



# 2022 DAY OF PRAYER

Join us in praying for our  
persecuted brothers and  
sisters around the world.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

"God, save me. Help me." This was Aftab's constant prayer for many years as he faced one life-threatening event after another. Falsely accused of blasphemy – a crime punishable by death – Aftab had to flee his home country. He thought friends in the local government would come to his aid.

No one was willing to help a Christian. The consequences would be too great.

Weeks turned into months and months turned into years. His journey seeking asylum and safety took him to nine countries. He endured hunger and hopelessness, near-death experiences hiding in shipping containers and clinging to a raft by his fingertips, beatings from those in refugee camps who heard him speak openly about the mistreatment of Christians in his home country.

Aftab's is just one story. He shared others from his home country, where Christians are a minority and a constant target of persecution. He doesn't just recount news events. He knows people who have had their homes burned. Women, sometimes young girls, are raped and forced to marry or face death threats against their families. Beatings are common. Execution is a reality.

"God, save us. Help us." This is their prayer.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who face persecution today? Pray that they will be fervent in their faith and that the gospel will continue to spread in their countries. Ask God, the Deliverer, to protect those facing danger. Pray for families, like Aftab's, to be reunited.



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## STANDING WITH OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE PRAY...

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That God will empower the persecuted church to pray, *"not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."* Romans 5:3-5

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That God would equip church leaders as they boldly and courageously proclaim the gospel in the face of opposition.

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That our dear brothers and sisters, will be *"steadfast and immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."* 1 Corinthians 15:58

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That these followers of Christ would consistently study the Scriptures to powerfully endure persecution when it comes.

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For families of imprisoned pastors who fight to trust Jesus as their Provider while living daily life, taking care of children, and supporting their families.

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That God would comfort the children of families who are separated because of persecution.

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That those who are physically beaten will know the loving power of God and respond to their persecutors with confidence, strength, and humility.

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That the testimony and influence of our believing brothers and sisters will spread throughout communities for Christ's sake.

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With persecuted believers as they ask God to use their suffering to further His Kingdom.