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*Patient in Trials,
Constant in Prayer*



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Across hostile nations, our brothers and sisters in Christ face imprisonment, violence and pressure to deny their faith. Yet, they stand firm – and ask only that we pray for *boldness, wisdom and strength*.

Let's stand together – as one voice.
Pray with us.

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name, the name You gave Me, so that they may be one as We are one.”

John 17:11 NIVUK



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ONE VOICE is one of the primary tools used by Voice of the Martyrs Canada to engage the Canadian Christian community and bring awareness of believers who suffer because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

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ONE BODY. ONE VOICE.

Constant in *Prayer*

By Floyd A. Brobbel
CEO for Voice of the Martyrs Canada

*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.”*

Romans 12:12 ESV



One of the most commonly asked questions among followers of Jesus in the West is, “*Why are Christians persecuted?*” The simplest way to answer this question is to recognize that when we look into the various reasons Christians experience persecution – whether political, economic or societal – we find a deep-seated hatred for the things of God. Jesus made this clear to each of His disciples as He prepared them for ministry, explaining that those who belong to this world will naturally oppose those belonging to God.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

– John 15:18-19 ESV

The next question that frequently arises is, “*How many Christians are currently facing persecution?*” Determining the exact number of persecuted Christians is challenging,

with estimates ranging from 200 million to 500 million. While precise statistics can be useful to help frame the bigger issues that constitute the persecution of believers, VOMC emphasizes the importance of individual testimonies of enduring faith – highlighting the courage of believers who consistently share the Gospel in hostile regions. We believe these stories are important, for they help us to align our faith walk with those who have counted the cost of discipleship.

The next commonly asked question is, “*Where are Christians being persecuted?*” VOMC has created several prayer tools, including an annual *Prayer Map* that identifies 58 countries where Christians are presently encountering persecution. In our own hemisphere, these nations include Mexico, Colombia and Cuba. In the world hemispheres beyond, there are many countries across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe that impose restrictions on religious freedom, resulting in varying levels of persecution.

Finally, people often ask, “*What instigates Christian persecution?*” Dr. Paul Marshal, Distinguished Professor of Religious Freedom at Baylor University, states that there exist today five major ideological systems through which the world actively opposes the Christian faith. These systems are outlined as follows:

1. **Communist and Post-Communist Regimes:** While some Communist and post-Communist nations have evolved to grant citizens more freedoms, these governments still maintain strict control over religion, regulating religious expression and punishing those who dissent.
2. **Religious Nationalism:** In territories or cultures where national identity is tightly bound to a particular religion, minority faiths are frequently suppressed, often leading to them experiencing discrimination and targeted violence.

3. **Islamic Extremism:** In regions where Islam is the predominant religion, militant Muslims and governing leaders who strongly oppose other faith groups seek to control religious expression. Since Christians are regarded as “infidels,” they often face threats, ostracism, violence and legal challenges.
4. **Totalitarian Insecurity:** In national security states, the authorities monitor and restrict all aspects of society. Large religious gatherings are often banned or closely monitored by government agents. Christianity is viewed as a threat due to its evangelistic nature and aim to exert a Godly influence within society.
5. **Western Secularism:** Distinct from other forms of persecution, Western secularism marginalizes religions that conflict with prevailing societal values. As a result, Christians are increasingly encountering discrimination, suppression and pressure to compromise their beliefs.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to not only *prepare* for persecution, but to also *thrive* in the midst of it. Strength is gained as we prayerfully draw near to our Heavenly Father and hold onto the hope He provides. It is crucial that we pray in alignment with His will, especially as we lift up members of the persecuted church. Interceding for our suffering brothers and sisters is a privilege, and the Holy Spirit will sovereignly guide us so that we can pray according to God's desires. In doing so, we will experience greater unity in purpose, patience in trials, and a renewed commitment to continual fervent prayer (Romans 12:12).

Grace and peace,



A Brief but Miraculous Life



While Prakash continues to recover from his injuries, the family lives in a small house owned by Sangeetha's mother (far right). The couple's five-year-old daughter, Shalini, enjoys hearing stories about her late sister, Lavanya.

