Concert of Prayer
for the
Persecuted Church

March 11, 2009
Calvary Church
Program

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The following is a list from the World Watch List 2009 that ranks the severity of persecution around the world in order to promote awareness. For more information and the rest of the list, visit www.opendoorsusa.org.

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http://www.persecution.com/
http://opendoorsusa.org/
http://secretbelievers.org/
http://www.persecution.org/
http://www.christianfreedom.org/
http://kidsofcourage.com/
How to Pray for the Persecuted Church
By Evangeline Vergo

Around the world, many believers are persecuted -- imprisoned, even killed -- for their faith. Since Jesus laid down His life, 43 million Christians have become martyrs. Right now 200 million people face persecution for believing in Jesus and 60% of those people are children, according to Christians in Crisis International Ministry. Because the New Testament was written to believers who were persecuted, it is filled with examples of how to pray for our brothers and sisters under attack.

Here are 5 examples from Ephesians:

• Please pray persecuted believers would know the hope God gives (Ephesians 1:8).
• Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (Ephesians 3:16).
• Please pray persecuted believers would know how much God loves them (Ephesians 3:17)
• Pray they would know how to share the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).
• Please pray persecuted believers would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Ephesians 6:20).

Along with the example prayers in the Bible, there are some practical needs persecuted believers would love your prayers for:

• Please pray persecuted believers would have access to a Bible.
• Pray they have the courage to remain in their homeland.
• Please pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a Christian "family" who loves them and supports them.
• Please pray that God would provide persecuted believers with jobs and safe places to live.