PERSECUTION WAYS TO PRAY



People ask us, 'Why is Asia so unreached?' Severe opposition to Jesus is a significant factor right across the continent. Whether it is Islamic oppression, Hindu nationalism, Buddhist opposition or communist rule, millions across Asia are unable to live and worship Christ freely.

We long to see Asia set free - to see the church meet and witness openly without fear of imprisonment, torture or execution. We long to see the gospel proclaimed freely and received openly by all whom the Lord calls. Pray with us for the persecuted people of Asia and for a day when the church can proclaim Christ openly.

SE ASIA

Buddhist and animist opposition, especially in rural areas, can cause much difficulty for Christians. Believers in villages can be blamed for anything from a poor harvest to the spreading of illness. Consequently, Christians are often forced out of their homes.

Pray for believers in South-East Asia as they live as faithful witnesses.

NORTH KOREA

This is the darkest and most difficult place on earth to be a Christian. With no freedom of speech or worship, churches meet in secret. Those caught face labour camps, home to some of the most abhorrent treatment and abuse of prisoners.

Pray that the Lord would transform this dark land for His glory.

KASHMIR

This Muslim-majority, autonomous state in India fiercely opposes Christian witness. Churches meet secretly in small numbers and are often targets of local extremist groups.

Pray for pastors and evangelists in this region as they support the church and seek to reach others with the gospel amid such hostility.

INDIA

Rising Hindu nationalism in recent years has seen persecution against Christians sky-rocket. Several states have anti-conversion laws in place and stories of believers beaten by extremist mobs are all too common.

Pray for Christians to remain faithful and to continue to proclaim the gospel in the face of such opposition.

MIDDLE EAST

In many Muslim majority regions, a strong culture of honour and shame exists. Individuals who convert to Christianity from Islam are considered shameful and so must be cut off from the family to preserve honour.

Pray that Christians cut off from their families would know the Lord's help and act as witnesses for Him.

CHINA

After a survey revealed numbers of Christians rivalled membership of the Chinese Communist Party, authorities have clamped down on believers. Churches are raided, pastors disappear and Scripture is corrupted with pro-Chinese sentiments.

Pray for the millions of Chinese believers to endure under pressure.

MALDIVES

This group of over one thousand islands in the Indian Ocean prides itself on being 99.7% Muslim. A very difficult part of the world to reach, Christians live very carefully and any effort to reach the islands is conducted in utmost secrecy.

Pray for breakthrough on these islands that the gospel may flourish.



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