

A Week of Focused Prayer

January 19th – January 25th

About this Prayer Booklet.

This week, our church is uniting in a focused season of prayer. Together, we'll lift up our church, its ministries, missionaries, and community, asking above all:

God be glorified!

Each day highlights specific areas of prayer, with suggestions to guide you.

Let's stay sensitive to the Spirit's leading as we intercede. You may also feel led to fast, dedicating extra time to seek God's movement.

Let's pray boldly, trusting God to work in powerful ways!



Courtenay Fellowship
Baptist Church



Sunday – Personal Prayer

“The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.” – Psalm 145: 18-19

Today take some time for focused prayer for the items in your life that bring concern, worry, questions, and take time to intentionally thank our mighty Saviour for the items in your life that are filled with joy, contentment and satisfaction.

The following ideas are six ways in which you can pray for yourself today.

- That God would continually open your eyes to see his worth.

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

- That God would help you live as though he is your treasure in all of life.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock, it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

- That God would help you keep perspective and lean your heart towards him and not toward selfish desires.

“Incline my heart toward you and not toward selfish gain.” (Psalm 119:36)

- That God would lead you to repentance and purify you.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Ps. 139:23-24)

- That God would satisfy your heart.

“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.” (Psalm 90:14)



- That God would continually change your heart and make it more like Christ's.

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

As you commit to this week of prayer, ask the Lord to lead you and grow your faith until you pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and never lose heart (Luke 18:1). Pray that his kingdom would come in your life and in the lives of your family. Pray the Lord's prayer over you, your family, and friends:

⁹ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. – Matthew 6:9-13

“If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled” – Cynthia Lewis



How to to Pray for Missionaries

- Open doors

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message. ...” – Colossians 4:2-3a (NIV)

- Boldness

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. ...” – Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)

- Protection



“Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:2 (NLT)

- **Effective ministry**

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5 (NLT)

- **Refreshment**

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” — Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

- **Witness** – that they would walk in a manner Worthy of the Gospel. That they would live lives of integrity (Titus 2:7-8).
- **Countries** where they serve – for those in authority. For religious freedom and openness to the gospel.

**“Every step in the progress of missions
is directly traceable to prayer.”
– Arthur Tappan Pierson**

Missionaries Supported by CFBC

- 1) **Mark Naylor** – Mark is mentoring four men in Pakistan in making disciples—and they are connected to partner organizations. Sahib (PBCS), Papu (Power to Change), Nathaniel and Timothy (Operation Mobilization).



- Pray for Mark and these 4 men as they work to establish sustainable disciple-making groups that meet regularly and consistently to study God’s word and live their lives as witnesses of Jesus.

- 2) **Mark & Catherine Buhler** – Mark works with refugees and new immigrants in Vancouver. Catherine works with *New Hope Community Services*.



- Pray for continued friendship building among local Muslim and other religious groups. Pray for wisdom in spiritual counseling, mentoring and leadership development.

3) **Josh & Jenni Smolder** – The Smolders are developing a written language in areas of Ethiopia for Bible translation. Josh is a translation advisor with the *Opo project*, a linguistics consultant, and *SIL* Ethiopia linguistics coordinator.



- Pray that he can handle it all and do each role well.

4) **Geordon & Marilyn Rendle** – Geordon continues as a Global Youth Advocate and Marilyn is the Executive Director for *Youth Compass*. Both work full-time from Victoria interacting both locally and globally.



- Pray for wisdom in decision making as they plan for 2025.

5) **Vancouver Urban Ministries** – This ministry supports vulnerable children in a tutorial program in East Vancouver schools.



- Pray for the training of new volunteers in the after-school tutorial program and for open doors and open hearts.

6) **Niños de la Luz (Children of the Light), located in Dominican Republic, Venezuela, and South Sudan** –



NDLL was founded by Jon & Shannon Haslett. This ministry provides stable Christian homes and education on their properties for children who have been abandoned to the streets.

- Pray that God bring team members who can show his love and patience.

