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*"Indeed, all who desire
to live a godly life in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted."*

2 Timothy 3:12

PRAYERPOINTS

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

The Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (November 2, 2025) is an opportunity for individuals and churches to unite in prayer for believers around the world who are persecuted for their faith. This month we will focus on praying that God will use their witness to inspire gospel transformation among the lost. Will you join us in prayer?

Beverly's steadfast faith empowers others to follow Jesus despite family and cultural pressures

Beverly used to strongly defend her Catholic faith. Then, a Christian friend gave her a Bible and encouraged her to "check her facts." For the first time, Beverly read Scripture for herself. On January 1, 2024, she trusted in Christ and was baptized that spring. Excited about her new faith, Beverly assumed her family would share her joy. Instead, her mother expressed shame over Beverly's baptism, her aunt called her "crazy," and her family excluded her from meals. Where she lives in the Philippines, many believe "to be Filipino is to be Catholic." Beverly felt excluded from her family and all alone. Still, she remained steadfast in her faith. She reached out to her family, offering monthly dinner invitations with Bible study. At first, they accepted only the meals. But eventually, her mother agreed to observe a group Bible study at a nearby restaurant. Now, she even plans to attend twice a month—an answer to Beverly's persistent prayers.

Beverly's testimony became a source of encouragement for others. When she met Alice, a new believer fearful of telling her Catholic parents about her faith decision, Beverly shared her



*Beverly (right) and Alice (left) pray together.
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own experience. Inspired by Beverly's commitment despite family opposition, Alice courageously told her parents about her faith. To Alice's surprise, her parents accepted her decision, noticing positive changes in their daughter's life. Alice's parents even allowed a house church ("simbalay") to meet in their home, although they do not attend yet.

Through persecution and patience, Beverly's commitment to Christ has strengthened her faith and empowered others to follow Jesus boldly despite cultural and family pressures. Pray for Beverly and Alice to keep growing in Christ and for their families to follow Him.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for believers among the Sparrow People in the Horn of Africa, who had finally received God's Word in their language and were experiencing persecution as the gospel spread in their Muslim-majority area. Praise God that His Word continues to spread among them and that many are choosing to follow Christ. As believers experience ridicule and persecution for their faith, keep praying they will stand firm, have joy, and continue to proclaim the truth boldly.

1 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

Pray for believers around the world who experience persecution and are told not to follow God or share His good news. Pray for them to continue to speak His Word "with all boldness" (Acts 4:29). Ask God to use their witness to draw many to Himself.

2 MUSLIMS OF UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA.

Two local believers are being persecuted for sharing the gospel. Pray that they will continue to be bold in the faith! Lift up their family, as they are also being persecuted. Pray for their needs to be met and for them to fully rely on the Lord.

3 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

For many Central Asians living at home or abroad, following Christ means facing persecution from family. For some, this means risking their lives. Pray for courage for those considering faith. Pray they will forsake comfort and safety for the gospel and trust in God.

4 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

Three Christian widows, displaced for years after Boko Haram killed their husbands, have returned home. Pray for their healing and provision as they rebuild their lives and care for their children in poverty. Pray also for their still-recovering church and community.

5 DEAF OF WEST AFRICA.

Madou, a Deaf man in West Africa, became a believer at 15 and grew to be a church leader. Despite threats from family and ridicule from peers for leaving Islam, he stood firm, boldly declaring, "Jesus is alive. He rose again." Pray for Madou and others facing persecution.

6 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

The village leader asked local militia to arrest Tan for believing in Jesus and betraying the traditional religion of his people. Tan hasn't seen his family or other believers for months. Pray that his faith will hold strong and he will be a bold witness to his captors.

7 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

In a society where life is shared and communal, believers experience persecution by being kicked out of their families and communities. Pray for groups of seekers to believe together. Pray for mature believers to trust in and show Christ's love to young believers.

8 NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL.

Pray for an unreached group with a history of persecution and exploitation. Their religion is a mixture of ancestral beliefs and Catholicism. Christianity is viewed as a threat because of their fear of losing their culture and identity.

9 EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

Pray for believers facing insults and ridicule for their faith to find strength, remembering Jesus' promise of blessing in Matthew 5:11-12. Ask that they will respond with God's grace, remembering "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

10 PROJECT 3000 MISSIONARY EXPLORERS.

"We met the only known believing family among this people. They have faced persecution, and their joy at our visit reminded them that God answers prayers. They eagerly shared their faith with their neighbors with us for the first time! Pray for them." – D.G. Anthony, missionary explorer

11 FULANI OF GUINEA.

The Fulani in Guinea are almost all Muslim. Kevin, a Fulani man, heard the gospel and counted the cost of abandonment by his family if he left Islam. Kevin chose to follow Christ! Pray that his faith will deepen in discipleship and that he'll stand firm in persecution.

12 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

The new believers had to choose: follow Jesus and lose everything or deny Christ and keep their possessions. All five families chose Christ. Incensed, their fellow villagers took everything, burned their homes, and kicked them out of the village. Pray for these families.

13 SANTIAGO, CHILE.

Many Chileans who practice folk Catholicism have heard the gospel but are reluctant to commit to an evangelical church. Being baptized may be met with suspicion, questioning, and family division. Pray that believers will have courage to follow Jesus.

