Thank you for standing with the Persecuted Church in India throughout 2019. We look forward to your continued co-operation as we embrace 2020. Your Prayers & support have helped us move forward against all odds. “To care for the Persecuted Church is not a duty but a privilege”

The Persecution Relief family of Persecuted Christians in India wishes you and your family a blessed 2020!
"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray...........".
James 5: 13

1st January
A new year, a fresh start, another opportunity. The year 2020 could mean many things to us. So as we gear up to face it, let us make it our priority to commit ourselves to the Lord and the extension of his kingdom. Pray that the church of God would rise with passion to seek God’s face so that he would bring healing to our suffering land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2nd January
Numerous Christians have gone through tremendous persecution in 2019. Pray that God would renew their spirits and give them and their families fresh anointing and vision as they enter a new year.

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

3rd January
There are many Christian missions and NGOs that work tirelessly to defend, strengthen and uplift the persecuted Church in India. Pray for God’s wisdom, provision, protection and spirit to rest on every person who is serving under these organizations.

Psalm 112:6-7 Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.”

4th January
With regards to Christian persecution, the number of cases reported in 2019 itself is alarming. Many Christians have been falsely accused and have been persecuted for the sake of Christ. Pray that they would experience God who is without injustice as their good and upright defender.

Psalm 35:11,12,22,23- Ruthless witnesses come forward; they question me on things I know nothing about. 12 They repay me evil for good and leave me like one bereaved. Lord, you have seen this; do not be silent.
Do not be far from me, Lord.
23 Awake, and rise to my defence!
   Contend for me, my God and Lord.
24 Vindicate me in your righteousness, Lord my God;

5th January
Every year, many are expelled from their regions for the sake of Christ, leaving behind family heritage and precious belongings. Pray that they would continue to trust in God for their safety and not loose heart.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

6th January
Many men and women of God have chosen to serve Jesus in radical ways. At times their obedience to God has caused them to be hated and abandoned by their own near and dear loved ones. Pray that they would never doubt God’s great love for them.

Psalm 27:10 “Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close”

7th January
With religious fanaticism being fuelled by the support of the ruling political parties and authorities, many fanatics fearlessly take the liberty of beating Christians publically. No body comes to their aid out of fear that they may be beaten too. The degree of damage ranges from minor injuries, hospitalization and life long disabilities to sometimes even death. Pray for those who are physically assaulted and beaten for the sake of the Gospel.

1Peter5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

8th January
For those who are being imprisoned for their faith, it is difficult for us who live liberally to identify with them. Yet we have the privilege of interceding for them. Pray that they would continue to rely on God for life and godliness.

Ephesians 3:16“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.”
9th January
Very often, when Christian gatherings are intruded by religious fanatics, they damage property and materials in that area. This results in great loss. Provisions to shelter churches which were painstakingly made are destroyed in a matter of seconds. Pray that those who have endured the loss would experience God’s mighty hand of restoration and provision in the days to come.

Job 42:10 “… the LORD restored his fortunes. In fact, the LORD gave him twice as much as before!”

10th January
Martyrdom is not a foreign term to our generation any more. We have experienced it in the recent past. Although we are confident that those who laid down their lives for Christ are rejoicing with him in heaven, let us Pray for their families that they have left behind and also seek God for ways in which we could be a source of encouragement and support to them.

James 1:27 “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”

11th January
We are regularly being sensitized about the gravity of Christian persecution in our land, it is a time when we As the Church of the living God can rise to this situation and be ready for battle. Pray that Christians would not be discouraged, afraid or fall away from their faith during these trials.

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”

12th January
Christianity is considered a minor religion in India. Does this fact along with growing opposition make us feel out numbered or over powered? As Citizens of the kingdom of heaven we have the support and protection of God himself and his 10,000 upon 10,000 heavenly hosts (Daniel7:10) Pray that in the coming days the persecuted Church and Christians at large would witness the matchless power and protection of God.
Psalm 91:9 If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your dwelling. For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone.

13th January
In recent times, more and more Christians are answering God’s call of being willing to lay down their lives for the sake of Christ. Let us sincerely pray that men and women of all ages including ourselves, would boldly proclaim Christ without fear of persecution and be ready to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

14th January
In some cases, in India, Christians who are persecuted loose their homes and jobs, many of which have families with young children. Pray that God would provide persecuted believers with good jobs and safe homes to live in.

Isaiah 46:4 Even to your old age and grey hairs, I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

15th January
In the past few years many people who were originally Hindus accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and are now walking in the Christian faith. Many are put under tremendous pressure to reconvert back to Hinduism. Pray that they would continue to stand strong in their faith and not succumb under pressure.