7) **Migrant Worker Ministry – Pastor Carlos and Veronica Carrion** minister to Mexican and Guatemalan migrant workers in the lower mainland. They recently had a Christmas dinner for 100 workers.



- Pray the seeds of the gospel that were planted would come to harvest.
- Pray that the follow up will be successful.



- 8) **Stan and Sandy Anonby, Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada**, helping in a language survey identifying which language groups need a Bible translation.

- Please pray for God's guidance to where the Bible is needed most.



- 9) **Rachel Fulmore, Africa Inland Missions**. Rachel is serving in North Africa as a nurse in an outreach clinic in the community. They need a new funding source for their diabetes project, and funds to switch to solar power.

- Please pray for safety, opportunities to share the gospel, and funding.



- 10) **Barry & Sarah Beeler, Overseas Missionary Fellowship**, help people become involved in global missions. Barry is also the coordinator for *Serve Asia*, OMF's short term mission program. He will be at three Bible Colleges in the next three months.

- Pray that he would have wisdom in conversations with all kinds of people, and the discipline to follow up well with each of them.
- Please pray that *Serve Asia* workers have a fruitful mission experience.



- 11) **Taeryn Novak – YFC Comox Valley**. Taeryn is serving on staff with YFC Comox Valley as Ministry Communications Administrator and Youth Worker.

- Please pray for wisdom for Taeryn as she works with youth in the *Creative Life* program and pray for open hearts.



- 12) **Alberto and Minerva Leiva – YFC Nicaragua** Through this ministry Alberto and his wife, Minerva, have impacted hundreds of lives. Their ministry is thriving in a poverty-stricken environment, through children's ministries, English classes, leadership training, and school ministry.

- Pray for more volunteers and for the completion of their new building.

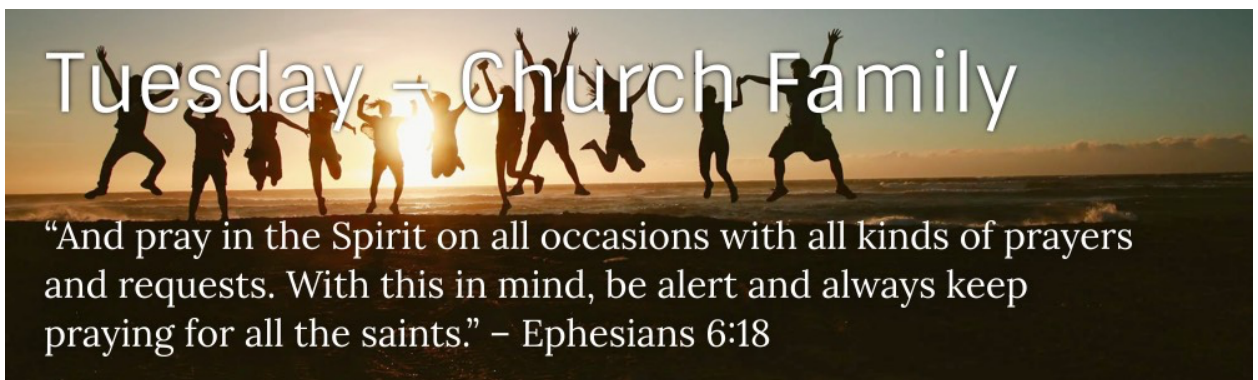


13) **Pakistan Bible Correspondence School, Sindh** – a national evangelism program providing Bible study courses and discipleship training in Sindh Pakistan. A recent Christmas program in one of villages made several elders upset with the staff. The teachers were allowed to leave but the remaining students seek prayer over the possible consequences for themselves.



- Pray for those who become believers as they suffer persecution from their families and the community.

“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.” – E M Bounds



“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints.” – Ephesians 6:18

Take sometime today to pray for members of our church family. Use the church directory. (If you don't have one, check with the church office). As you pray for others in the church listen how God would have you to pray for them. You also may also call them up and ask if there is any way you can pray for them specifically.

