



# A Week of Focused Prayer

*January 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>*

## **About this Prayer Booklet.**

This week, our church is uniting in a focused season of prayer. Together, we'll lift up our church, its ministries, missionaries, and community, asking above all: **God be glorified!**

Each day highlights specific areas of prayer, with suggestions to guide you. Let's stay sensitive to the Spirit's leading as we intercede. You may also feel led to fast, dedicating extra time to seek God's movement.

Let's pray boldly, trusting God to work in powerful ways!



Courtenay Fellowship  
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# Sunday – Personal Prayer

“The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them.” – Psalm 145: 18-19

Today take some time for focused prayer for the items in your life that bring concern, worry, questions, and take time to intentionally thank our mighty Saviour for the items in your life that are filled with joy, contentment and satisfaction.

The following ideas are six ways in which you can pray for yourself today.

- That God would continually open your eyes to see his worth.

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

- That God would help you live as though he is your treasure in all of life.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock, it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

- That God would help you keep perspective and lean your heart towards him and not toward selfish desires.

“Incline my heart toward you and not toward selfish gain.” (Psalm 119:36)

- That God would lead you to repentance and purify you.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Ps. 139:23-24)

- That God would satisfy your heart.

“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.” (Psalm 90:14)



- That God would continually change your heart and make it more like Christ's.

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

As you commit to this week of prayer, ask the Lord to lead you and grow your faith until you pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and never lose heart (Luke 18:1). Pray that his kingdom would come in your life and in the lives of your family. Pray the Lord's prayer over you, your family, and friends:

- <sup>9</sup> Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,
- <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. – Matthew 6:9-13

***“If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled” – Cynthia Lewis***



## ***How to to Pray for Missionaries***

- Open doors
 

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message. ...” – Colossians 4:2-3a (NIV)
- Boldness
 

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. ...” – Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)





- Protection

“Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:2 (NLT)

- Effective ministry

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” - John 15:5 (NLT)

- Refreshment

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” — Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT)

- Witness – that they would walk in a manner Worthy of the Gospel. That they would live lives of integrity (Titus 2:7–8).
- Countries where they serve – for those in authority. For religious freedom and openness to the gospel.

***“Every step in the progress of missions  
is directly traceable to prayer.”  
– Arthur Tappan Pierson***

## **Missionaries Supported by CFBC**

- 1) **Mark Naylor** – *Mark continues to work on translation of Hindu Sindhi Scripture passages.*

- Pray for wisdom as Mark mentors 4 men in Pakistan (Papu, Sahib, Timothy and Nathaniel). They are bringing the gospel to their people using the Discovery Bible Study.



- 2) **Mark & Catherine Buhler** – Mark works with refugees and new immigrants in Vancouver. Catherine works with New Hope Community Services Day Care.

- Pray for Mark as he mentors new leaders and that he develops close relations within many ethnic groups in his community.



- 3) **Josh & Jenni Smolder** – The Smolders development of a written language in areas of Ethiopia where there isn't one for Bible translation. They are currently on track with a NT Bible translation for the Opo people.



- Pray for the Opo people. They now have the opportunity to develop their language, but there are temptations along the way.

- 4) **Geordon & Marilyn Rendle** – Geordon continues in his **Global Youth Advocate** role and Marilyn is the **Diaspora Stewardship Director**. Both are working full-time, based in Victoria, interacting both locally and globally, and travelling upon request.



- Pray God would continue to provide the many opportunities for them to speak around the world and the strength to do it.

- 5) **Vancouver Urban Ministries** – This ministry supports vulnerable children in a tutorial program in East Vancouver schools.



- Praise God that they were able to launch a new tutoring hub in Richmond.

- 6) **Niños de la Luz (Children of the Light), located in Dominican Republic, Venezuela, and South Sudan** – NDLL was founded by Jon & Shannon Haslett. This ministry provides stable Christian homes and education on their properties for children who have been abandoned to the streets. Members from CFBC have participated in several short term mission trips.



