

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION PRAYER GUIDE

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As members of the global body of Christ, we are called to bear one another's burdens, especially those of our Church family who suffer for His name. Across the world, millions of Christians face unimaginable hardship, persecution, and even death simply because they choose to follow Jesus. While their struggles may seem distant, they are our brothers and sisters, and their stories are a vital part of our shared Christian journey.

This guide invites you and your congregation or small group to join a bigger movement of prayer and support for the persecuted church. Use the prayers included to guide your prayer time and connect deeply with the persecuted church.

Each prayer point in this guide gives you:

A brief prayer point for the specific needs or challenges persecuted believers face.

A real-life example from the field, offering a glimpse into a specific common need for prayer of our global family. (Please note that this content contains details that may be sensitive for some audiences and disclaimers may be given where appropriate.)

A specific prayer starter to guide your time of prayer.

You may choose to pray over all 10 points or a selection of your choosing, using the accompanying slides to share with a larger audience. Encourage those who are praying with you to listen with an open heart, allow these stories to stir their spirits, and pray fervently, knowing that our prayers make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with our persecuted family, reminding them that they are not forgotten and that we, the Church, are united in Christ.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” –Galatians 6:2

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PRAYER POINT ONE

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Basic Provisions

Christians in some of the world's most hostile regions risk everything to follow Jesus. Pray persecuted believers' physical needs are met with food, shelter, medical care, and other essentials for survival.



Millions of Christians in places like Sudan and Gaza have faced extreme famine and displacement in recent years. Due to their faith, they're often last in line for humanitarian aid. They desperately need basics like food and water as well as safe shelter and medical care.

PRAYER STARTER

“Lord, we ask you to provide for our persecuted brothers and sisters who have left everything behind to follow You. We pray specifically for those who have lost their homes, livelihoods, and access to food and medical care. Allow critical aid to be delivered where it's needed most and fortify them in Your name.”

PRAYER POINT TWO

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Unwavering Faith

Pray for the spiritual strength and endurance of believers facing daily pressure to abandon their faith and trust in the Lord.



Ramesh faced hostility, false accusations, and imprisonment for not renouncing his faith. Born into a family of Hindu priests that run 22 generations deep, Ramesh bucked tradition and strict anti-conversion laws in Nepal to follow Christ. His experience has only strengthened his resolve to continue sharing the Gospel.

PRAYER STARTER

“Father God, empower persecuted believers to be bold witnesses for Christ, even in the face of opposition. May their testimonies touch the hearts of their persecutors and give Christianity a chance to flourish from the witness of our brothers and sisters like Ramesh.”

PRAYER POINT THREE

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Protection of Church Leaders

Pray for the safety and wisdom of pastors, missionaries, and house church leaders serving in hostile regions. Pray they can be a source of comfort, support, and wisdom in shepherding their flock.



Pastor Paul's congregation was uprooted when extremists destroyed their entire community in Nigeria, the deadliest country for Christians. He now leads his flock at their displacement camp with remarkable faith and gratitude.*

*Pastor Paul's name has been changed for his safety.

PRAYER STARTER

“Jesus, protect underground church leaders, missionaries, and pastors who risk their lives to shepherd Your flock. Grant them wisdom in their decisions and keep them safe as they minister in hostile environments. Shield their families from harm.”

PRAYER POINT FOUR

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Bold Witness

Pray for persecuted Christians to have courage to share their faith in their communities and for their testimonies to impact their persecutors.

Oppression has followed Vineet since he came to faith in Christ. He's been excommunicated and beaten and his home was bulldozed, yet he's dedicated his life to sharing the Gospel in India.*

**Vineet's name has been changed for his safety.*



PRAYER STARTER

“Father, strengthen the faith of believers who face daily pressure to renounce their beliefs. Give them supernatural peace, brazen courage, and unshakeable faith, especially in regions where following You comes at great personal cost. We lift up Christians in hostile regions like North Korea, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and India and pray that their faith inspires hearts to change.”