As Prakash and Sangeetha recount their family's painful story, they bring out a few photos of a delicate girl with short black hair and large brown eyes. In one photo, she is sitting in an orange plastic chair while looking up verses in her New Testament. In another, her head is bowed in prayer. In yet another, she is laughing gleefully. There are other photos as well – images that capture the same fragile girl bandaged and bedridden. These heartrending pictures document the final month in the life of Prakash and Sangeetha's miracle child, Lavanya.

When Lavanya was born in 2014, it was clear from birth that she had health and developmental problems. The young child couldn't move well, and her speech wasn't developing normally. Despite Lavanya's inability to walk or talk, her parents saw a liveliness in her eyes, giving them hope that she could hear and understand them.

Like most people in India, Prakash and Sangeetha were Hindu. They worshipped their family gods and adorned their home with shrines and idols, yet none of their Hindu prayers or rituals improved Lavanya's health or the family's other problems. Prakash, a civil engineer whose income should have been sufficient to support the family, spent his salary on alcohol. His sister-in-law, however, had heard the Gospel from a Christian pastor. After coming to faith in Christ, she introduced the message of Jesus to Prakash and his brothers who, in turn, also became Christians. Eventually, Prakash's parents placed their faith in Christ too. In total, seven adult family members were baptized together, and they threw their idols in the river that same day.

The extended family began meeting regularly for prayer and worship. But when neighbours realized that the new believers were worshipping Jesus Christ, they informed a militant Hindu group known as the Bajrang Dal. As pressure from the militants increased, Prakash and his brothers

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decided to split up and move their families to different villages. They continued to visit one another for prayer and encouragement in the faith, and one of their most common prayers was for Lavanya's healing. "Slowly, Lavanya started to walk. Slowly, she started to talk," Prakash recollects. "All the village people were amazed at seeing these miracles."

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Soon, some neighbours started to visit Prakash and Sangeetha's home, requesting prayer and help. Lavanya was usually the first to greet visitors, welcoming them at the door and taking their hands to lead them inside. When the couple prayed with their guests, Lavanya would also lay her hands on them.

Recognizing the great spiritual needs of his Hindu neighbours, Prakash decided to become an evangelist. With his eager eight-year-old daughter at his side, he began to visit families in need – especially those with disabled children. Prakash would first share how the one true God had healed Lavanya, then he explained the

Lord's plan for restoring not only our physical health but also our relationship with the Creator of the universe through Jesus Christ.

A community leader soon noticed the influence Prakash's ministry was having and confronted him. "He told us, 'If you want to pray, go somewhere else,'" Prakash recalls. The community leader then informed other local Hindu radicals about Prakash's ministry, and they repeatedly warned him to stop telling Hindus about Christ. Still, Prakash continued his work, often with Lavanya at his side so she could pray for people.

On January 15th, 2023, Prakash and Lavanya set out on another ministry trip, this time to a nearby village. To avoid riding their motorbike after dark, they began their return trip home late in the afternoon. It was while travelling on that quiet road with little traffic, just over three kilometres from their home, when tragedy struck. In his rearview mirror, Prakash saw a truck race up behind them. It rammed their motorbike before Prakash could react, causing him to lose control and swerve into a roadside ditch. The truck driver didn't stop to check on them. The first people to arrive at the scene found Prakash unconscious and Lavanya crying out for her father in pain and fear. Someone soon located Prakash's phone and called Sangeetha, who was

at home with their younger daughter, Shalini. Sangeetha arrived at the medical clinic as her husband and daughter were being carried in. The clinic, however, was not equipped to treat such severe injuries, so Prakash and Lavanya were transported to a larger hospital.

Prakash had suffered a head injury, a broken leg and a broken wrist. Although he spent 17 days recovering in the hospital, it was a year before he could walk with the help of a cane. Lavanya's condition was more challenging. "She couldn't tell [us] anything [about the incident]," Sangeetha says, "only that there was pain in her body. She just cried with the pain." During the accident, the flesh on one of Lavanya's legs had been sheared off. Doctors eventually performed a skin graft to help new tissue grow, but the young girl's body rejected the graft. Then her other organs began to fail. On February 27th, after more than 30 days in the hospital, Lavanya passed away.

