

## **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

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The 2019 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly voted unanimously to recognize the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) every year. This year, that Day is actually a couple of dates. The main date for the IDOP is Sunday November 7; although, churches can also recognize the day of prayer on November 14 and 21, too, since the whole month is a prayer emphasis for the persecuted church.

We are living at a time when the churches in much of the world are experiencing rapid growth. Even in places that have not seen growth in the Church for 1,400 years there is growth. But along with rapid growth - as has often happened before in history - has come persecution. Therefore, when one part of the Body of Christ suffers the whole Body prays and supports each other. Here are some resources:

### **Voice of the Martyrs**

**<https://www.persecution.com/>**

Free resources here include a 5 minute video inspiring prayer on International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church available by DVD or digital download, sermon outlines, bulletin inserts, and more. Order by November 1 to receive materials in time for November 7, 2021, International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

If you make a donation of any amount this year, you will receive a free copy of a free DVD entitled *Tortured for Christ* (77 minutes) that includes the story of the Romanian Lutheran pastor Richard Wurmbrand and his wife Sabina who chose to “lose” their earthly lives, sacrificing personal comfort and ease, in order to find true life in Christ. They later founded VOM. Like the Wurmbrands and countless others throughout church history, many believers willingly face harassment, imprisonment and even death for a life in Jesus Christ.

(An interesting side note is that the former dungeon where Rev. Wurmbrand spent many years is now a warehouse for Bibles being distributed throughout the country.)

Go to [https://www.persecution.com/2019-03-tfc-movie/?\\_source\\_code=WHPB20N](https://www.persecution.com/2019-03-tfc-movie/?_source_code=WHPB20N) to order the DVD and other resources.

**Open Doors** [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)

Set up by Brother Andrew. Source of stories and statistics including a ranking list of persecuting countries and regions.

**Release International**

[www.releaseinternational.org](http://www.releaseinternational.org)

Videos about persecution and the spread of faith from different parts of the world.

Thank you for remembering the persecuted church in your prayers for the month of November.