PRAYER POINT FIVE

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Next Generation

Pray for Christian children and youth in persecuted regions to grow strong in faith despite opposition and limited resources. Ask the Lord to break generational cycles and empower the new generation for a better



Akram was 10 when the Taliban took control of Afghanistan and his family's livelihood. His family fled to Pakistan where Akram was beaten and stabbed for leaving Islam. Despite the severe persecution they face, they hold fast to their faith and find their eternal strength in Jesus to continue.*

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PRAYER STARTER

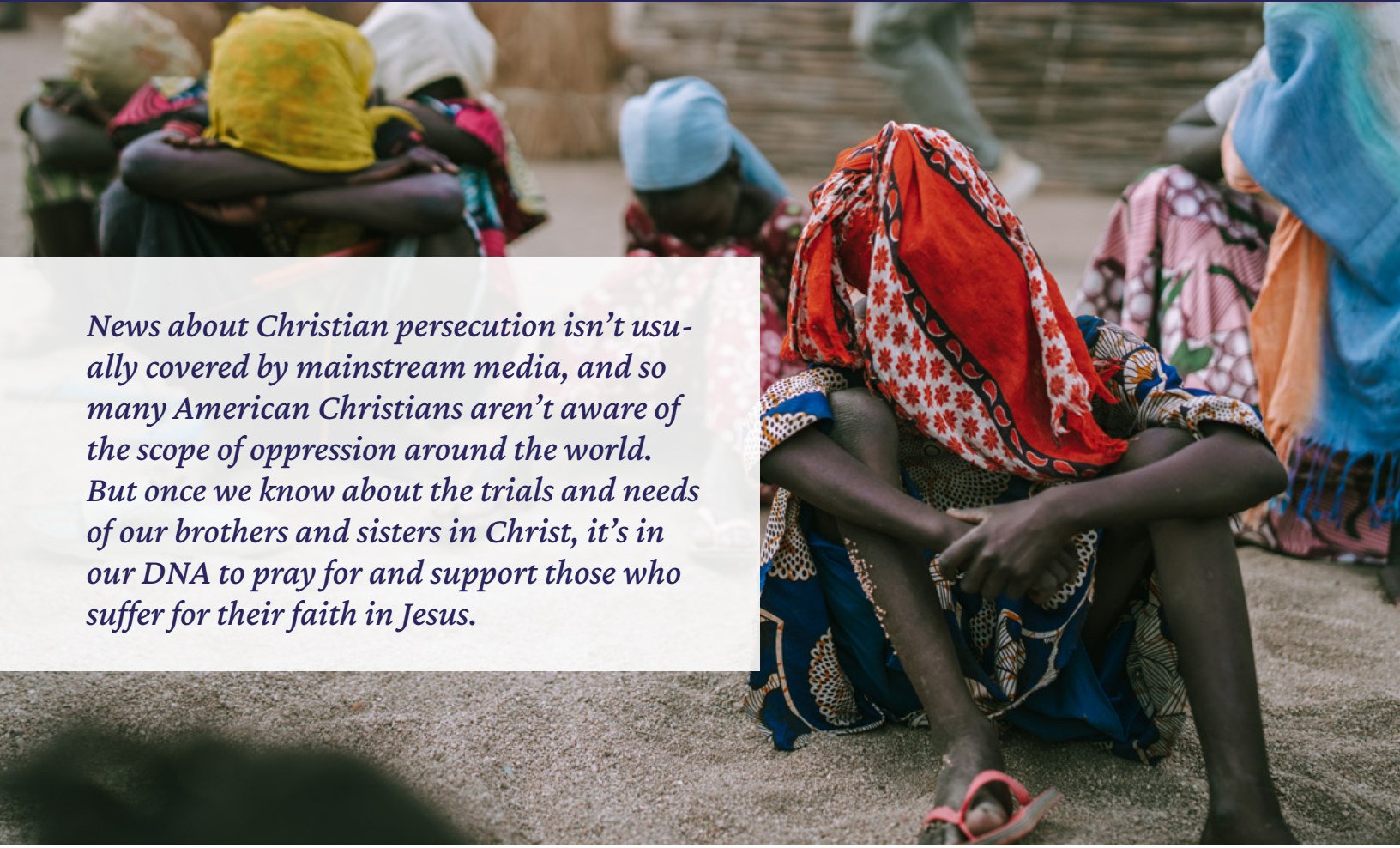
“God, we lift up children in persecuted Christian families. Protect their young faith, provide for their education, safeguard their spirits, and help them grow strong in their relationship with You despite the challenges they face.”