From the warnings they had received, as well as other evidence, Prakash and Sangeetha believe that the community leader who confronted Prakash was behind the attack. They brought evidence to the police station in hopes of filing a complaint, but the authorities refused to listen. In the aftermath of the incident, some villagers taunted Prakash and Sangeetha about the losses they suffered, stating: "See what your condition is as a Christian? You lost your bike, you lost your daughter, you lost your health!" Prakash sought God's wisdom for how to best respond to the taunts. "Life here is not permanent," he told them. "If you don't have salvation, everything you have or want here is a mist."

Many villagers who initially taunted Prakash and Sangeetha have since sought the couple's forgiveness, and even indicated an eagerness to hear the Gospel. While the man whom they believe was behind the attack has not yet sought their forgiveness, Prakash is ready to forgive him too. "God

said to forgive those who hurt us," states the targeted evangelist, "so [forgiveness] is what I have for him."

As Sangeetha looks through the photographs of Lavanya, tears fill her eyes. Even though this grieving mother is feeling shattered after her daughter's death, she affirms her trust in God – not only in terms of Lavanya's eternity but also for her own recovery from the tragic loss. Likewise, Prakash has experienced the Lord's ministry during his healing journey and through the responses of people with whom he has shared the Gospel since Lavanya's death. "Whatever difficulties come," Prakash concludes, "we should never lose hope in God."

PRAYER RESPONSE

Pray for Prakash and Sangeetha as they recover from the loss of their precious daughter. Ask God to comfort their grieving hearts and strengthen them spiritually as they share their faith with others and present the blessed eternal hope of the Gospel.

Pray for Prakash's ministry among his Hindu neighbours and those in surrounding villages, so that many more lives would be transformed through the legacy of Lavanya's faith and testimony.

Pray for the perpetrator of the attack, asking God to touch his heart, lead him to repentance, and draw him to receive forgiveness and redemption through Jesus Christ.



One Body, One Pursuit

*Praying for Unity within the Body of Christ
and Endurance in our Shared Faith....*

The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians, *"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now"* (1:3-5 ESV). When this highly influential early church leader remembered other believers, his heart was filled with joy as he faithfully prayed for them. Like Paul, we too should be stirred with joy whenever we think of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world and their partnership with us in proclaiming the Gospel. This joy should also motivate us to earnestly pray on behalf of their spiritual and practical needs.

Even though each one of us here in Canada has embarked on our own personal walk of faith, it's important that we remain interconnected with fellow believers – including those who live in other countries of the world. After all, we are collectively part of God's broader international family.

How can we then, as members representing the global body of Christ, function effectively in unity together – remaining steadfast and resilient amid life's trials and sufferings – while, at the same time, moving forward along our individual faith journeys? As the Apostle Paul illustrates in his letters to the early church, it all begins with *prayer*.

In this special *One Voice* issue, we emphasize the importance of prayer. Throughout the following pages, you will have opportunities to intercede on behalf of Christians everywhere, so they can be further empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit to run the race that is set before them with endurance (Hebrews 12:1).

As you pray, please remember to lift up your own spiritual and practical needs, as well as those representing your family, friends, fellow Canadian Christians, and followers of Jesus in other countries

around the world – including those who are experiencing persecution for their faith. We hope that as you intentionally spend time in prayer, you will not only sense a closer connection with your global Christian family, but also find your heart being shaped in such a profound way that it increasingly reflects Christ's.

A Note About Praying Scripture: We recommend that you read through the suggested Bible passages and, as the Holy Spirit prompts you, pray what comes to mind. By doing so, you are “taking the words that originated in the heart and mind of God... [then] circulating them through your heart and mind back to [Him]. By this means, His words become the wings of your prayers.”¹

Endnote: ¹ Donald S. Whitney, *Praying the Bible*, Crossway, Wheaton, Illinois, 2015, p. 32.

For additional daily prayer prompts, go to vomcanada.com/prayerjournal or scan the QR code to download the complete “30-Day Prayer Journal”!



“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you....”

