

## STANDING WITH OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE PRAY...

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For **Spirit-given boldness** for all believers and wisdom in handling difficult situations.

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God will use persecution to **strengthen** His Church and **embolden** believers to stand true.

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**Ephesians 6:10-11** over believers: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." (ESV)

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God will remind persecuted believers of **Romans 8:37-39**: "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)

5

God will use their testimony and provide opportunities for them to **share the gospel** with their neighbors.

6

For persecuted believers to not be discouraged but **emboldened** by the Holy Spirit.

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**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** for this group of persecuted believers: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (NIV)

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God will remind persecuted believers in South Asia of **John 14:12-13**: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (NIV)

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## DAY OF PRAYER

Join us in praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.

### PERSECUTION IS ON THE RISE

More than 360 million Christians worldwide suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. That's a staggering 1 in 7 believers. According to the ministry Open Doors, that raises awareness and support of the worldwide persecuted church, the number of countries where Christians suffer high and extreme levels of persecution has almost doubled in the last 30 years.

### WHAT IS PERSECUTION

Persecution takes many forms and often looks different in various contexts throughout the world. Believers might be separated from their families or ostracized by their communities. They may face discrimination in the workplace or education system. They could lose jobs or become the targets of extremists. They might have to flee their homes, or even face imprisonment, torture, or death.

### WHY PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BELIEVERS

The world's greatest problem – lostness – is growing every day. As believers, we have the solution to that problem – the gospel. When we pray for persecuted believers, God uses their witness to inspire gospel transformation among the lost.



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Invocation and welcome

Hymn No. 447 "Trust and Obey"

Hymn No. 448 "Just a Closer Walk"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 458 "Nearer MY God to Thee"

Doxology

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"Love the Lord Your God"

Hymn No. 277 "Take My Life"

Benediction

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Romans 13

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer meeting and Bible Study are Wednesday at the parsonage. (13041 Lee Avenue). We will meet at 3pm for those who need an early study and 7pm for those who need a later one. There is also a student class at 7pm.

*No Study Wed 13th*

The WOM will be having a mission study on Central Asia at church this Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

To subscribe to our text alerts, text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282. We send out prayer requests and reminders.

We have an app for your smartphone, in the app store find "Our Church-By ChurchDev.com." When you open it, search for Sappony Baptist Church. There you will have access to our Sermons, daily devotions, and other content.

Guest preacher for the next two weeks is Chaplain (Colonel) Alan Pomaville, USA Ret.

Oakland's Women Mission Group will host a Missions Prayer Breakfast at 9:00am on Sat., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Oakland Baptist Church. The invitation is open to the women of the PBA. RSVP's Would be appreciated by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and can be made to Leslie Allin – 804-720-0061 or Tammie Frazier – 804-919-1812.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Concord United Methodist Church. Pastor Mike will be bringing the message