IMAGINE FACING TORTURE AND DEATH FOR JUST FIVE WORDS... **"I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST."** FOR 360 MILLION BELIEVERS AROUND THE WORLD, THIS IS A DAILY REALITY.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted (IDOP) is Sunday, November 6, 2022. IDOP is observed every year around All Saints' Day—sometimes falling on All Saints' Day, like it did in 2020.

All Saints' Day is when the Church traditionally remembers the saints of the Church, many of whom suffered torture and martyrdom for Jesus. The observance of IDOP every November is a dedicated time of prayer for persecuted Christians, recognizing those who have paid the ultimate price for their faith in Christ.

This focused day of prayer reminds us that many are still paying that price today. As the Body of Christ, this is a special time for us to come together, united, to pray for those who are persevering in the face of hardship, letting them know they are not forgotten and we are praying for them.

We invite you to be a part of this special day by scheduling a few minutes to devote to prayer for persecuted Christians around the world. Below is an outline for you, your family, your small group, or your church to pray through together.

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for persecuted believers around the globe who are facing death threats, beatings, torture, imprisonment, rape, loss of employment, loss of inheritance, and all kinds of trials.

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12

Pray for believers, especially converts to Christianity in the Muslim world, who have been threatened and abandoned by their own family members because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." Matthew 19:29

Pray for the persecuted Afghans who are now settling into new home countries and those still waiting to re-settle. Pray for those who remain in Afghanistan under Taliban rule.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:35-37

Pray for persecuted believers being hit especially hard right now by political turmoil and desperate economic situations in places like Lebanon and Yemen, especially as winter approaches. Pray for provision of their every need.

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." Psalm 81:10

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PRAYER POINTS

Pray for refugees, those traumatized and displaced by war.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

Pray for our *Help The Persecuted* Field Ministry Team and all those who serve the persecuted so faithfully.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Pray for wisdom, boldness, growth, and funding for *Help The Persecuted* and other ministries serving on the frontlines.

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all." 1 Chronicles 29:11

Thank you for standing with our persecuted brothers and sisters. Join our Prayer Network to receive real-time prayer requests straight from the field: HTP.org/Prayer

Read the stories from the field behind these prayer requests: HTP.org/Stories

ABOUT HELP THE PERSECUTED

In 2022, a year of incredible upheaval including war, famine, and intensifying **persecution**, God has grown our ministry in ways we never imagined. **Together, we helped 47,000 persecuted believers across 14 countries**. This simply translates to more lives changed and saved across the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia. To God be the glory!

A ministry partner recently described *Help The Persecuted* as "small but mighty." It's a distinctive I cherish — a testament to God's blessing on our work. Our team has decades of experience participating in Christ's global mission. Each day, whether in the office or out in the field, we strive to help **persecuted** Christians by addressing their physical and spiritual needs and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. **Thousands are finding hope in Christ through our ministry together**.

As an organization we desire to take strong and courageous action to fulfill our mission to stand with our **persecuted** brothers and sisters who, even now, cry out *"How Long, O Lord?"* (Revelation 6:10).

May God continue to find us faithful!

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