– Philippians 1:3 ESV

“...as the Holy Spirit prompts you, pray what comes to mind.”

DAY 1

Pray through Hebrews 12:1-2.

Pray that each member in the body of Christ – including yourself – would persevere in faith. What “weights” and sins might be hindering you from running the race that God has set before you? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you “lay aside” these burdens so that you can run your race with joy, endurance and freedom.

DAY 2

Pray through Psalm 86.

As you pray through this heartfelt psalm of David, consider the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of your Christian brothers and sisters here in Canada and beyond. Ask God to hear their cries and meet their every need.

DAY 3

Pray through Isaiah 40:28-31.

Give thanks to the everlasting God for His goodness and mercy. Then pray that Christians around the world would be powerfully renewed as they rely on His strength rather than their own.

Reflection

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"Follow [Him], and obey what [He] says we must do."

DAY 4

A Christian couple serving in a Communist country within Southeast Asia regularly challenges local believers to be completely committed to God's Word. "When you...avoid what God says, you try to build your own kingdom," the husband reflects. "Either you listen to God's Word or you listen to the world. Follow [Him], and obey what [He] says we must do."

(Adapted from The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible.)

Are there areas in your life where you've been tempted to follow your own way instead of the Lord's? Spend time praying that the Holy Spirit would help you – and members of your persecuted family in Christ – to be obedient to God's Word, even when it's difficult. Pray also for courage, clarity and spiritual strength on behalf of believers in regions where committing to Jesus comes at great personal cost.

DAY 5

Pray through John 14:27 and John 16:33.

Ask Jesus to fill your heart with the peace of God which "surpasses all understanding," so that you may be strengthened each day as you serve Him. (Philippians 4:7) Also intercede on behalf of the members of your global Christian family who are presently going through various sufferings and hardships. May they too experience the Lord's deep, unshakable peace in the midst of their challenges and be reminded of His triumphant victory over the world.

DAY 6

Rebekah could only watch as her house and church building were burned to the ground by Boko Haram militants, forcing her to flee and leave everything behind. When Rebekah returned months later, she sifted through the rubble and found it: her charred but still usable Bible. "Each time I open my Bible, it reminds me of God's faithfulness," says Rebekah. "Seeing the ashes of some pages I could no longer read makes God's Word more alive in my heart." (Adapted from *The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible*.)

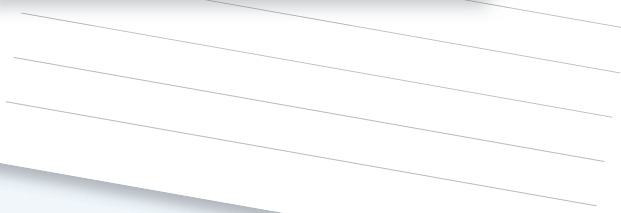
Think about moments in your life when God has shown His faithfulness – even in seasons of loss and uncertainty. As you spend time in prayer, give Him praise for His unwavering faithfulness and the gift of His Word. Pray that your persecuted Christian brothers and sisters would also be continually reminded of God's presence and promises, and that these reminders would encourage them to continue in the work He has placed before them.

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DAY 7

Pray through Lamentations 3:21-25.

How can you "call to mind" the Lord's steadfast love when facing adversity? Give thanks to God for His unfailing love, daily mercies and great faithfulness. Ask the Lord to help you recognize His mercies each morning and anchor your hope in Him. Intercede for your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ, that they too would be reminded of God's goodness every day.



Reflection Questions

Ponder on the condition of your heart and evaluate how it was before you started this condensed prayer journal. How have you seen it transformed? What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you about your personal life, the global body of Christ, and your relationship with the Triune God?

How can you continue the spiritual momentum you've begun? Ask the Lord to provide increased

wisdom and fervour as you pray for your Christian family around the world.

How can you prayerfully remember these persecuted Christians? In what ways can you encourage other believers you know personally to join you in prayer? How is the Lord leading you to continue interceding, providing assistance, and advocating for the global body of Christ?

