

Bible League Offers Devotional Guide for Persecuted Church

Millions of Christians are persecuted for their beliefs every day throughout the world. That's why the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church focuses on intercessory prayer and citizen action on behalf of persecuted communities of the Christian faith. The day, known as IDOP, is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide.

Leading up to IDOP, on Nov. 13 this year, Bible League International is offering a free prayer guide on its website and through social media. As an organization that works with Christians in areas where they face persecution, the nonprofit evangelical ministry offers specific suggestions and practical approaches for believers in the U.S. to support Christians around the world.

Many Bible League ministry partners help fund the work done in areas where Christians face persecution, and these partners pray daily for Bible League and those they serve. Bible League has produced this prayer guide in response to their partners' requests for more specific suggestions as they pray, as well as to provide the broader Christian community the opportunity to join in this prayer ministry.

Hundreds of millions of Christians around the world face persecution for their faith every day—they face imprisonment, abuse, hostilities, and in the worst cases, death. More than 70 percent of the world's population lives in areas of severe religious discrimination. Many of the more than 55 countries in which Bible League works around the world are included in that number, giving the ministry a first-hand perspective on what these believers endure.

Running through Nov. 14, a daily devotional thought, Bible passage and specific prayer request will be posted on , as well as on Bible League's Facebook page and its Twitter account.

Those who work with the ministry worldwide have shared that they are encouraged and strengthened when they learn Christians around the world are lifting them in prayer. Many tell stories of the power of prayer in their ministries and they know great things can happen when so many Christians join together to pray on their behalf.

Since its founding in 1938, Bible League has placed millions of Bibles in the hands of people in more than 80 countries. Through its ministry, World Bible Translation Center, Bible League plans to translate Bibles and Bible study materials into 100 of the world's most commonly-spoken languages.