“God's answers are wiser than our prayers” – Unknown

How to Pray for the Church Family

- Encouraged in faith.

“According to the riches of his glory may God grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being” (Ephesians 3:16)

- Desiring God.



"O satisfy us in the morning with Your loving-kindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." (Psalm 90:14)

- Not losing heart or growing weary in life's difficult circumstances.

"We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)

- Unity and deeper belonging in the church.

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

- A light in the Comox Valley.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

- Overflowing with joy, peace, and hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

- Serving with joy in the gifts given by God.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

***"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."
– Martin Luther***



Wednesday – Church Leadership and Ministries

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

How to Pray for Leaders at CFBC

- They would find their time in God’s word and prayer rich and fruitful.
- Their personal lives and relationships.
- They will keep their eyes on God and know his leading and strength.
- Wisdom in leading God’s people especially in difficult situations.
- They would grieve over the sin and failures of God’s people.
- Their testimonies—avoiding sin; faithfulness.
- Bold proclamation of the Gospel.
- Identifying and developing new and upcoming leaders.
- They would encourage the Body of Christ.
- Spiritual protection.

Ministry Leaders

- The Staff – Alex Hogendoorn; Randy Dyck; Josiah Friesen; Katie Preston; Carol White; Robyn Lefevre
- The Church Board – Jim Langridge; Jim Hogarth; Bruce Hiller; Dan Klassen; Doug Lye
- Elders – Loren Stark; Doug Lye; Alex Hogendoorn; Randy Dyck; Josiah Friesen
- The Deaconesses – Donna Burns; Norma Hutchings; Robyn Lefevre; Tracey Tremblett; Yvonne Bullis; Lori MacLellan
- Worship Leaders – Joel Dyck; Randy Dyck; Katie Preston; Taeryn Novak; Julianne Duplissie
- Women’s Ministry – Joan Hicks; Leslie Langridge
- Clothing Room Ministry – Nancy Girard
- Food Cupboard – Sherry Koberstein



- Nursery and Preschool – Taryn Friesen; Kelly Hiller

How to Pray for the Ministries at CFBC

Worship Ministry

- Pray for God’s guidance as they prepare to lead in worship.
- Pray that when they lead, God would use them to direct our focus Godward.
- Pray that the congregations’ heartfelt response would glorify God.
- Pray that God would encourage all those who are involved in leading worship

Audio and Livestream Ministries

- That those volunteering will find joy in serving.
- That we will have enough volunteers to run the livestream and sound.
- That the equipment will run as it should.
- That God will be glorified through the sound and online services.

Bonanza Ministry

- Praise God for our dynamic and caring team of leaders.
- Pray that the kids remember the truth and love of the Good News of Jesus in all our activities: free play, games, snacks, crafts, and our Bible story times.
- Give thanks for our growing relationships with the staff at Arden Elementary. Ask for continued favour with Arden and the district school board.
- Pray for more conversations with Bonanza parents that point to Jesus.

Kid’s Quest Ministry

- Praise God that our core group continues to grow. Praise for the kids’ genuine curiosity and thoughtfulness about the Gospel.
- Pray for Taryn, Kelly and Katie as they give shape to our Sunday programs: Nursery, Preschool & Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 5.
- Give thanks for our growing KQ teaching team! Pray for Katie and Josiah as they develop leadership training opportunities for youth.



Summer Day Camp (July 21-25)

- Pray as serious planning of curriculum and details begins! Pray for God's guidance and creativity in planning.
- Pray for God to open doors for every child that joins us this year.
- Pray for ongoing relationships as birthday cards are sent throughout the year to the previous year's campers.
- Pray that campers remember the 2024 motto: "God's truth never changes."
- Pray that our team of volunteer leaders to comes together in a timely manner.

"There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him." – William Law

Youth Ministry Prayer Requests

Youth Leaders: Josiah Friesen (Youth Pastor), Maria Chow, Taeryn Novak, Rebekah Kenway, Levi Walker, Carson & Tara Boyd, Louise Zdancewicz, Kelly Hiller, Hugh Vanderveen, Heidi Miedema, Claire Braunberger, Barry Beeler, Terry Giesbrecht, Mariah Statham.

