

This month, we are **Praying with an Open Heart for...those persecuted for their faith.**

Heavenly Father, we lift up our brothers and sisters around the world who are facing persecution for their faith in You. Surround them with Your protection and comfort their hearts in the midst of their struggles. Grant them an unshakeable faith and courage that comes from knowing You are with them. Strengthen their resolve to stand firm in their beliefs, despite the threats and challenges they face. Let Your Light shine through them. May their witness give glory to Your name, and may they, through Your strength, serve as living testimonies of Your grace, love, and power.

When one part of the Body of Christ suffers, the whole Body suffers. We pray for the global Christian Church to stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters. Stir our hearts toward compassion and move us to action, giving support through prayer and practical aid. May our actions reflect Your love and commitment to all Your children, showing the world the power of Your Kingdom united in purpose.

May the persecutors be so baffled by the kindness, love, and peace they experience from Christians that they will want to know You, Lord, the source of those undeserved gifts. Open their minds and hearts to receive Your Spirit and bring them to faith, that they may become witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and champions of Your Word.

Instill in our hearts a living hope, rooted in the victory of Christ. May we all fix our eyes on Jesus as we run the race marked out for us, until we join You in heaven. All glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! AMEN

Some Scripture to aid you as you **Pray with an Open Heart this month for those persecuted for their faith:** our theme verse Philippians 4:6-7; also:

Nehemiah 8:10
Psalm 34:17-18
Psalm 138:3
Isaiah 40:29
Isaiah 41:10
Matthew 5:10
Matthew 5:12
Matthew 5:44
Luke 6:22-23
Luke 6:35
John 14:27
John 15:20
John 16:33
Romans 5:3-4

Romans 8:18
Romans 8:28
Romans 8:35, 37
Romans 12:14
1 Corinthians 12:26
2 Corinthians 1:5
2 Corinthians 4:17
2 Corinthians 12:9
Galatians 6:2
Philippians 1:29
Philippians 4:13
Colossians 3:16
1 Thessalonians 5:11
2 Thessalonians 3:3

2 Timothy 3:12
1 Peter 4:12-13
1 Peter 1:6-7
1 Peter 2:21
1 Peter 3:9
1 Peter 4:12-13
1 Peter 5:10
Hebrews 12:2
Hebrews 13:3
James 1:12
Revelation 2:10
Revelation 3:10