14 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for young members of a local church who have come to faith but are afraid to tell their parents. Pray specifically for some siblings who received physical persecution from family. Pray they'll be comforted by God and boldly share the gospel with their parents.

15 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

When believers experience persecution, pray that God will give them the perspective and strength to "count it all joy" and trust "that the testing of [their] faith produces steadfastness" (James 1:2-3).

16 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES.

Pray that God will strengthen believers who are detained for their faith. Pray that those in prison will stay faithful, show God's love to others, and protect fellow believers

by not sharing information that could endanger or imprison them.

17 DEAF OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. Ayu, a Deaf woman, came to faith in Jesus after seeing Bible stories in her sign language. Then, her family confined her, she was imprisoned, and she now remains under house arrest. Pray for Ayu's perseverance and boldness to share Christ despite these hardships.

18 KAMPALA, UGANDA. Sudanese believers in Kampala, Uganda, meet secretly in homes to worship the Lord, fearing retribution because of Sudan's strong Islamic influence. Pray that God will encourage them and give them boldness to share the gospel.

19 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Aylin's family has been opposed to her faith since she came to Christ. Her Muslim daughter is engaged, and Aylin's afraid to be open with the fiancé's family about her beliefs lest they break the engagement. Pray God will give her courage in the pressure to hide her faith.

20 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. San and Jai became Christians in a Buddhist neighborhood and quickly faced pressure to renounce Christ. A missionary shared 2 Timothy 3:12 with them and the truth that believers worldwide were praying for them. Encouraged, the women found strength to stand firm in Christ.

21 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. While believers are taught to expect persecution, they are also shown how to witness wisely. Rather than being critical of others' traditions, they ask unbelievers to read the Torah and Gospels,

as instructed in Islam. Pray for the truth of the gospel to set hearts free.

22 PAKISTAN. Pray for a new church in Pakistan as the believers go out two by two in their community to share the gospel. One was taken from his bed in the middle of the night and questioned by authorities. Praise God for giving him peace and the words to say during the interrogation.

23 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Believers in Romania hosted a children's outreach that attracted local Roma people and children from Muslim backgrounds. Pray for Muslims in Europe to boldly follow Jesus, even though they face scorn, threats, or abandonment from their families in Europe or back in Muslim-majority countries.

24 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray that isolated believers can find others with whom they can fellowship, as well as safe meeting places where they can worship. Ask that they experience joy when they take the risk of gathering, and may they be inspired to memorize the Scriptures they study.

25 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. A group of men entered a gathering of believers and demanded they hand over the leader, who was not there at the time. The men beat the believers, with more than a dozen needing hospitalization. Pray that these believers will continue to persevere and be faithful and that fear will not take root in their hearts!

26 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for a Deaf church in Central Asia facing legal challenges and fines for sharing their faith. A key ministry partner has been threatened with deportation. Ask God to grant him freedom to continue his ministry, and to encourage the Deaf community during these trials.

27 PROJECT 3000 MISSIONARY EXPLORERS. "We met a believer who faced death threats and rejection from his Muslim community after coming to Christ. Still, he remains faithful and shares the gospel. Pray for his safety, boldness, and for all believers suffering for Christ." – Stephen and Lily Ferrell, missionary explorers

28 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. When Grace shared her story of leaving Islam for Jesus, Hawa revealed that she and her children are now secretly following Christ. Pray for Hawa and her children, as they face severe persecution if her Muslim ex-husband discovers their faith.

29 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Nora's warm smile is contagious, even as she talks about parents who treated her cruelly for following Jesus. She remains committed, though persecution could come again. Pray for her husband to decide to finally join her in the faith and for God to heal their child.

30 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. Ask God to comfort persecuted believers with his love and fill them with confidence that they "are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" and that nothing "in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:37-38).

Deaf believer's faith shines in the face of hostility

Madou, a reserved Deaf man from West Africa, first encountered Christianity at a Deaf school where missionaries taught Bible stories in sign language. At 15, he embraced Jesus as Savior and soon became a respected leader in the Deaf church. After finishing school, Madou moved to a nearby village to teach at a Deaf school, where he hosted Bible story groups for other Deaf people. Through ongoing discipleship with a missionary, Madou's faith deepened, and his transformation became evident. His family, alarmed by his commitment to Christ, tried to intimidate him into returning to Islam, even threatening his life. Still, Madou stood firm in his faith. The Deaf community also noticed changes — he no longer joined certain social activities, and his signing reflected a new spirit, free of profanity and anger. Some began to mock and threaten him. One morning, after a soccer team sleepover, Madou awoke to see the men preparing for Friday prayers at the mosque, looking at Madou with hostility. They pressured and ridiculed him, asking why he refused to join



Madou teaching at a Deaf school in West Africa. IMB photo.

them. Madou stood his ground and signed, "Because Mohammed is dead. Jesus is alive. He rose again." The men fell silent, stunned by the clarity and power of his message. Praise God for Madou's courage and God's protection. Pray for Madou and others who face daily persecution, that their witness will shine brightly.

Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church November 2

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