Psalm 16:8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

16th January
The Christian minority is growing in India. Let us give thanks to God but also pray that the Government would show leniency towards Christians exercising their faith and allow us to practice it with increased freedom.

ISAIAH 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
17th January
Both public and private schools in India are now facing pressure from political parties to discontinue any Christian influenced activities. Pray for the protection of the hearts and minds of Christian children who attend schools. That God would cover them under his wings.

Isaiah 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD, and great shall be the peace of thy children.

18th January
2019 has seen an alarming number of attacks on women of all ages for their faith in Christ, which involve physical assault, rape and even attacks causing severe head injuries leading to a coma. Pray that God in his Sovereignty would bring comfort, healing and justice to them and their families.

Isaiah 66:13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you. You shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

19th January
Religious fanatics all across the county are trying to eradicate and suppress Christianity. Pray that the Lord would hinder the plans of these radicals and draw them to Jesus.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

20th January
Weather or not the government will stand for righteousness is a great uncertainty amongst the Christian population in India. Pray that the government will investigate violence against Christians and bring those responsible to justice.

Psalm 33:5 “He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.”

21st January
The internet is a great vehicle to spread important news, especially with regards to persecution within our country. It is important for the world to be aware of the current situation in India. Pray that the Government and other agencies would not block Christian websites.
Hebrews 13:6 So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

22\textsuperscript{nd} January
There are many Christian business men and women in our country many of whom face persecution because of their faith in some form or another, due to which their businesses and families also struggle. Pray that God would shield their businesses and prevent them from deteriorating under the pressure of religious enthusiasts.

Psalm 18:35-36 You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great. You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.

23\textsuperscript{rd} January
Many properties across the country are owned by Christian organisations, entities and churches for believers to pray, worship, train etc. Many of these properties have be encroached upon/forcefully seized by corrupt officials with the backing of political parties. Pray that God would nullify these plans and advances of the perpetrators and justify these acts.

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

24\textsuperscript{th} January
The RSS, a militant Hindu nationalist group, has stated on national media that they will make India free of Christians and Muslims by 31 December 2021. Although this statement has caused panic amongst the Christian population, let us Pray that God’s will be done in our land for his greater glory.

Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

25\textsuperscript{th} January
Christians who are harassed by religious fanatics are often taken to the local police stations and detained for questioning. Pray that God would endow them with heavenly wisdom and clarity to answer every question with boldness and confidence.
Acts 6:10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

26th January
Republic day is celebrated to remember India’s constitution coming into force on January 26, 1950, completing the country’s transition toward becoming an independent republic. Although the Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of religion, the anti conversion law which has now been adopted by 7 states, contradicts its basic principles. Pray that the constitution of India would be honoured by every Indian citizen and every effort to unjustly amend the constitution would cease.

Psalm 22:28 “For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.”

27th January
India is the world’s largest democracy. The government is led by the Hindu nationalist party ‘Bharatiya Janata Party’ (BJP), which unfortunately often turns a blind eye to attacks on minorities. Pray that these men and women would have supernatural encounters with Jesus and God would draw them into himself for his Glory alone.

Ezekiel 11:9 And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.

28th January
Persecution could have harmful effects on the church. But prosperity, could be more devastating to God’s mission. We must be careful about not prioritizing prosperity, comfort and affluence over God. Pray that churches across India would seek to give God our best, so that when persecution comes we should not be disheartened but filled with hope. God makes persecution serve the purpose and mission of the church.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

29th January
How do we perceive persecution? Is it just news to us? Or do we grieve with those who grieve and hurt with those who hurt? Pray that God would cause the Christians in our land to deeply identify with Christians who are persecuted. That our hearts should break for what breaks God’s heart, be it the persecuted or the persecutors.

1 Corinthians 12:26 If one member suffers, all suffer together.
30th January
Jesus said with much sincerity that we will encounter persecution in one way or another if we are his true disciples (2 Timothy 3:12). As India witnesses a surge in the attacks on Christians let us Pray that the Church of God would be united In Christ and grounded in his word.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

31st January
God has been using ‘Persecution Relief’ to bring comfort and hope to many persecuted Christians across India. Pray that God would powerfully sustain and increase the reach of our organisation. Pray that we would continue to faithfully serve God’s vision and mission with the passion of Christ.

Isaiah 40:31 Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
PERSECUTION RELIEF
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OUR MISSION
To provide comprehensive support to the persecuted Church by linking the free Church of the world with the persecuted Church in India.

OUR GOAL
Freedom to worship Jesus Christ in India

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