PRAYER POINT SIX

Global Church Awakening

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Pray for Christians in free nations like the U.S. to become aware, engaged, and active in supporting their persecuted family. Allow their stories and experiences to move us and deepen our faith.



News about Christian persecution isn't usually covered by mainstream media, and so many American Christians aren't aware of the scope of oppression around the world. But once we know about the trials and needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, it's in our DNA to pray for and support those who suffer for their faith in Jesus.

PRAYER STARTER

“Lord, awaken the American church to the reality of persecution. Move our hearts to pray consistently, give generously, and advocate boldly for our suffering family members in Christ, for we are all one Church.”

PRAYER POINT SEVEN

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Comfort and hope

Pray for those grieving loved ones lost to persecution, asking for God's presence, healing, and hope.

With a gun to her head as Boko Haram ransacked her village, Suzanne refused to renounce her faith. One bullet took her eyesight and another took her father. Through her tragic loss, she's found joy and forgiveness in her heavenly Father.



PRAYER STARTER


“Father, comfort those who have lost loved ones to persecution. Bring peace and healing to their broken hearts and lead them to a spirit of forgiveness. Let them become pillars of hope and inspiration when our faith wavers.”

PRAYER POINT EIGHT

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Hearts of Persecutors

Pray for those who oppose and persecute Christians to encounter God's truth and experience transformation and have mercy on those they persecute.



Once deeply connected to the Zapatistas, an anti-government revolutionary movement in Mexico, Aurelio was hostile to Christianity. But when he finally heard Scripture, everything changed. Now Aurelio shares the Word of God everywhere he goes.

PRAYER STARTER

“Jesus, we pray for those who persecute Your church. Like You did with Paul, open their eyes to Your truth. Transform hearts of opposition into hearts of compassion.”

PRAYER POINT NINE

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Aid Workers & Organiza-

Pray for the safety, effectiveness, and resource multiplication of the organizations and relief workers serving persecuted believ-

Christians make up a disproportionate majority of Pakistan's brick kiln industry, often forced into bonded labor because of their undesirable place in society. These workers are prone to chronic respiratory issues with the constant exposure to dust and smoke and lack of access to medical care. Our community recently helped free 50 families from their debt and supplied free healthcare to more than 14,000 impoverished Christians in Pakistan.



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PRAYER POINT TEN

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Religious Freedom

Pray for the reduction of religious tensions, the change of discriminatory laws, and increased freedom to worship openly.



Once a radical follower of Islam, Azad's heart softened to Jesus following a powerful dream. Now a member of the underground church in the Middle East, Azad smuggles Bibles across the border in the middle of the night so more people can hear the Word.*


** Azad's name has been changed for his safety.*

PRAYER STARTER

“God, we pray for areas of intense religious conflict. Only You have the power to reduce tensions, change discriminatory laws, and create pathways for peaceful coexistence while allowing freedom to worship You openly. Thank you for faithful servants like Azad who risk their lives to spread the Word even where the laws are not in their favor.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

At Global Christian Relief, we believe prayer is the most powerful force we can mobilize on behalf of persecuted Christians. You can also have a direct, immediate impact by giving where it's needed most and being a voice for those who suffer for their faith. Give today and learn more at [GCRelief.org](https://www.gcrelief.org).



“People from all over the world can pray for us. May God increase our faith. May we hold on tightly to the Word of God.” – *Miriam*

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