

New Poll Reveals Christians Experiencing First-Century Persecution Worldwide

The 2021 U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) report was recently released, providing data detailing that “Christians are being persecuted around the world at a pace not seen since the first century.”

Additionally, the report conveyed the following shocking facts regarding worldwide religious persecution:

- There are 50,000 Christians currently held in North Korean prison camps.
- Some 3,000 Yazidi girls and women are missing in Iraq.
- There are 130,000 Muslims in internment camps in Burma.
- There are as many as 3 million Uighur Muslims in Chinese concentration camps.

“It is clear that the pressure being felt by Christians in America is a manifestation, in less serious form, of course, of the outright hostility and persecution spilling out against believers worldwide,” stated Ed Vitagliano, executive vice president of the American Family Association (AFA).

“Believers in Jesus Christ here in this country need to do three things: Get educated about what is happening to their brothers and sisters around the world; pray diligently for them to be able to endure this persecution faithfully; and demand from the U.S. government that it takes religious persecution seriously and act forcefully to stop it.

“But this report also details something else going on: There is a spirit of tyranny brewing behind the scenes too.

Religious freedom and other liberties, which many in the West have for far too long taken for granted, are being threatened by a totalitarian spirit. That is expressed in the persecution of Christians in China, but also by the communist persecution of Muslims in that nation. Ironically, that totalitarian spirit is simultaneously manifested by Muslims against Christians in the Middle East and much of Africa. Believers here in America also need to be alert to the growing manifestation of this toxic ideology of oppression." {eoa}