- Pray that leaders would be growing in faith, obedience, love and wisdom.
- Pray our students to grow in discernment and are on guard against deception.
- For holiness and obedience to Christ in every aspect of their lives, particularly in the area of sex and sexuality.
- For encouragement for those struggling with depression, discouragement, bullying, and suicidal thoughts.
- For students to experience the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus.
- For our upcoming *Liftoff* retreat at *Camp Qwanoes* Feb 7-9: that God would use it to fan into flame a passion for following Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom for parents to raise resilient disciples of Christ in an anti-Christian and complex digital age.
- Pray for our "co-workers in the gospel" at Gaglardi Academy, YFC Comox Valley, CPC youth, Northgate youth, Salvation Army youth, Christ



the King Church, and Living Hope who are all working hard to reach teenagers in the Comox Valley with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

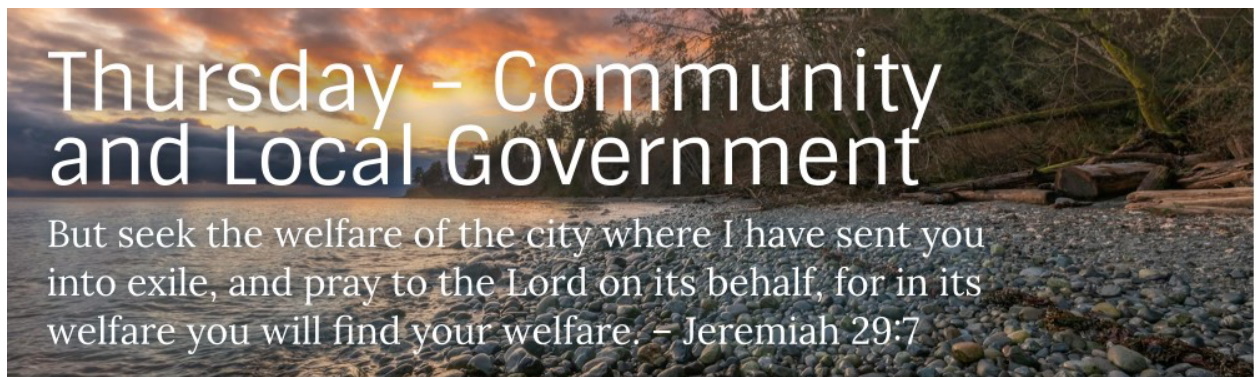
Gospel Communities and Small Groups

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as the leaders prepare.
- Pray that God would create community and support in these groups.
- Pray that these groups would grow and reach out.
- Pray that those involved in the groups would be encouraged in faith.
- Pray that more leaders and that other groups would be able to form.

Ways to Pray for CFBC

- That we would be a church that worships God.
- That we would invest in the lives of others.
- That there would be a sense of community and need for one another.
- That we would proclaim the good news of the gospel.
- That we would see people come a saving faith in Christ.
- That we would make disciples.
- That God's people would endure even in difficult situations.

“The great people of the earth today are the people who pray, not those who talk about prayer.” – S D Gordon



Pray for the Mayors in the Comox Valley

- Courtenay – Bob Wells
- Comox – Nicole Minions
- Cumberland – Vickey Brown



Pray for the Community

- That the disadvantaged find hope and meaning in their lives.
- Pray for guidance for all the caregivers and support providers.
- Pray that our local political leaders work together for the greater good.
- Pray for guidance for political leaders to work through financial challenges.
- Pray for the seniors and the lonely.
- Pray that the youth in the valley are supported as they pursue their goals and their place in society.
- Pray for families which are under tremendous strain today.

Pray for Arden Elementary

- Praise God for our good relationship with the school and the opportunity we have to care for our neighbours with God's love.
- Pray that God would use us to be a light to those who attend and have connection with the school.
- Pray for the success of the school in educating the children—that the teachers will be effective in teaching and staff in leading, and great team dynamics.

