



2019 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH







A photograph of Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, sitting on a grassy bank. He is surrounded by a group of people, some of whom are kneeling or sitting on the ground, listening to him. The background shows a body of water under a clear sky.

4 Conditions:

Poor in spirit

Mourning

Meek (gentle)

Hungry for righteousness

4 Dispositions:

Merciful

Pure

Peacemaking

Persecuted

A group of people, including men and women in traditional, light-colored clothing, are gathered outdoors. Some are sitting on the ground, while others stand. The background shows a body of water under a bright sky. The overall scene suggests a community gathering or a religious event.

Why do Christians suffer?

Suffering *constructs* Christ-like lives and builds the church

Suffering *conditions* us to comfort others

Suffering *corrects* when we go the wrong way

Suffering *changes* our deepest desires

Suffering *communicates* the truth of how God works in his people and the world

10 WAYS *to pray*

FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

PRAY THAT THEY WILL

- 1 Sense God's presence
- 2 Know we are praying for them
- 3 Experience God's comfort
- 4 See God open doors to evangelism
- 5 Boldly share the gospel
- 6 Mature in their faith
- 7 Be granted wisdom in covert ministry work
- 8 Remain joyful amid suffering
- 9 Forgive and love their persecutors
- 10 Be rooted in God's Word



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