



Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with mercy upon the people who cry to Thee, especially those who are suffering from the current persecutions by militant Islam; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her spouse, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of their persecutors, and for the liberty and protection of our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Holy God, your Holy family was driven into exile and many holy innocent boys were massacred, we hold before you today the many people suffering persecution from militant Islam around the world today. Amen

Hold in your loving arms, all those who have been caught up in this persecution. We pray for those forced to flee their homes, all who have lost friends, family and possessions and who now face an uncertain future. Bless our Christian brothers and sisters who have seen the destruction of their churches and communities and for their Muslim neighbours who have also experienced destruction and suffering because they have tried to be a voice for justice. Amen

Lord, in these lands where Christians and Muslims have lived side by side for generations, we pray for healing, peace and restoration. Bring light out of this present darkness and hope from despair that guided by your Holy Spirit, all your children may find a new way forward together out of this unjust persecution of your people that is based on your love for us all and established in your true justice. Amen.

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