- Pray for safety during the new construction in South Sudan.

- 7) **Migrant Worker Ministry** – Pastor Carlos Carrion and his wife, Veronica, are a missionary couple who minister to Mexican and Guatemalan migrant workers in the lower mainland. Praise for those being reached by the gospel.



- Pray for these migrant workers who endure the hardship of being away from their families for 2 years to work.

- 8) **Stan and Sandy Anonby, Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada**. Stan and Sandy are involved in language survey to help determine which language groups need Bible translation.

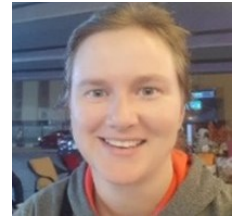


- Pray that God would continue to give them strength for 3 projects in 2026.



- 9) **Rachel Fulmore, Africa Inland Missions.** Rachel is serving in North Africa as a nurse in a Christian hospital. Currently she is teaching nursing classes and going to the villages every week with the diabetes program.

- Please pray for a child at their clinic with a mysterious illness that has stopped her from walking and she doesn't have the right documentation to get further testing.



- 10) **Barry & Sarah Beeler, Overseas Missionary Fellowship,** The Beeler's help people become purposefully involved in what God is doing in the world. Barry is also the coordinator for Serve Asia, OMF's short term mission program.

- January to March is when OMF mobilizers connect with a lot of students across Canada. Pray that God would give each student we meet a personal vision for engaging His Mission.



- 11) **Taeryn Novak – YFC Comox Valley.** Taeryn is serving on staff with YFC Comox Valley as Ministry Communications Administrator and Youth Worker.

- Please pray for wisdom for Taeryn as she works with youth in the Creative Life program. Pray for open hearts.



- 12) **Alberto and Minerva Leiva – YFC Nicaragua** Through this ministry Alberto and his wife, Minerva, have impacted hundreds of lives. Their ministry is thriving in a poverty-stricken environment, through children's ministries, English classes, leadership training, and school ministry.

- Pray for the local church to establish a training collaboration with hundreds of high school students.



- 13) **Pakistan Bible Correspondence School, Sindh** – a national evangelism program providing Bible study courses and discipleship training in Sindh Pakistan.

- Pray that true seekers may read the Bible, find God's Holy Spirit and share the good news to others.

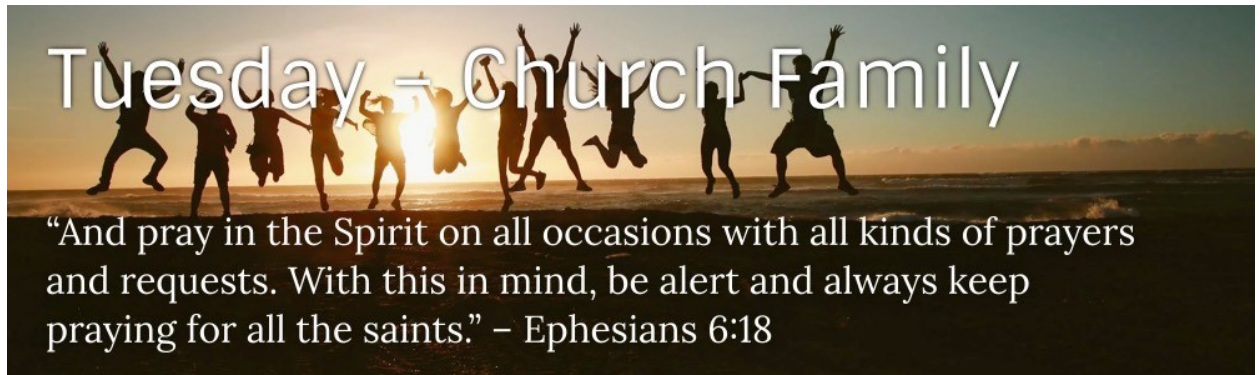


- 14) **Jacob & Rachel Hwang** – Serving Ahousaht and Port Alberni First Nations at Maaqtusiis Community Church.

