

Prayer focus: persecuted believers

- 1. Pray for freedom of conscience in the 110 countries that suppress religious freedoms.
- 2. Pray for strength and growth of the persecuted church.
- 3. Pray for physical protection of the 100,000,000 persecuted Christians and missionaries.
- 4. Pray for encouragement and joy for those who suffer. Pray that they will have strength to endure.
- 5. Pray that those who are persecuted will love Christ more than life.
- 6. Pray that God will give them love for their enemies.
- 7. Pray for an increased missionary effort to reach those nations where Christian persecution is prevalent.
- 8. Pray that many in our church would take action to show love towards and solidarity with persecuted Christians.

A prayer for the persecuted...

Dear Lord, I know that your son Jesus suffered mightily in the flesh. You weep for those persecuted because of their love for him. Give them strength and courage this day to stand up for your truth. Give sustenance to the loved ones of those killed or imprisoned. Strengthen those who are intimidated. Let your gospel of love shine even in the darkest night. Enable those persecuted to forgive as you also forgave those who murdered your son. Amen

Please email <u>missions@ibc.church</u> if you would like to be part of the prayer focus for workers ministering in places experiencing overt persecution.

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