverbs 31:8-9**

*All verses are in NIV version.*

## FROM THE MOUTHS OF THE PERSECUTED

*prayer requests from the persecuted Church*

*"Thank God that we were rescued. Pray that we can get a good education so that we can have a future! Ask God to bless all the people who helped us escape and who take care of us."*

**- From Christian children who were rescued from traffickers who sold them to Islamic training centers in Bangladesh**

*"Pray for my safety, as I have been threatened for helping persecuted children. Pray that the children remain safe and the traffickers do not discover our location. Pray for wisdom as I try to find the best way to care for the children."*

**- From one of the caretakers of the children trafficked for their faith in Bangladesh**

*"Christians are very lonely here because we are ostracized for our faith. Pray for doors to open for community with other believers, to feel closeness of God and for strength in the midst of suffering. Pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel."*

**- From a Christian in a closed Central Asian country**

*"Pray for the Church in China to grow and to have success in evangelism. Pray for my and my wife's health."*

**- Pastor Peter\*, a house church pastor who lived on the run for eight years for his faith in Christ, yet risks his freedom by speaking more than 500 times a year at illegal house churches and Bible schools throughout China**

*"Praying for the healing, protection, endurance and strength of my husband. There has been abuse from other prisoners and guards. So many people have come to faith because of his testimony in prison. The government hates that."*

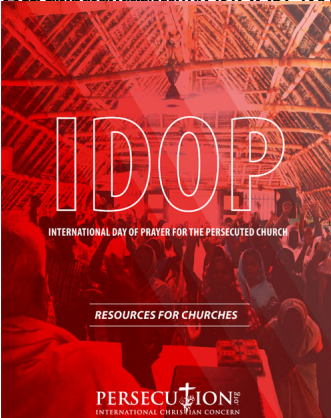
**- From Naghmeh, wife of imprisoned Pastor Saeed**

*"Pray for Gracy's and Rashish's good health; pray the spiritual growth of the children; pray for the construction of one more bathroom for the girls; pray for a big building for the orphanage."*

**- Various prayers from caretakers of a Christian orphanage in India that houses children orphaned when their parents were martyred for their faith**

*Name changed for security.*

Every church is invited to participate in this important day of prayer. We have



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