

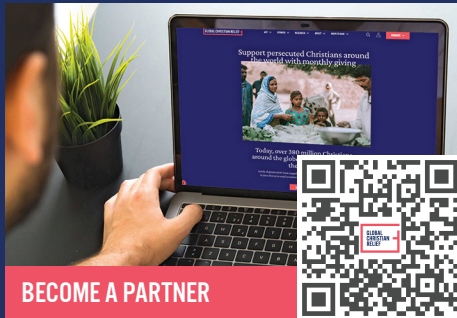
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Prayers 1–4: Faith to Forgive

After fleeing an attack by Boko Haram that killed their father, Nancy and Philemon also lost their mother and other family to severe burns from an intentional fire. Thankful that they can go to church now, they want to forgive those who harmed them.

Prayers 5–8: The Blessing of a Business

Lydia became displaced after a Boko Haram attack on her village. However, after receiving assistance in an IDP camp, she started a small shop that is supporting her family. She now has hope that her children will be educated and a blessing to society.

Prayers 9–12: A Hope and a Future

Living in a refugee camp, Esther and her husband initially struggled to make ends meet. Now they run a successful farm and raise goats. They are thankful to God that their children are being educated and taught the Word of God.

“Despite sometimes my reflections of those pains come, I’m standing in my faith. I will never leave Jesus even at the point of death.”

— Esther

* Please note: Names and images are sometimes changes for safety and anonymity.

PRAYER FORCE ALERT

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for persecuted
believers**



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Nancy and Philemon

PRAYER 1: APRIL 1-6

Comfort those who are in pain.

Father, give physical healing to Nancy and Philemon who suffered severe burns. Please provide comfort for them and all persecuted believers, not just for their bodies but also for their souls.

“For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 1:5)

PRAYER 2: APRIL 7-13

Take up the cause of the orphan.

Lord, bless and provide for Nancy and Philemon who lost their parents to persecution. May all orphaned believers know Your love for them by the Spirit and from the church.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”
(John 14:18)

PRAYER 3: APRIL 14-20

Help believers forgive their persecutors.

Grant to all Christians like Nancy and Philemon the grace to forgive those who harmed them and their families. May they release their hurt to You and release their enemies into Your hands.

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12)

PRAYER 4: APRIL 21-30

Grant repentance to Boko Haram.

God, the members of Boko Haram are so lost and evil in their ways. Yet, we ask Your mercy be upon them and all persecutors of Your church, that they may turn to You and be saved.

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32)



Lydia

PRAYER 5: MAY 1-7

Comfort those who've lost children.

Father, bless parents like Lydia who have lost children to persecution and difficult circumstances. May they experience Your comfort and, in turn, comfort others.

“Praise be to ... the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, that we can comfort those in any trouble ...” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

PRAYER 6: MAY 8-14

Help the needy and the distressed.

Lord, just as You helped Lydia start over in a refugee camp, provide for the needs of those who have fled their homes and have lost so much. Give hope to those afflicted by persecution.

“But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.” (Psalm 9:18)

PRAYER 7: MAY 15-21

Save children from Boko Haram.

God, Lydia prayed that her children would be a blessing to society and not become a problem like Boko Haram. Snatch these children from the influences of evil men and protect them from worldly ways.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”
(Luke 18:16)

PRAYER 8: MAY 22-31

Bless the work of the righteous.

Father, Lydia's small shop has been able to provide for her family and send her children to school. Bless the efforts of persecuted believers to start over and create a good life for their posterity.

“You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.” (Psalm 128:2)



Esther

PRAYER 9: JUNE 1-7

Provide food for the hungry.

Lord, believers like Esther struggled to find food each day after fleeing for their lives. Provide for their basic needs, and may the church come to their rescue with needed supplies.

“The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry.”
(Proverbs 10:3)

PRAYER 10: JUNE 8-14

Grant stability to those fleeing persecution.

God, thank You for the farm and the goats that have provided stability for Esther and her husband in the refugee camp. May other believers who have lost everything be established in the work of their hands.

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us.” (Psalm 90:17)

PRAYER 11: JUNE 15-21

May believers stand firm in faith.

Father, Esther's encouragement to other Christians was to stand firm in their faith. Though hardships and temptations come, let Your church be strengthened in faith and stand firm in following You to the end.

“But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

PRAYER 12: JUNE 22-30

Encourage the persecuted church.

Jesus, You told Your disciples that they would be persecuted because of You, and this truth brought comfort to Esther. May all persecuted believers know that they are blessed to suffer for Your sake and the sake of righteousness.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ... Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:10, 12)