

November 7-9 is held annually worldwide prayer.

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide.



Christians around the world come together in a petition for the Christians who are in persecutions.

## FACTS ON PERSECUTION

### WHAT PERSECUTION IS:

Religious persecution is the mistreatment of an individual or group because of their faith. The levels of persecution can range from acts of hatred, second-class citizenship, job discrimination, and forced conversion, to imprisonment, torture, rape and death.

### WHERE PERSECUTION OCCURS:

All over the world. From 2006-2009, Christians were persecuted in 130 countries (according to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life 2011). The more extreme cases are found in the 10/40 window.\*



*\*Defined by Christian missionary Luis Bush in the 1990s, referring to countries located between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator in the eastern hemisphere. These countries deal with the highest level of socioeconomic challenges and least access to the Gospel.*

### IN 2014 ALONE, THIS MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN NIGERIA:

# 1,700+

(that's double previous death tolls)

**PERSECUTION**  
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONCERN

INTERNATIONAL  
**DAY OF PRAYER**  
FOR THE PERSECUTED

Together we can change the lives of over 100 million persecuted Christians.



## WHAT IS IDOP?

All over the world, Christians are still persecuted for their faith. For this reason, the global Church sets aside one Sunday a year to collectively pray for our suffering brothers and sisters.

## WHY DO WE PRAY?

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

**Hebrews 13:3**

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

**1 Corinthians 12:26**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the right of all who are destitute.

**Proverbs 31:8-9**

*All verses are in NIV version.*

## WHY I SERVE THE PERSECUTED

*a special note by ICC President, Jeff King*

As I think about the persecution of our brothers and sisters, I'm reminded of what Jesus said as he blinded Saul while on his way to Damascus to throw Christians into prison. Stunned by the Lord's voice echoing from heaven, Saul fell flat from his horse onto the dusty road. Do you remember what Jesus said that day?

### SAUL, SAUL, WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?

Jesus didn't ask why Saul was persecuting His children or why Saul was hurting those He loved. He asked why he was persecuting Him, Jesus. This is the foundation of why ICC serves the persecuted Church. We believe it's Jesus that's been imprisoned, kicked from His home, and beaten. We believe it's Jesus we are serving when we advocate for an imprisoned pastor, shelter converts that have lost everything, and nurse the abused back to health. Serving the persecuted is an incredible ministry, one that I would urge you to consider.

Two weeks after coming to Christ, the Lord spoke to me in a clear and powerful way, telling me to ask the forgiveness of somebody I had wounded deeply and to share Him with them. Do you know what He said to me?

### IN HURTING THEM, YOU HURT ME

I had no idea at the time what that meant and still have only a glimpse (see Matthew 25: 31-45). In the end, all I know is that the Word tells us we are ONE BODY and that body is somehow the body of Jesus. This is not a trite phrase or marketing slogan. It is a deep spiritual mystery and reality that we won't fully understand until we get to heaven.

Thank you for praying and caring for the persecuted. Your interest and care for them demonstrates your heart of care for the body of Jesus.

Jeff King  
President, International Christian Concern

Every church, if it minded the things, your congregations on this important day the persecuted, we have



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