

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

IDOP  
2015

**Believers around the world** are taking time to remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted. *Each month -*

**322 Christians** are killed for their faith in Christ  
**214 churches** or Christian properties are destroyed  
**772 forms** of violence committed against Christians  
*including beating, abduction, rape, arrest, forced marriage*



**Remember** those in prison as if you are with them; those who are mistreated as if you yourself are suffering with them - *Hebrews 13:3*

**Have the same care** for one another for when one member of the Body of Christ suffers, all suffer together - because you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it - *1 Corinthians 12:26*

**GET INFORMED** *so you can pray more effectively!*

[IDOP.org](http://IDOP.org) - International Day of Prayer

[iCommitToPray.com](http://iCommitToPray.com) - worldwide prayer requests

[Persecution.com](http://Persecution.com) - Voice of the Martyrs

[OpenDoorsUSA.com](http://OpenDoorsUSA.com) - and OpenDoors .org

## PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH 2015

### ◆ **COURAGE**

Ask the Lord to give persecuted believers boldness and courage to share their faith and that their trials advance the Gospel, especially for those being killed, injured, or imprisoned for their witness.

### ◆ **PROTECTION**

Ask the Lord to protect and provide for believers who are being persecuted, imprisoned, in hiding, or kicked out of their homes. Pray that their effective witness may go undetected by adversaries.

### ◆ **PROVISION**

Ask the Lord to sustain believers with food, water, clothing, shelter, money, jobs, Christian fellowship, and other personal needs.

### ◆ **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Ask the Lord to strengthen and comfort and encourage the hearts and minds of persecuted brothers and sisters. Ask the Lord to give them His peace and presence as they trust in Him, and rejoice in their trials.

### ◆ **GOD'S WORD**

Ask the Lord to bring Scripture to mind to equip them to persevere, and to provide Bibles for them to give to others, and to give them opportunities to share the truth and grace of God's Word with others.

### ◆ **DELIVERANCE**

Ask the Lord to intervene so that persecuted believers are defended and released from their trials, by God's power and for God's glory.

### ◆ **GOD'S MERCY**

Ask that the Lord would bring persecutors to saving faith in the Lord Jesus, even through the testimonies of those they persecute.

### ◆ **EARNEST INTERCESSION**

Ask the Lord to raise up other believers to aid those in distress, and that they sense a oneness in the Body of Christ around the world.

# Persecution in the Bible

*Compiled by The Voice of the Martyrs*

## Old Testament

**Genesis**  
 4:10-11

**Psalms**  
 9:13-16  
 44:22-26  
 79:1-13  
 94:3-23  
 106:37-41  
 119:86, 157, 161-162  
 129:1-4

## Proverbs

6:16-19

## Isaiah

26:17-27:1

## Lamentations

4:11-14

## Daniel

3:16-30  
 6:13-28

## Habakkuk

1:2-4

## New Testament

### Matthew

5:44  
 10:17-20, 28  
 11:28, 29  
 16:18  
 20:20-23  
 25:35, 36, 40  
 26:39, 42

### Mark

6:3, 4  
 8:35  
 13:13

### Luke

6:22, 23  
 9:23  
 10:3  
 12:8, 9  
 12:51-53  
 14:27  
 18:29, 30  
 22:28-30  
 23:34

### John

12:24  
 15:20  
 16:33  
 17:14-16

### Acts

1:8  
 4:19, 20  
 5:29  
 7:60  
 9:4, 5  
 12:5  
 14:21, 22  
 16:25  
 21:13  
 23:11  
 26:6

### Romans

1:16  
 5:3-5  
 8:18, 28  
 10:11  
 12:12-15, 20  
 16:3, 4, 7

### 1 Corinthians

1:27  
 4:9-13  
 12:26  
 15:58  
 16:13

### 2 Corinthians

1:5, 6  
 2:14-16  
 4:7, 10  
 6:4, 5, 10  
 7:4  
 8:1  
 11:24-27, 30

### Galatians

1:23, 24  
 6:17

### Ephesians

3:13  
 6:10-20

### Philippians

1:29  
 3:10  
 4:11-13

### Colossians

1:24  
 3:2, 3  
 4:8, 9, 18

### 1 Thessalonians

1:6  
 3:7-8  
 5:18

### 2 Thessalonians

1:3, 4

### 1 Timothy

1:12-14

### 2 Timothy

1:8, 12, 16  
 2:9, 10  
 3:10, 11  
 4:5

### Philemon

23, 24

### Titus

2:8

### Hebrews

10:32-34  
 11:37-38  
 12:1  
 13:3

### James

1:12  
 5:11

### 1 Peter

1:6, 7  
 2:21-23  
 4:1  
 5:9, 10

### 2 Peter

3:9

### 1 John

3:13

### Jude

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### Revelation

1:9  
 2:10  
 6:9, 10  
 12:10, 11

\*This list is not exhaustive