Additional Prayer Resources

VOMC has several other resources available to help you and your friends pray for our global family in Christ:



Monthly Prayer
Calendar



VOMC's
Prayer Map



Persecution &
Prayer Alert emails

Visit **vomcanada.com** to read prayer points relating to persecuted countries.

Social media: Find us on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube!

Shop at our online store: **www.vomcanada.com/store**.
(See page 18 for a specific listing of recommended resources focussing on prayer.)

VOM Global Reports

DJIBOUTI: Rejected by Family, Resolute in Faith



In Djibouti, Christian converts face great difficulties from members of their families and/or local communities.

Moussa, a 65-year-old man in the East African nation of Djibouti, was a devout Muslim until approximately five years ago when his daughter began suffering with severe abdominal pain. After seeking the aid of imams and local physicians without success, Moussa desperately prayed to Christ for his daughter's healing. His wife, Safia, who has been a follower of Jesus for more than three decades now, consistently interceded for her husband's salvation over the years – even though Moussa had once expelled her from their home because of her Christian faith.

When Moussa prayed for his daughter, she was suddenly healed! "I could not deny that God is truly and only found in Christianity," he says. Filled with a newfound joy, he began sharing the "Good News" of the Gospel with his Muslim family members. Sadly, they responded by disowning Moussa for converting to Christianity. Although the new believer is heartbroken over his family's rejection, his faith remains unwavering and he is joyfully living for the Lord.

MALDIVES: Reaching Many Through "People of Peace"

The Maldives, a nation of islands in the Indian Ocean, officially declared that its citizenship is 100 percent Muslim. Foreign Christians are strictly forbidden from sharing the Gospel with Maldivians. Believers risk losing their citizen status and encountering rejection from society. Even though Christian ministry workers try to avoid drawing the attention of fundamentalist groups, they often encounter significant challenges when evangelizing new believers. As a result, they pray for "people of peace" – individuals who are open to spiritual conversations and willing to engage.

Mary, one such "person of peace," shared that she and her husband suffered traumatic losses when they tried to start a family. Thankfully, a group of ministry workers was recently able to pray with her. Please join us in asking the Lord to bless the couple with a child and that, through their experience, they would not only be drawn to Jesus but also willing to use their connections to testify of His saving grace and goodness.



All Maldivians are required by law to follow Islam.

Praying for our Persecutors

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’
But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....”*

Matthew 5:43-44 NIVUK

By Kate Ward

Gender and Religious Freedom Advisor for VOMC

The words of Jesus in Matthew 5:43-44 are among the most challenging in all of Scripture. What does it truly mean to “love your enemies” when your safety is uncertain; your family is at risk; and persecution is daily, personal and real? How can you “pray for those who persecute you” without building a heart of bitterness or indifference as, day by day, you encounter increasing pressures? And what can we learn as followers of Jesus here in Canada, where hostility may take different forms, but the call to pray remains just as urgent?

I recently explored these questions with two sisters in Christ who lead networks of persecuted Christians – one serving in an Islamic context and, the other, in a Hindu-majority region. Their insights are profoundly instructive as we seek to live out Jesus’ command in our own context.

Firstly, the women acknowledged that their historical and theological understanding of Christian persecution has been the bedrock of their prayers. For early Christians in the Middle East – who suffered centuries of violent persecution

and martyrdom – the strength and courage to pray was not born out of comfort, but out of a long legacy of trusting God in the face of adversity. In the same way, both women spoke of how they have personally witnessed God’s radical intervention through prayer, as well as His unmistakable presence in the midst of pain.

One woman bore testimony to the grace that enabled her to continue praying after suffering excruciating violations at the hands of the police officials in her country – individuals whom she should have been able to trust. “I just thought of Jesus and what He suffered,” she remarked. “He was naked on the cross in front of everyone. He knows and understands my pain, and that means everything to me as I recover and continue to pray.”

Secondly, our suffering brothers and sisters pray because they trust the words of Jesus and obey His commands. One sister in Christ explained: “We always pray for the transformation of [our persecutors’] hearts...that they may understand God’s love. They have been blinded by the false



narrative of the government and other teachings, so we pray for persecutors [to] know Jesus and...who He truly is.”

