



## Praying for Our Persecuted Christian Family

### Sensing God's Presence and Comfort

Father God, we bring before You our Christian brothers and sisters and their families who are being persecuted for their faith. May the peace of Christ rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15).

By Your grace which gives us hope, please encourage their hearts and strengthen them in every good work (2 Thess. 2:16,17).

May they remember Your promise, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Please remind them that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, nor any powers, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from Your love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38,39).

May our persecuted family know that the Body of Christ is praying for them (2 Timothy 1:3).

### Sharing God's Word

Lord, we ask that the word of Christ dwell in them richly as they teach one another with all wisdom (Colossians 3:16). May they grow in grace and in knowledge of You (2 Peter 3:18).

Please help them to courageously stand firm in their faith and to be strong (1 Cor. 16:13). Would You open doors for them to share the Gospel message with boldness! (Colossians 4:3, Acts 4:29). Please deliver them from evil people; protect them by the power of Your name (2 Thess.3:2, Acts 17:11).

### Seeking God's Joy

Gracious God, when our persecuted brothers and sisters feel great anxiety within, may Your consolation bring joy to their souls (Psalm 94:19).

Would You enable them to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them, that they may be children of their heavenly Father? (Matthew 5:44).

May they rejoice because they have been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for Your Name, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord (Acts 5:41,42).

We ask all these things in the mighty name of Jesus! Amen!