- Pray for strength, wisdom and meaningful relationships in this ongoing ministry.



***“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.” – E M Bounds***



Take sometime today to pray for members of our church family. Use the church directory. (If you don't have one, check with the church office). As you pray for others in the church listen how God would have you to pray for them. You also may also call them up and ask if there is any way you can pray for them specifically.

***“God’s answers are wiser than our prayers” – Unknown***

## ***How to Pray for the Church Family***

- Encouraged in faith.

“According to the riches of his glory may God grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being” (Ephesians 3:16)

- Desiring God.

"O satisfy us in the morning with Your loving-kindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." (Psalm 90:14)

- Not losing heart or growing weary in life's difficult circumstances.

“We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

- Unity and deeper belonging in the church.

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)





- A light in the Comox Valley.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

- Overflowing with joy, peace, and hope.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

- Serving with joy in the gifts given by God.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:10-11)

***“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”***

***– Martin Luther***

## Wednesday – Church Leadership and Ministries

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

**“A Caring Community, Anchored in Jesus, Engaging Our World with His Love.”**

### ***How to Pray for Leaders at CFBC***

- They would find their time in God’s word and prayer rich and fruitful.
- Their personal lives and relationships.
- They will keep their eyes on God and know his leading and strength.
- Wisdom in leading God’s people especially in difficult situations.
- They would grieve over the sin and failures of God’s people.





- Their testimonies—avoiding sin; faithfulness.
- Bold proclamation of the Gospel.
- Identifying and developing new and upcoming leaders.
- They would encourage the Body of Christ.
- Spiritual protection.

## ***Ministry Leaders***

- The Staff – Alex Hogendoorn; Randy Dyck; Josiah Friesen; Katie Preston; Carol White; Robyn Lefevre
- The Church Board – Jim Langridge; Bruce Hiller; Doug Lye; Joe Abbott; Ron MacLellan
- Elders – Loren Stark; Doug Lye; Alex Hogendoorn; Randy Dyck; Josiah Friesen
- The Deaconesses –Norma Hutchings; Robyn Lefevre; Tracey Tremblett; Yvonne Bullis; Lori MacLellan
- Worship Leaders – Joel Dyck; Randy Dyck; Katie Preston; Taeryn Novak; Julianne Duplissie
- Clothing Room Ministry – Joe Abbott
- Food Cupboard – Sherry Koberstein
- Nursery and Preschool – Taryn Friesen; Kelly Hiller

## ***How to Pray for the Ministries at CFBC***

### **Worship Ministry**

- Pray for God's guidance as they prepare to lead in worship.
- Pray that when they lead, God would use them to direct our focus Godward.
- Pray for their wisdom to select old and new songs that will help us respond to God's revelation with biblical, theological and doctrinal integrity.
- Pray that the congregations' heartfelt response would glorify God.
- Pray that God would encourage all those who are involved in leading worship



## Audio and Livestream Ministries

- That those volunteering will find joy in serving.
- That we will have enough volunteers to run the livestream and sound as we move to 2 services.
- That the equipment will run as it should.
- That we would have the wisdom to operate equipment properly and would have the ability to troubleshoot when needed.
- That God will be glorified through the sound and online services.
- That technology would assist us in the worship of God and not distract from it.

**Please pray for me** (Katie), as Philip and I prepare to welcome our new baby this spring! Pray especially as I make preparations for ministry coverage while stepping into mamahood. Pray for God's guidance and provision of the right person to receive the kid's ministry torch!