Requests from Nesting Place Society

- Pray for Lisa Brown as she gives leadership to this ministry.
- Please pray for wisdom and health for staff, board, volunteers, and clients.
- Please pray for financial provision in 2025.
- Please pray for protection and spiritual covering.
- Please pray for their pregnant clients, families that are struggling through addiction and clients that are grieving.
- Please pray for their student support programs.

Pray For Youth for Christ

Director – Robbie Taylor

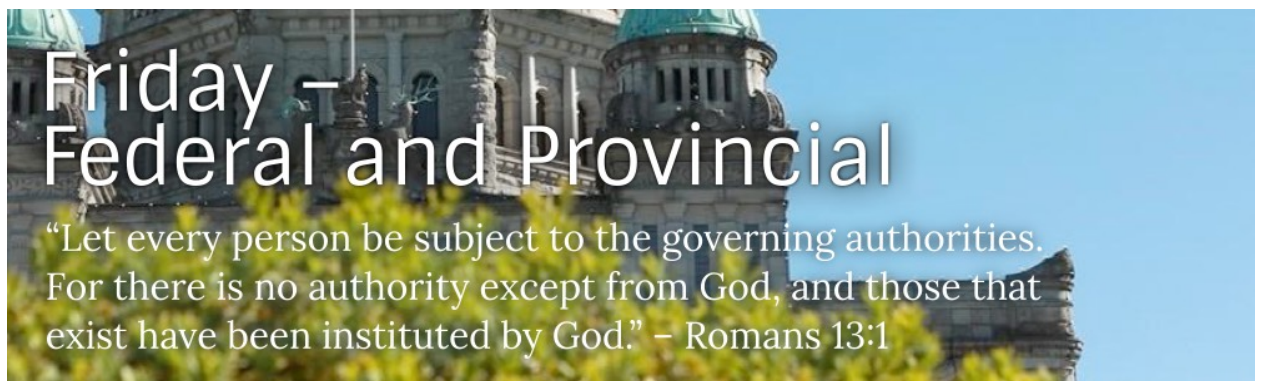


Staff – Taeryn Novak, Rebekah Kenway, Hendré Basson

Ways to Pray for YFC

- Pray that YFC fulfills its mission: “Every young person living fully In Christ.”
- Praise God for the continued opportunity to serve youth in the valley despite the trials and opposition faced in recent years.
- Praise God for those who support the ministry, both in prayer and financially.
- Praise God for the staff team.
- Pray for salvation and revival in the hearts of the teenagers they work with.
- Pray for the staff as they engage with students, parents, teachers and schools.
- Pray for continued support both in resources and prayer.
- Pray that one day the school district reopens the schools to allow YFC to serve students again.
- Pray for potential new staff members.

***“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for your
powers
to be equal to your task.” Philippi Brooks***



Government Leaders

- Prime Minister – Justin Trudeau and his successor
- Federal Members of Parliament – Gord Johns; Rachel Blaney
- Premier of BC – David Eby



- Provincial Members of Parliament – Brennan Day

How to Pray for Government Leaders

- Pray for brothers and sisters in government that they would be ethical and upright, shining lights in the dark game of power and politics.
- Pray that all our leaders manifest humility, knowledge, wisdom and the courage to do what is right.
- Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates justice and resist all pressure to violate their own conscience.
- Pray that they would bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness and integrity to the office that they hold, serving all constituents fairly.
- Pray that they would remember to be good examples in their conduct to the people of Canada who look to them for leadership.
- Pray that they would acknowledge that they are accountable to Almighty God for the decisions that they make, and would even seek his strength, wisdom and courage, and even manifest his care for all people.

“To desire revival....and at the same time to neglect (personal) prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another.” – A W Tozer

Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists of Canada

Pray for Fellowship churches across Canada.

