



# PERSECUTED CHURCH

## *Prayer Guide*

Romans 5:1-5CSB: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:18CSB: For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5CSB: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

Colossians 1:9-12CSB: For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

1 Peter 5:9-10CSB: Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world. The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while.

Additional Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11, 2 Timothy 1:8-12, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-9, 4:12-19

### Praise & Prayers

- ✞ Praise God for His sovereignty - that we can trust Him in all circumstances
- ✞ Praise God for His presence at all times
  
- ✞ Pray for those suffering around the world, including believers that are persecuted for their faith and missionaries that go through trials because of their work for Christ
- ✞ Pray for those you know that are going through difficult circumstances
- ✞ Pray that they will keep their eyes on Christ, who understands their sufferings
- ✞ Pray that they will be able to have God's perspective during this time
- ✞ Pray that they will see the hope that they have in Christ
- ✞ Pray that they will have endurance
- ✞ Pray that they will choose to praise God through their suffering, even when they don't feel like it
- ✞ Pray that they would feel God's comfort and peace in a way that is beyond our understanding
- ✞ Pray that they will be encouraged by other believers
- ✞ Pray that other believers would share in their sufferings in praying with them
- ✞ Pray that God would burden us at specific times to stop what we are doing and pray for others
- ✞ Pray that those suffering would be drawn closer to Him
- ✞ Pray that those suffering would increase their faith and would see blessing in the middle of their trials
- ✞ Pray that God would restore them
- ✞ Pray that God would be glorified through those suffering

### Additional Resources/Ideas

Check out the website of Voice of the Martyrs. ([www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))