



# 15 Brief, yet Powerful Prayers for Persecuted Believers

## 1. Pray for their safety and rescue from unbelievers.

"I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea," (**Romans 15:30-31**, NIV).

## 2. Pray that God will give them the right words to boldly share the gospel with everyone they come in contact with.

"And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should," (**Ephesians 6:19-20**, NLT).

## 3. Pray that through their suffering, the gospel will reach many, including their captors.

"And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ," (**Philippians 1:12-13**, NLT).

## 4. Pray that all believers will gain confidence to boldly share the gospel without fear because of the obedience of other suffering believers.

"And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear," (**Philippians 1:14**, NLT).

## 5. Pray that they will never be ashamed, but continue to be bold for Christ.

## 6. Pray that their lives will bring honor to Christ whether they live or die.

"For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die," (**Philippians 1:20**, NLT).



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## 7. Pray that God will give them many opportunities to share the gospel.

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains," (**Colossians 4:2-3**, NLT).

## 8. Pray that they will proclaim the message clearly.

"Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should," (**Colossians 4:4**, NLT).

## 9. Pray that they will continue to be faithful and to endure all persecution and hardship, knowing that joy awaits them.

"We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering," (**2 Thessalonians 1:4**, NLT).

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne," (**Hebrews 12:1-2**, NLT).

## 10. Pray that the gospel will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.

"Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you," (**2 Thessalonians 3:1**, NLT).

## 11. Pray that they will be rescued from wicked and evil people.

"Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer," (**2 Thessalonians 3:2**, NLT).



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**12. Pray that they will have a clear conscience and live honorable in everything they do and say.**

*"Pray for us, for our conscience is clear and we want to live honorably in everything we do," (Hebrews 13:18, NLT).*

**Also pray for the following:**

**13. Pray that they will love God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.**

*"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up," (Deuteronomy 6:5-6, NLT).*

**14. Pray that the parents, and especially the fathers, will teach and model faithfulness to their children, especially in the context of suffering.**

*"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength," (Mark 12:30, NLT).*

**15. Pray that their captors will treat them with kindness.**

*"He remembered his covenant with them and relented because of his unfailing love. He even caused their captors to treat them with kindness," (Psalm 106:45-46, NLT).*

