

Indian Christian Persecutors Prayer Day (ICPPD)

We must pray for the 'Persecutors' and love them openly. *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6: 12)*

As Jesus's followers, our primary focus is to embody the love of God with our fellow citizens. Although it's true that Christians are burned, beaten, tortured, persecuted, denied promotions and side lined by the society at large, Jesus has taught us that, *"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Mathew 5:9)*. God is a peace-loving God and a peace-making God. God's children have the character of their Father.

We must be a peculiar people, with the mind of Christ – a people of light, who respect, love and pray for our 'Persecutors' *"not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:9)*.

Persecution Relief encourages the Churches to shed the "ENEMY IMAGE" we have of those who Persecute us (Political Leaders / Political Parties / Individuals / Terrorist Groups/ Fanatic Religious groups). The moment we regard them as the enemy, God's love can no longer work through us to reach them.

We must sincerely pray for and even love those who hate us. *"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (Rom. 12: 14)*. Let us be a peculiar people, with the mind of Christ - a people of light, who respect, love and pray for other people from different religions and faith.

Let's remember to uphold our leaders and ministers who lead this nation. May God give them the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to govern and lead this land of India with all wisdom." *"Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (1 Tim 2: 1-2)*

Let us join together, on our knees, towards a shared purpose and vision – to pray for the persecutors of the Church in India, to make a spiritual impact across the nation.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,



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