

# Group Prayer Requests

## International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Hebrews 13:3 (845)

November 4, 2018

### Informed

*What Is Religious Persecution?*

Religious persecution is the \_\_\_\_\_ of an individual or group because of their \_\_\_\_\_.

*How are Christians persecuted?*

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damage
- Displaced from \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assault
- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

*Where does persecution occur?*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Countries
- Most concentrated areas of persecution:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Top 50 countries represent \_\_\_\_\_ million believers
- \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Christians worldwide face persecution
- Sources: \_\_\_\_\_ Oppression, \_\_\_\_\_, Religious \_\_\_\_\_, Dictatorships, \_\_\_\_\_
- For the \_\_\_\_\_th consecutive year, \_\_\_\_\_ ranks as the most dangerous country to be a Christian.

*Why is religious persecution so prevalent?*

❶ Jesus told us to expect \_\_\_\_\_ in this world.  
*John 15:19-20*

❷ Persecution is a by-product of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*II Timothy 3:12*

❸ God uses persecution to spread the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*I Peter 4:16*

### **Involved**

*I Corinthians 12:26 (799)*

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### **Persecuted Church Websites**

*www.opendoorsusa.org*

*www.persecution.com*

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### **Discussion Guide**

*What comes to mind when you hear of the “Persecuted Church”?*

Read the following passages and discuss how they relate to persecution.

Matthew 5:11-12, I John 3:13, Acts 5:40-41,  
Philippians 1:29-30, II Thessalonians 1:4

*What new insight did you discover about the Persecuted Church?*

*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?*