## Bonanza Ministry

- Praise God for our dedicated and caring team of leaders!
- Pray that kids will connect with the Gospel in all our activities: free play, games, snacks, crafts, and exploring the Gospel through Bible stories... and science experiments!
- Give thanks for our continued relationships with the staff at Arden Elementary! Pray for the lead and vice principals, administrative staff, and the teaching and support staff teams. Praise and prayer for continued favour with both Arden school and the district school board. Pray for more conversations with Bonanza parents that point to Jesus.

## Nursery and Kid's Quest Ministries

- Praising God for the kids' genuine curiosity and thoughtfulness about the Gospel! Pray that He will continue producing His fruit in these little hearts, and that kids will grow up hungry for God's Word. Praising God for our young families and the growing group of sweet babies this year!
- Pray for Taryn, Kelly and Katie as they continue to give shape to our Sunday programs: Nursery, Preschool & Kindergarten, and Grades 1 – 4.
- Give thanks that our teaching team continues to grow! Pray for the leaders and kids as details come together for the move to two services.



## Summer Day Camp (July 20-24, 2026!)

- Pray as serious planning of curriculum and details begins! Pray for God's guidance and creativity in preparations, and that He will bring the leadership team together according to His perfect plan!
- Pray for God to open the hearts of every child He intends to join in this year.
- Pray for ongoing relationships as birthday cards are sent throughout the year to the previous year's campers.
- Pray that campers remember the 2025 motto: "Magnifying the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things", and memory verse: Psalm 34:3.

***"There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him." – William Law***

## Youth Ministry Prayer Requests

Youth Leaders: Josiah Friesen (Youth Pastor), Maria Chow, Taeryn Novak, Rebekah Kenway, Levi Walker, Carson & Tara Boyd, Louise Zdancewicz, Kelly Hiller, Claire Braunberger, Terry Giesbrecht, Reagan Sommer, Sara MacLellan, Steve Harris, Samantha Molloy, Landon Sommer-Rose, Heidi M., Ava H.

- Pray that our leaders would be growing in faith, obedience, love and wisdom
- Pray our students to grow in discernment and be on guard against deception, knowing their true identity in Christ
- For encouragement for those struggling with depression, discouragement, bullying, relational conflict, and suicidal thoughts
- For our upcoming *Liftoff* retreat at *Camp Qwanoes* Jan 30-Feb 1: that God would use it for some to strengthen their faith and others to bring them to faith in Jesus
- For our Jr Youth Sunday School to disciple students and increase their knowledge of the Bible
- For our grade 11-12 students as they consider post-secondary options, that whatever they do, wherever they go, they would continue to follow Jesus
- Pray for wisdom for parents to raise resilient disciples of Christ in a post-Christian and complex digital age