Forgiveness is central to these prayers. Persecuted Christians understand that to be free from bitterness and anger, they must choose to follow the example of Jesus by forgiving their enemies. This is not a one-time act but a daily decision to extend *love* instead of *hate*. It is a journey that requires time and repeated surrender in prayer.

Thirdly, the women I spoke with are honest about their fears – explaining that, in the midst of them, they fervently cry out to God in prayer. Like many persecuted believers, they expressed that their greatest fear is not for their own safety, but for the well-being of their families. Vulnerability often increases when they must leave their homes for work or to support others in their community who have been attacked. As a result, these ministry workers frequently pray that their children would be protected in their absence. “We call out to Jesus for His help and support,” one of them stated.

When doing research for this article, I asked the two women to provide audio messages in reply to the questions I posed. As one sister in Christ bid her farewell to me, she ended her message with these endearing words: “I am always here for you. Lots of love – and have a lovely day!” What beautiful

faith! Even though this worker candidly shared how she prays for her enemies and what she wrestles with in prayer, she did not forget to extend her love to a VOMC worker and friend. Her words were simple; yet they carried the weight of a faith that forgives, loves and blesses in the face of persecution.

This is the beauty of a life transformed by Christ. As Romans 12:2 reminds us, we are to renew our minds daily – no longer being conformed to patterns of fear or hatred, but rather shaped by the love and truth of Jesus. These women, and so many others like them, show us what it means to live out this transformation. May we too learn to pray with such triumphant faith. May we forgive with such courage. And may we love with such conviction, trusting that *God is with us* through all things.

HEART CHECK

What does forgiveness look like in your life right now? Is there someone God is asking you to forgive?

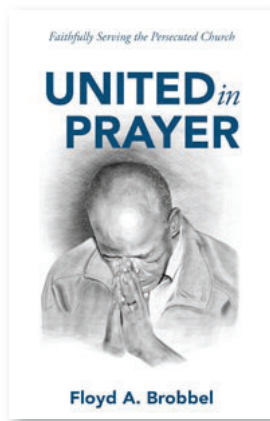
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***United in Prayer* | \$15**

United in Prayer is an insightful guide that encourages readers to enter into compelling and impactful prayers that will fortify and enrich the suffering body of Christ. It's often said that the smallest action can have the greatest impact – and prayer is a testament to this reality. Together, let's pray that all believers will:

- Stand firm and trust in the Lord
- Shine like stars in a fallen world
- Live as 'salt and light' in our communities
- Forgive and love others – even persecutors
- Thrive, not just survive, amid the soil of persecution



Remember, prayer is not a passive gesture but a mighty instrument that can usher in substantial, life-changing transformation. Paperback, 110 pages

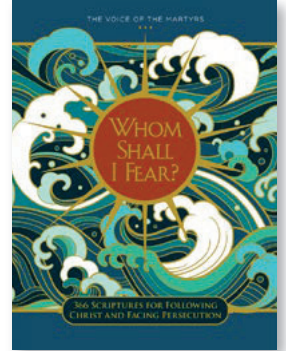
Whom Shall I Fear?

366 Scriptures for Following Christ and Facing Persecution | \$25

Just days before Pastor Richard Wurmbrand was arrested by the Romanian secret police, he discovered that there were

366 references in Scripture that would specifically help Christians to overcome fear – one for each day of the year, including the leap year. This concept further enhanced his own prayerful study of God's Word and gave him the strength to stand strong for Christ in the face of opposition, imprisonment and torture.

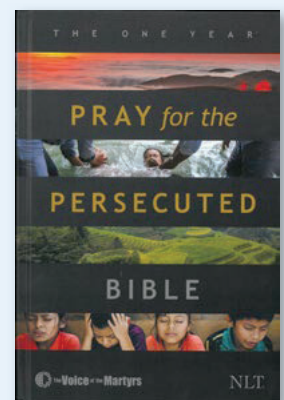
Featuring testimonies from the Wurmbrands and other persecuted Christians from throughout history, *Whom Shall I Fear?* invites you to encounter 366 Scriptural passages that will take you beyond anxiety, doubt and fear, grounding your faith in God's character as you live obediently for Him amid life's challenges. Hardcover, 493 pages



***The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible* | \$18**

The One-Year "Pray for the Persecuted" Bible includes unique daily "prayer prompts," covering a wide range of challenges that are facing persecuted Christians today. This special edition of *The One-Year Bible* is also designed to help you read through the entire Bible in one unforgettable year, as you prayerfully lift up your petitions to God's 'throne of grace' on behalf of suffering Christians.

