

# Christian Life Prayer Priority

Sunday, November 4, 2018

## Today we are praying for the Persecuted Church.

### 10 Ways to Pray for the Persecuted Church

1. Pray they will sense God's presence.  
**Hebrews 13:5** God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
2. Pray they will experience God's comfort.  
**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
3. Pray they will see God open doors to evangelism.  
**Colossians 4:3** And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
4. Pray they will continue to boldly share the gospel.  
**Acts 4:29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.
5. Pray they will forgive and love their persecutors.  
**Matthew 5:44, 45** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven
6. Pray they will know we are praying for them.  
**2 Timothy 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.
7. Pray they will be granted wisdom in covert ministry work.  
**Acts 9:23-25** After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. <sup>25</sup> But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.
8. Pray they will remain joyful amid suffering.  
**Acts 5:41** The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.
9. Pray they will mature in their faith.  
**Colossians 1:28-29** He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.
10. Pray they will be rooted in God's Word.  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.