- For leadership teams as they seek to reach their communities for Christ.
- That those attending our churches would develop a personal passion for following Christ.

Pray for Our Fellowship Regions and Leadership.

Our Fellowship is made of five regions: Fellowship Pacific, Fellowship Prairies, FEB Central, AEBEQ (Quebec), and Fellowship Atlantic. They are working together in partnership to help each other better support their regional churches.

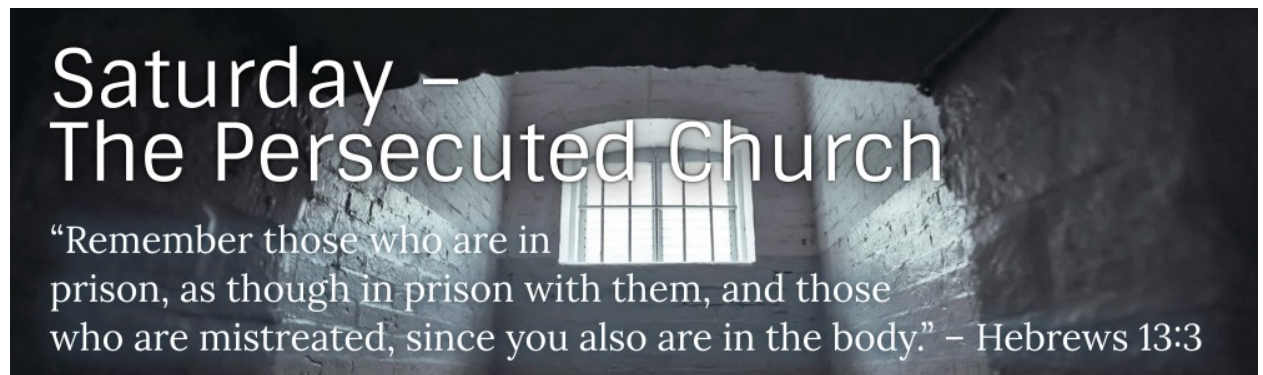
- Pray for churches seeking pastors.



- Pray for church planters and success for new churches.
- Pray for strengthening of relationship among our churches and regions.
- Pray that God would raise up church planters.
- Pray that older churches would be renewed with fresh vision of the Spirit.

Pray for Our National Fellowship

- Steve Jones as he serves as Fellowship President. Pray also for his staff and the National Council as they serve us.
- Fellowship Chaplains who work in various venues in Canada. Pray for effectiveness as they connect with those who are struggling to cope with the difficulties of life and who are desperately looking for hope and peace.
- Fellowship International. Pray that the Lord would raise up support from churches and individuals for newly appointed missionaries.
- Pray that missionaries would boldly share the gospel, see new believers baptized, make disciples, and plant reproducing churches.



Persecution is a reality for 360 million Christians worldwide; the risk of martyrdom rose 24% this year to nearly 500 believers per month. Hearing this may be hard on the heart, but we must be faithful to them and not turn away from the suffering Body of Jesus. In God's plans, the Church miraculously thrives in persecuted countries.

How to Pray for the Persecuted Church.

- Pray our persecuted brothers and sisters will sense God's presence. Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 34:17-182.



- Pray they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:20, 26
- Pray they experience God's comfort whenever family members are injured, imprisoned or even killed for their Christian witness. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
- Pray they have the grace to love and forgive their persecutors. Matthew 5:44
- Pray they are protected and strengthened through the prayers of believers around the world. Jude 20-25; Psalm 34:7
- Pray their ministry activities remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them. Acts 9:25
- Pray they rejoice even in the midst of suffering. Acts 5
- Pray they are refreshed through the study of God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Pray they have more opportunities to share the gospel. Colossians 4:3
- Pray for protection for women who suffer domestic violence and girls who are forced into marriage. Ask God to work in the hearts of their husbands to treat them with kindness and respect.

Whether it's enduring physical torture or simply being able to provide enough food for their families, persecuted believers often face many hardships. May we all remember that our hope lies in the world to come and not in this world.

