



EFCA Remember The Persecuted Church October 2011

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Dear Pastors and mission leaders,

One again it is time to remind fellow believers that the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is on November 13th, 2011. Each year around the world, the Christian church remembers our brothers and sisters, who are persecuted or are restricted for their faith in over 60 countries. More Christians each year are becoming aware of the growing problem of persecution around the world.

What can you do to remember the persecuted church?

1. **Order a wristband.** Go to www.Onewiththem.com and order a free wristband to show your solidarity with persecuted Christians.
2. **Order resources.** www.Onewiththem.com has church resources for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Also, you can order a church resource kit from The Voice of the Martyrs for \$9 and add a prayer banner to your kit for \$25, go to www.vombooks.com.
3. **Sign a petition.** Go to www.CallforMercy.com and sign an online petition to help free Asia Bibi in Pakistan. Already over 150,000 people have signed this petition around the world asking for her release. The goal is to have one million signatures to give to the Pakistani government.
4. **Pray.** Go to www.OpenDoorsUSA.org to sign up for a Prayer focus alert. You can also sign up for weekly prayer updates and also call a prayer alert line at 800-488-7729.
5. **Get real time news.** Go to www.Persecution.org to get real time news of the persecuted church around the world. They have daily updates from around the world on what is happening to Christians around the world. This update includes areas in the Far East, Islamic world, and in Asia and other regions.
6. **Read a book.** Carl Moeller and David Hegg have written a new book called The Privilege of Persecution. This book can be ordered for \$11 from www.OpenDoorsUSA.org. Also, Voice of the Martyrs has a free book Tortured for Christ. Go to www.persecution.com to order this book by Richard Wumbrand.
7. **Learn about persecution ministries.** Three that I use to get updated information are www.OpenDoorsUSA.org, www.Persecution.org, and www.persecution.com, which is Voice of the Martyrs.
8. **Sunday, November 13th.** Pray for the persecuted church this Sunday in your Sunday School classes and during the worship service. Raise awareness in your church.

Blessings,

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