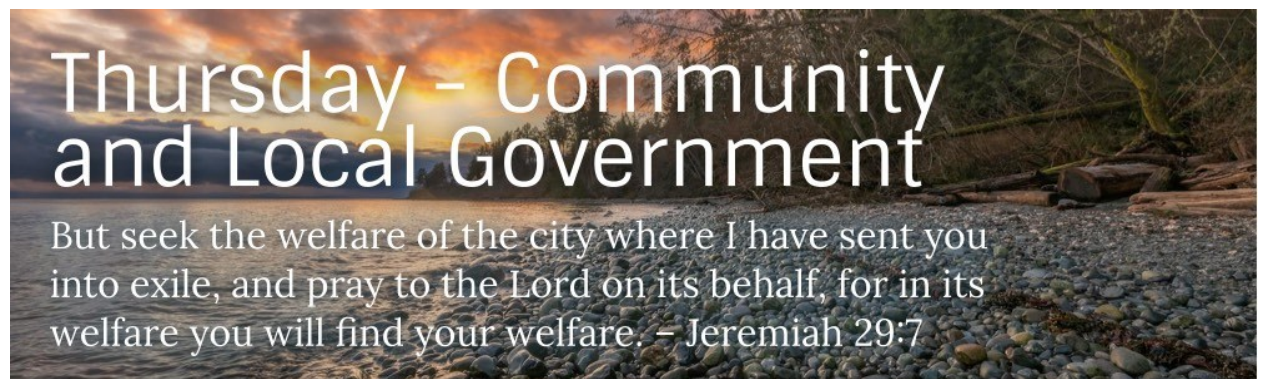
## Gospel Communities and Small Groups

- Pray for wisdom and guidance as the leaders prepare.
- Pray that those who attend our church would long for deeper community that Gospel Communities can provide.
- Pray that God would create community and support in these groups.
- Pray that these groups would grow and reach out.
- Pray that those involved in the groups would be encouraged in faith.
- Pray that more leaders and that other groups would be able to form.

## Ways to Pray for CFBC

- That we would be a church that worships God.
- That we would invest in the lives of others.
- That there would be a sense of community and need for one another.
- That we would proclaim the good news of the gospel.
- That we would see people come a saving faith in Christ.
- That we would make disciples.
- That God's people would endure even in difficult situations.

***“The great people of the earth today are the people who pray, not those who talk about prayer.” – S D Gordon***



## **Pray for the Mayors in the Comox Valley**

- Courtenay – Bob Wells
- Comox – Nicole Minions
- Cumberland – Vickey Brown





## ***Pray for the Community***

- That the disadvantaged find hope and meaning in their lives.
- Pray for guidance for all the caregivers and support providers.
- Pray that our local political leaders work together for the greater good.
- Pray for guidance for political leaders to work through financial challenges.
- Pray for the seniors and the lonely.
- Pray that the youth in the valley are supported as they pursue their goals and their place in society.
- Pray for families which are under tremendous strain today.

## ***Pray for Arden Elementary***

- Praise God for our good relationship with the school and the opportunity we have to care for our neighbours with God's love.
- Pray that God would use us to be a light to those who attend and have connection with the school.
- Pray for the success of the school in educating the children—that the teachers will be effective in teaching and staff in leading, and great team dynamics.

## ***Requests from Nesting Place Society***

- Pray for the **staff**; Julie Le Goff, Sandy Vanderveen, Kathy Klassen and Stephanie Middleton.
- Please pray for wisdom and health for staff, board, volunteers, and clients.
- Please pray **clients**. Especially that those who need our services will find us and find the support they need. That when they walk in the doors, they will feel love, peace and acceptance that comes from God.
- Please pray for financial provision in 2026 in order that we may focus primarily on the needs of the community and not on fundraising.
- Please pray for protection and spiritual covering.
- Please pray for their pregnant clients, families that are struggling through addiction and clients that are grieving.
- Please pray for **protection** and spiritual covering.



# Pray For Youth for Christ

**Director** – Robbie Taylor

**Staff** – Taeryn Novak, Rebekah Kenway, Hendré Basson

**Mission** – Every Young Person Living Fully In Christ

## Ways to Pray for YFC

- Pray for favour, inspiration and wisdom as the staff engage with students, parents, teachers and schools.
- Pray for staffing needs to be met – i.e. more people to join the team – so more youth can be reached, and ministry needs met.
- Pray that the team will be unified and led by the Holy Spirit.
- Praise for the growing hunger seen among the youth to personally pursue Jesus and go deeper in their faith journey.
- Continue to pray for salvation and revival in the hearts of the teenagers they work with.
- Praise God for those who support the ministry, both in prayer and financially.
- Pray for continued support both in resources and prayer.
- Continue to pray that the school district will reopen the schools to allow YFC to serve students again.
- Pray that the ministry of YFC will be well known throughout the Comox Valley for youth to come and be served at and equipped to know and follow Jesus.

