

Group Prayer Requests

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

November 3, 2019

Persecution Facts

1. Over _____ MILLION Christians around the world face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Christians face persecution in _____ countries out of _____+ countries in the world.
3. Christians are the most persecuted _____ group in the world.

How are Christians persecuted?

- _____
- _____ & _____ Discrimination
- _____ Damage
- Displaced from _____
- _____ Assault
- _____ & _____
- _____
- _____ Christians were killed for faith-related reasons. On average that is _____ Christians killed every day.
- _____ Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned.
- _____ churches or Christian buildings were attacked.

Worship Songs 11/3/2019

Whom Shall I Fear: *Chris Tomlin*

The Rock Won't Move: *Elevation Worship*

Awesome Is The Lord Most High: *Chris Tomlin*

He Will Hold me Fast: *Sovereign Grace Music*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Impact of Persecution on American Christians

❶ _____ persecution in all forms is coming our way, so we need to be ready to _____

God's Kingdom well. **John 15:18 (752)**

❷ Without the reality of persecution, we can _____ cross-bearing and _____ it with any form of discomfort.

II Timothy 3:12 (833)

❸ Persecution is not something that American Christians are _____ to escape.

❹ The current persecution of fellow Christians around the world should serve to _____ and _____ us in our faith. **I Peter 5:9 (852)**

Persecuted Church Websites

www.opendoorsusa.org

www.christianfreedom.org

www.persecution.com

Discussion Guide

What comes to mind when you hear of the "Persecuted Church"?

What new insight did you discover about the Persecuted Church?

Read John 15:18-20, II Timothy 3:12

What does God's Word say about persecution?

Has the world looked the other way while Christians are being killed?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

How does Christian Persecution affect the body of Christ as a whole?

Read Hebrews 13:3

Why do you believe it is important to "Remember the Persecuted"?

Read Matt. 5:10-12, Rom. 8:35-39, 2 Cor. 4:8-11

What hope does God's Word have for those who suffer persecution and hardship?

How do you think you would fare in one of these countries hostile to the Christian faith?

What are ways you were challenged to be more engaged with the plight of the Persecuted Church?