The full-colour pages feature inspiring stories of Christians who courageously witness for Christ amid great risk, a fold-out map of restricted and hostile global regions, a unique Scripture reading plan – along with those daily "prayer prompts" – to help you intercede more specifically on behalf of persecuted believers around the globe. (Available in either the NLT or the CSB version.)



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“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....”

— Matthew 5:44 NIVUK

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 COLOMBIA Pray for the divine protection and creative strategies of those bringing God's Word into remote areas.	2 VIETNAM Ask the Lord to provide for the physical needs of tribal Christians, who are often denied basic services.	3 ETHIOPIA Pray that Christians in Ethiopia will stand firm in their faith and courageously proclaim the Gospel.
4 AFGHANISTAN Pray that the Lord will bless the efforts of those who are bravely sharing the “Good News” of His salvation.	5 SAUDI ARABIA Pray that more Christian workers will be equipped to reach Saudis with the message of Jesus.	6 BENIN Pray for Christians like Ariane, Marc, Aisosa, Renee and Rebecca, who escaped voodooism to follow Christ.	7 NIGER Pray that those ministering in remote areas would witness the spiritual transformation of many villages.	8 SOMALIA Pray for the healing of 19 Christian widows who survived a brutal attack by al-Shabab terrorists.	9 RWANDA Pray that governing officials who are monitoring churches will be powerfully transformed by God's love.	10 MALAWI Pray that Bibles will be more accessible and affordable for believers in this Southeast African nation.
11 IRAQ Pray that Christians will seize opportunities to reach out to their Muslim neighbours with the love of Jesus.	12 NEPAL Pray for safety and courage on behalf of Raj, a pastor who received death threats for his ministry work.	13 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for Christians who are facing fear and uncertainty in this war-torn nation (2 Chronicles 20:12).	14 UZBEKISTAN Pray that recently trained Christian leaders will be imparted with divine wisdom, strength and anointing.	15 TOGO Pray for Fulani Christian converts who have been rejected by their opposing families and communities.	16 SIERRA LEONE Pray that demonic secret societies will be exposed and rendered powerless by the authority of Jesus Christ.	17 TUNISIA Ask God to provide Christians safe meeting places where they can gather for teaching and worship.
18 BRUNEI Pray for the strengthening of the Bruneian church, so it may grow in spiritual depth and unity (Ephesians 3:16-19).	19 EGYPT Pray for continued outreaches in Egypt, which has the largest population of believers in the Middle East.	20 MOZAMBIQUE Pray that every believer in this Southeast African country will receive an audio Bible in their local dialect.	21 CHAD Although only 25 percent of the population identify as Christians, may their outreach efforts be effective.	22 ERITREA Despite extreme restrictions, ask the Lord to open doors for Gospel worship and proclamation.	23 BURKINA FASO Pray for the protection of believers who have been driven from their homes by Islamic militants.	24 IRAN Pray for the safe release of the many Christians who are currently in prison or under house arrest.
25 MYANMAR Pray that ministry workers will use wisdom and discernment as they disciple a new generation of leaders.	26 VENEZUELA May the Lord bless Christian leaders with joy and strength as they faithfully minister in their communities.	27 MALI Pray for pastors who were forced to flee after receiving death threats for sharing their faith.	28 SOMALIA Although there are no church buildings, pray that Christians will find ways to safely gather for worship.	29 UGANDA Pray that attacked followers of Jesus will tangibly experience God's presence, love, healing and provision.	30 MOZAMBIQUE Pray for former Muslims who sought Christ's salvation after witnessing militant Islamic violence.	31 TANZANIA Pray for the protection of Christians living on the island of Pemba, where believers are frequently attacked.



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