***“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.  
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for your  
powers to be equal to your task.” Philip Brooks***





# Friday – Federal and Provincial

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.” – Romans 13:1

## **Government Leaders**

- Prime Minister – Mark Carney
- Federal Members of Parliament – Gord Johns; Aaron Gunn
- Premier of BC – David Eby
- Provincial Members of Parliament – Brennan Day

## **How to Pray for Government Leaders**

- Pray for brothers and sisters in government that they would be ethical and upright, shining lights in the dark game of power and politics.
- Pray that all our leaders manifest humility, knowledge, wisdom and the courage to do what is right.
- Pray that they would reject all counsel that violates justice and resist all pressure to violate their own conscience.
- Pray that they would bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness and integrity to the office that they hold, serving all constituents fairly.
- Pray that they would remember to be good examples in their conduct to the people of Canada who look to them for leadership.
- Pray that they would acknowledge that they are accountable to Almighty God for the decisions that they make, and would even seek his strength, wisdom and courage, and even manifest his care for all people.

***“To desire revival....and at the same time to neglect  
(personal) prayer and devotion is to wish one way  
and walk another.” – A W Tozer***



# ***Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists of Canada***

## **Pray for Fellowship churches across Canada.**

- For leadership teams as they seek to reach their communities for Christ.
- That those attending our churches would develop a personal passion for following Christ.

## **Pray for Our Fellowship Regions and Leadership.**

Our Fellowship is made of five regions: Fellowship Pacific, Fellowship Prairies, FEB Central, AEBEQ (Quebec), and Fellowship Atlantic. They are working together in partnership to help each other better support their regional churches.

- Pray for churches seeking pastors.
- Pray for church planters and success for new churches.
- Pray for strengthening of relationship among our churches and regions.
- Pray for unity.
- Pray that God would raise up church planters.
- Pray that older churches would be renewed with fresh vision of the Spirit.

## **Pray for Our National Fellowship**

- Steve Jones as he serves as Fellowship President. Pray also for his staff and the National Council as they serve us.
- Fellowship Chaplains who work in various venues in Canada. Pray for effectiveness as they connect with those who are struggling to cope with the difficulties of life and who are desperately looking for hope and peace.
- Fellowship International. Pray that the Lord would raise up support from churches and individuals for newly appointed missionaries.
- Pray that missionaries would boldly share the gospel, see new believers baptized, make disciples, and plant reproducing churches.





# Saturday – The Persecuted Church

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.” – Hebrews 13:3

Canadians experience great freedom of religion compared to so many places in the world. In fact, it is hard for us to think that our brothers and sisters in Christ in other parts of the world are under attack. Churches meet in hiding; believers pray and worship in private; and many live in constant fear of arrest, beatings, or even execution.

We want to offer a prayer today and a few suggestions for how to pray for the persecuted church.

## *How to Pray for the Persecuted Church.*

- **Strength & Perseverance:** Ask God to strengthen believers to endure suffering, find joy in trials, and remain steadfast in their faith (Ephesians 3:16-19, 2 Corinthians 12:9).
- **Protection & Deliverance:** Pray for physical safety from harm, rescue from dangerous situations, and protection from evil (Psalm 91, 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3, Matthew 26:39).
- **Boldness & Wisdom:** Pray for courage to share the Gospel fearlessly and wisdom in conversations and decisions (Ephesians 6:20, Colossians 4:5-6).
- **Provision:** Ask God to meet practical needs like food, shelter, medical care, jobs, and spiritual resources like Bibles (3 John 2, Philippians 4:19, James 1:5).
- **Community & Family:** Pray for strong Christian fellowships, comfort when families are broken by persecution, and for the reunification of separated loved ones (Galatians 6:2, 1 Corinthians 12).
- **For Persecutors:** Pray for their hearts to be softened, that they might come to know Jesus (Matthew 5:44, Acts 16).



- **For the Church Body:** Pray that the global church would feel connected to the suffering body of Christ and be motivated to pray (1 Corinthians 12:20, 26).

Whether it's enduring physical torture or simply being able to provide enough food for their families, persecuted believers often face many hardships. May we all remember that our hope lies in the world to come and not in this world.

