

2ND INDIAN CHRISTIAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED (ICDPP)

MONDAY, 01ST OCTOBER
(or Sunday, 30th September, 2018)

*We dedicate this day
of prayer to Men and
Women across all
denominations, who
are being mightily
used by God, but
greatly afflicted and
facing discouraging
circumstances in
India.*

*Church, pray for the
protection over their
mind, body and
spirit, against all
infirmities or
reproaches or needs or
persecutions or
distresses, in the name
of Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Sub: October 01st 2018, 2nd 'Indian Christian Day of Prayer for the Persecuted (ICDPP)

I greet you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

October 01, 2018, will commemorate the 2nd Indian Christian Day of Prayer for the Persecuted (ICDPP) – where we call the Indian Church, to pray exclusively for men and women of God and the persecuted Church in India.

Prayer is the need of the hour and the only resource we have. As the days become increasingly dark, we desperately need ongoing, ardent, consistent, faith-filled prayer for our persecuted Church.

As 01 October falls on a Monday, we call upon the Leadership of all Churches, Christian Institutions, schools, colleges, hospitals, all mission organizations, all fellowships, all house churches, all congregations, to convene across the length and breadth of India, to observe this day on Sunday, 30th September 2018 (as 01 October falls on a Monday, please observe IDCPP on Sunday, 30th September or the following Sunday, 07 October 2018).

We have the examples in the Old Testament of sacred assemblies for prayer, in the times of Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther, where God's people collectively worshipped, to repent of personal and corporate sin.

Evil people are seeking to destroy God's servants and get governments to pass laws that forbid people from being converted to Christ. The threat in Daniel's time was, "If you pray to any other god, you will be thrown to the lions." Today the threat may be, "If you convert anyone to Christianity, you will be thrown in jail!" When Daniel heard that the king had passed this law, what did he do? He knelt down and prayed. He feared God more than he feared any king or government. And like the apostles would say in a future day, Daniel's attitude too was, *"We ought to obey God rather than men"* (Acts.5:29).

Persecution Relief has 'served' more than 1200 cases since our inception

and have witnessed the power and miracle of prayers, first hand.

'Indian Christian Day of Prayer for the Persecuted' being commemorated on 01 October, was coined and inspired by the true story of Pastor Philip George, who was released from prison on 01 October, 2016 – delivered on account of the miraculous POWER OF PRAYER.

Pastor Philip who ran an orphanage, was imprisoned on false charges of child molestation and rape; he was booked under the POCSO Act (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), which is a very serious offense. In spite of the police not being able to prove any of the charges levelled against him, Pastor Philip was imprisoned for 666 days as part of a huge conspiracy.

Pastor's wife never gave up hope as she fasted 21 days over 3 months as the family covered and interceded for Pastor daily. She was all alone with not enough prayer support but never lost faith in Jesus Christ. She believed that every trial was conquerable through prayer.

Pastor's faith was resolute and unshakeable as he believed that God would vindicate and prove his innocence. 32 false witnesses were produced against the Pastor but the honorable Court did not consider their evidence.

On 01st October, 2016, the Lord acquitted Pastor Philip George and he was exonerated from all charges that were levelled against him – the culmination to fervent prayer and steadfast faith. God also used Pastor's stay in jail in a significant way, for His glory and for the extension of His Kingdom.

Hundreds of Christian Orphanages, Children's Homes, Old Age Homes and Mission Organisations have been arbitrarily shut down; men and women have been imprisoned on POCSO and other stringent charges and languishing in prisons.

Do you feel the pain of your brother or sister persecuted? The time has come for the authentic Christian community to acknowledge, without prejudice and share in the suffering of the persecuted Church. That is the road to healing, restoration and reconciliation.

So, may our hearts respond to the Holy Spirit's call. Let us set our personal agendas, brands and voices aside and join on our knees, seeking God's heart and His hand on behalf of our persecuted brethren in India.

Please use the Poster and Prayer Points, to create awareness among your communities. Also, **share with us your stories, photographs and videos of this event to persecutionrelief@gmail.com or please WhatsApp us on +91 9993200020.**

Thank you for being part of Persecution Relief family. We acknowledge and honor your commitment and support.

May all glory be unto God, as we make this day a milestone, to embrace the conviction, to pray exclusively for men and women of God and the persecuted Church in India.

Let us rise up as His people to PRAY. If we persist in prayer, the answer will definitely come.
Sincerely, in Christ,



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PRAYER POINTS

- **Pray for divine protection of men and women of God**, of all denominations, who minister across the length and breadth of India. Pray and cover them with the whole armor of God, as they 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.
- **Pray with expectation that our 'fervent prayers' will see the deliverance and release for the many servants of God, who are being held in prisons, on this 'Day of Prayer'**, simply because they trusted in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Pray that men of God will be filled with the Holy Spirit power and will sustain through the persecution and not deny Christ.** When the servant girl questioned Peter, he denied Christ 3 times (Luke 22-54-57). Even after walking closely with Jesus, for 3 ½ years, Peter denied Christ out of fear. Yet, after Pentecost, Peter was transformed and filled with the Holy Spirit and witnessed to 1000's of people and boldly say to them that they had crucified Jesus Christ
- **Pray for all persecuted Christians to be faithful to the end, in these hard times**, for God says, *"If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses?" (Jer.12:5)*
- **Pray that men of God will not run away from their Godly mandate to minister to gentiles** like Jonah ran away to Tarshish instead of going to Nineveh. Pray that His disciples may *"Be faithful until death" to win the crown of life.* (Rev.2:10)
- **Pray that men of God will endure and remain firm in their faith, despite any physical, emotion or psychological pain**, through the persecution. Pray that at no circumstance they would deny Christ, as *He has not given us a spirit of timidity or fear but of power, love and self-discipline (2 Tim 1:7)*
- **Pray for the persecuted Christians to find comfort in God's powerful Word.** In *1 Corinthians 10:13*, it says, *God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation (trial) will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it".* Satan and those who hate us, may desire to trouble us in many ways. But they cannot get at us without God's permission.
- **Pray like Esther, who through her fasting and prayer intervention, risking death penalty**, found the favour of the Persian King Xerxes (Ahasueres), deposed the wicked Haman's evil plans, and saved the entire Jewish nation. Let us save our fellow persecuted Christians through the power of prayer
- **Pray for the families of the persecuted Christians across India** – especially for protection and grace for the wives and children of Pastors; that their faith will not fail, but wait for God's timing and His timetable. We have our example in Daniel that from the moment he began to pray, his request had been heard. But it took 21 days for the answer to come (Dan 10:12, 13). God may not answer our prayers immediately. But if we persist in prayer, the answer will definitely come.
- **Pray for new converts to Christ, who face rejection and persecution** from family, friends and the communities in which they live, to remain steadfast and committed to their faith; to have a robust praying support system
- **Pray that all persecuted Christians will pray like Daniel prayed** when he was persecuted, (Dan. 9: 5-19) not hating his persecutors but humbling himself saying (paraphrased) "Lord, WE Christians have dishonored Your Name in this land. We have not been the testimony for Christ that our country needed to see. We have failed. Lord, send us a revival. Lord, You are right, and our faces are covered with shame. Be merciful and forgive us. We have sinned against You"
- **Pray for scores of Christians being falsely booked under "Freedom of Religion Act"**. Recently, 16 Missionaries were arrested while visiting a village, alleging conversion activities. After 60 days in jail, 7 women have been released on bail, 9 men are still in jail; bail hearing scheduled this week.



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