

# Family Prayer Guide for the Persecuted Church

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*"However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." 1 Peter 4:16*

## 1. Praying for those being persecuted.

- That they have courage and boldness to remain true to the gospel in midst of trials.
- That in their weakness, they will remain dependent on God's strength.
- For Holy Spirit would strengthen them.
- For them to know how much God loves them.
- That they would have access to a Bible.
- That those who have been disowned by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a new Christian "family" who loves them.
- For the women who are especially vulnerable to sexual attacks and having their children used against them.
- That their example may encourage and inspire other believers.

## 2. Praying for the families of those in prison.

- For all of their needs to be met.
- For them to remain strong in the faith and trust the Lord to work.
- For their church families to remain loyal and unified with them.

## 3. Praying for the persecutors.

- For their hearts to be softened to the gospel.
- For them to see the love God has for them through the persecuted believers.

## 4. Praying for the governments in countries where persecution happens.

- For Christians to rise to positions of authority.
- For leaders to recognize the importance of religious freedom.
- For other world leaders to pressure them to stop the persecution of Christians.