

14 Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Bible Reading Plan for the Persecuted Church

DAY	SCRIPTURE READING	THINK	PRAY	ACT
DAY 1: MIDDLE EAST	John 15:19-21 "A Man Named John"	How does persecution for the name of Jesus differ from other types of persecution?	Pray that wherever a pastor is facing persecution, he will feel God's presence surrounding him with love.	Share this Bible Reading Plan with your family and ask them if they will spend two weeks praying for the Persecuted Church with you.
DAY 2: THAILAND	Matthew 10:22-24 "Christian Persecution Washed Away by Living Water"	In this passage, why does Jesus instruct his disciples to flee when they are persecuted?	Pray that wherever a Christian maybe fleeing for her life as a result of persecution, she will feel her limbs quickened and her heart flooded with hope.	Share the story of "Christian Persecution Washed Away by Living Water" with your Facebook friends.
DAY 3: CHINA	2 Corinthians 6:4-10 "Broken Hands, Unbroken Spirit"	What makes a person willing to endure pain for the sake of Christ?	Pray for the church in China and for Chinese Christians who may still suffer for their faith.	Download the PDF for this 14-day study and print 10 copies to share with people in your circle.
DAY 4: CHINA	1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 "Chinese Christian starts Bible Study at University"	What forms does persecution take? Is it always physical? Can it be social or emotional?	Pray for Chinese Christian university students: that they will continue to be blessed as they boldly share the Gospel on China's campuses, and beyond.	Write a blog post about religious persecution in the 21st century or encourage a blogger you know to write about it.
DAY 5: UKRAINE	Luke 9:57-62 "Changing Who to Submit To"	What kind of sacrifice is asked of us to be followers of Christ?	Pray for those that must choose between Christ and their families: that they will be encouraged by the knowledge that they are now in the family of the Lord.	Share today's devotional prayer on Twitter.
DAY 6: REPUBLIC OF NIGER	1 Timothy 1:12-14 "Persecutor of Christians in the Republic of Niger Chooses Relationship with Jesus"	What forms does pressure to deny Christ take?	Pray for those who are coming to faith in predominantly Muslim, North African countries: that they will stand firm and share the gospel in their families and towns.	Share this study with a non-Christian friend. Ask them for their thoughts.
DAY 7: MIDDLE EAST	Matthew 10:32-39 "Arabic Bible study leads Taliban operative to faith"	What kind of impact can eternal perspective have on those that are being persecuted?	Pray for those that know the earthly impact that following Christ can have on family relationships: that they will choose an eternal relationship above all others.	Discuss today's story with your family. Focus on how a relationship with our Heavenly Father takes precedence over any and all earthly relationships we have.

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<p>DAY 8: CAMBODIA</p>	<p>Psalm 103:12 "Mercy for the Memories"</p>	<p>Why does the Lord assure us repeatedly that if we accept His grace our sins are completely forgiven?</p>	<p>Pray for those that formerly persecuted Christians and have now accepted the redeeming gift of Christ's grace: that they may live in freedom, knowing their sins have been forgiven.</p>	<p>In pencil, write down the sins that Satan keeps reminding you of, even though you have already been forgiven. Reject this lie and picture in your mind what it means for you to be as white as snow in our Father's eyes. Erase your list just like the Lord has erased your sin.</p>
<p>DAY 9: KENYA</p>	<p>John 3:16 "The walls of Islam crumbled at the sound of a single word. Love."</p>	<p>Why is the eternal love of our Heavenly Father able to penetrate even the hardest hearts?</p>	<p>Pray for the incredible courage of Christians in persecuted countries: that they would be bold in sharing the good news of God's love for everyone.</p>	<p>Be bold like the little girl in this story; pray for discernment and share the news of God's love with a non-Christian in your life.</p>
<p>DAY 10: NIGERIA</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:32-40 "They Came Like a Blazing Fire"</p>	<p>What is the difference between persecution and dislike?</p>	<p>Pray for healing for Christians in Jos, Nigeria: that they will continue their work of telling people about Jesus.</p>	<p>Share today's readings with a young person in your life. Ask them what they think it means to be persecuted for your faith.</p>
<p>DAY 11: SENEGAL</p>	<p>Psalm 91 "African Christians in Senegal"</p>	<p>Why did the psalmist write so often about persecution and the Lord's provision in the midst of suffering?</p>	<p>Pray for the fruitful work of the Christians in Senegal: that they would continue to help their countrymen turn from worshipping false gods and the occult, and to submit to the one true Lord of Lords.</p>	<p>Print out today's verse and share it with someone that you know is experiencing suffering in their circumstances. Offer to pray through it with them.</p>
<p>DAY 12: UKRAINE</p>	<p>James 1:2-16 "KGB means Keep Giving Bibles"</p>	<p>Why is the Word of God such a polarizing book?</p>	<p>Pray for those that risk exposure and dire consequences for merely sharing the Word of God: that they would be shielded by a hedge of protection.</p>	<p>Share your favorite Bible verse today on Twitter and Facebook with a comment about the blessing of being able to freely share Scripture in our culture.</p>
<p>DAY 13: PHILIPPINES</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:1-9 "When Your Life Flashes Before Your Eyes, What Do You See?"</p>	<p>How are we able to display peace and joy in the midst of suffering?</p>	<p>Pray for those that are imprisoned as a result of sharing the gospel: that they would continue to be a light in the darkest of places.</p>	<p>Sit in a darkened room reflecting on what it might be like to be in chains for the gospel of Christ. Turn on one lamp, and take time to notice how far its light reaches the furthest corners of the room, bringing illumination to everything it touches.</p>
<p>DAY 14: UGANDA</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:17 "Deep Love from Deep Suffering"</p>	<p>Why are prayer and praise such powerful weapons in the spiritual battle of persecution?</p>	<p>Pray for the children of Uganda that are suffering under the practices of witchcraft and child sacrifice: that the believers in the country would have influence in their culture.</p>	<p>Sing a song or hymn of praise to the Lord in celebration of the fact that He has given all of his children a new song to sing.</p>