



SEPTEMBER 2024 Prayers for Central Asia, Middle East, North Africa 1

Have you ever wondered how you'd react if you were persecuted because of your faith? In 2024, the most severe Christian persecution countries are North Korea, Somalia, and Libya, with 26 African countries. Nigeria has more than 4,100 Christians killed for their faith. In some countries, people cannot even pray out loud, but the Lord listens carefully to the most painful and desperate cries of the heart. And He listens to our intercessory prayers.



카카오톡 채널에서 '소망의 여인들' 채널을 추가하시면
매주 월요일에 기도카드를 받으실 수 있습니다.

1. Lord, you sent Jesus so that we may be set free. Sustain all the work on behalf of all those ensnared in human trafficking that they may be set free physically and spiritually. (Luke 4:18-19)
2. Lord, help men in Turkmenistan to treat their wives with love, kindness and fidelity. Give encouragement to women who are lacking these from their spouses. (Eph. 5:25)
3. Lord, we ask that church leaders in Kazakhstan would be united in you. Enable them to cooperate with each other and solve their disagreements with grace. (1 Cor. 1:10)
4. God grant safety and dignity to Moroccan women facing societal and cultural challenges. May they have opportunities to receive educational and vocational training. (Isa. 41:10)
5. Father, please protect those in Uzbekistan who are victims of sexual and physical abuse within their families. Grant them resilience to overcome this evil. (2 Sam. 22:3-4)
6. Father, may our Middle East teams have a positive impact through their digital platforms in empowering Arab women with wisdom and strength through the Word of God. (Prov. 31:25)
7. Lord, ease the suffering and give hope to families in Kyrgyzstan that are separated due to immigration. May the women and children be cared and provided for. (Rom. 12:12)
8. Father, bring salvation to women in Tajikistan. May they seek love, hope, faith and help from Jesus Christ. (Ps. 121:1)
9. Lord, we pray for marriages affected by separation, divorce and alcoholism in Karakalpakstan. Please heal these marriages and restore these couples. (Matt. 19:6)
10. God, may Turkish churches shine in these difficult times during which many have turned away from you. May Turkish Christians reflect God in their relationships so that their communities are touched by you. (Dan. 12:3)
11. Lord, may women in Northern Cyprus look to you for the provision of good jobs and sufficient income. (Phil 4:19)
12. God, many women in Turkmenistan perform black magic for healing or on their husband's behalf. May they learn the truth and be free from the powers of darkness. (Deut. 18:10-12)
13. Father, we pray that the faith of new believers in Kazakhstan would be strengthened and that they would trust the Lord with all their hearts. (1 Cor. 16:13)
14. Merciful God, please provide protection, justice and healing for women in Oman who face gender-based violence. (Prov. 18:10)
15. Lord, we pray that the women of Uzbekistan would recognize their true identity and value in you despite the negative attitudes of some of their husbands and others. (Gen. 1:27)
16. God, bring salvation to the younger generations in Kyrgyzstan. May they desire to follow you wholeheartedly not because of tradition but out of relationship with you. (Matt. 3:8-10)

17. God, we pray for the Tajik girls and who have no access to education because of cultural and religious traditions and who have no voice in their families or society. (Ps. 32:8)
18. Father, we ask that women in Karakalpakstan would be free from the feelings of guilt they suffer in belief that they are not good enough as wives or mothers. (Ps. 31:1)
19. God, we pray for spiritual awakening and growth among Tunisian women in the church and for Egyptian female church leaders to be strengthened and encouraged. (2 Pet. 3:18)
20. Father, we pray for bonds of trust within Christian families in Türkiye. May your Spirit unite them in love. (Col. 3:14)
21. God, bring hope, healing and provision to Lebanese women affected by the ongoing economic crisis. May the gospel reach those who do not know you and bring them true peace. (Ps. 34:18)
22. Lord, we ask that you help the women of Karakalpakstan to make you a priority in their lives and to attend worship regularly despite other commitments. (Heb. 10:25)
23. Praise God for a law passed in Kazakhstan to stop domestic violence. If a wife reports abuse to the authorities today, the abuser likely will be punished. (Col. 3:19)
24. Lord, grant protection and courage to women in the Middle East who are advocating for their basic human rights. May our teams reach them with the gospel so they may find true freedom in you. (Josh. 1:9)
25. Heavenly Father, please give wisdom and courage to believers in Uzbekistan in sharing the gospel. Lead them to those who are open to you. (James 1:5)
26. Lord, give wisdom to the leaders of Kyrgyzstan so they may transform the educational and medical systems to help the needy. (1 Kings 3:9)
27. We pray for spiritual growth and fellowship among Jordanian women believers. Lord, may they be filled with your Word and share its truths with women in their communities. (Col. 1:10)
28. God, please keep safe and make provision for widows and single mothers in the war-torn areas of Yemen. May Christians there find their strength and hope in you. (Ps. 91:1-2)
29. Father, strengthen the Tajik women who live in villages and are persecuted by their families because of their faith in Christ. (Matt. 5:11)
30. We pray that those suffering physically and spiritually in Türkiye will find healing and life in you, Lord. May the hurting be set free from all that ensnares them. (Rom. 8:2)

Keep Raising Your Voice!

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Have you ever wondered how you'd react if you were persecuted because of your faith? I vividly remember the first time the thought crossed my mind. I was reading the book *Tortured for Christ*, by Richard Wurmbrand, and besides not being able to hold back the tears, I could not stop thinking how I'd react if I were he. Richard was arrested for the crimes of leading Christian worship and witnessing – both of which were illegal under the atheistic communist regime of Romania. He endured 14 years of prison and torture. His wife, Sabina, suffered three years of forced labor. Each part of the story was inspiring, challenging and clearly pointing to God's grace. It was his grace that carried them through, enabling them to stay true to Christ. When I was a young believer, Wurmbrand's life story shaped my prayer life as it opened my eyes to the reality of persecution and the silencing of our brothers and sisters. Many years have gone by since that book was written; however, persecution continues to be a reality all over the world. Our brothers and sisters go through unspeakable things and are silenced in many ways. It's hard for me to imagine that people in some countries can't even pray out loud! That does not mean they are silent. They continue to speak, as one of our leaders shared: "We believe that everything is under God's control, and we hope that it will motivate the gatherings of believers to grow, unite and spread the gospel even more!" They continue to raise their voices to Christ asking not only on their own behalf but also on behalf of others. It's evident that they appropriate God's grace just like Paul described in 2 Cor. 12:9, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." While most of us may not have been persecuted, we may have felt silenced by the pressures and the many loud voices around us. We may have lost our voices due to past traumas and abuse. Or maybe we just never felt significant enough to be heard! The God of the universe hears our brothers and sisters even in the midst of persecution. This assurance brings great joy and comfort. The Lord hears us! He is attentive to our intercessory prayers. He listens closely to the most anguished and desperate cries of our hearts. He hears us even when our words fail. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God" (Rom. 8: 26-27). May I encourage you to talk to the Lord about all your concerns? Before a word is on your tongue, he knows it completely. He listens to your voice.

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