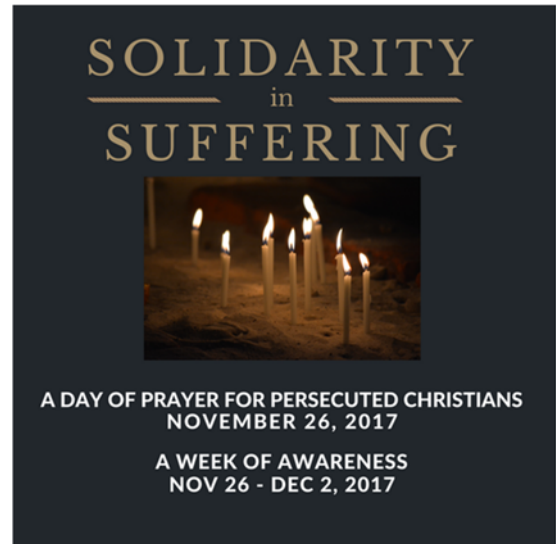


# SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

*Below are petitions that can be included in the Prayer of the Faithful on “A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians,” November 26, 2017. The petitions are arranged according to topic.*



## **Petitions for Persecuted Christians**

For those suffering because of their Christian faith, that the Holy Spirit may fortify them with the courage to remain strong in faith, as well as with the charity to forgive their persecutors, we pray to the Lord.

For your faithful who suffer for your name's sake, that you would grant them a spirit of patience and charity, that they may be found true and faithful witnesses to the promises you have made, we pray to the Lord.

For those who suffer persecution for their faithful service to you, that they may rejoice to be united to the sacrifice of Christ your Son and may know that their names are written in heaven among the company of the elect, we pray to the Lord.

For those who follow your Son in bearing their cross, that they may, in every trial, glory in the name of Christian, we pray to the Lord.

For Christians in Iraq and Syria, that they may be granted courage, hope, and perseverance as they bear heroic witness to their faith in this time of persecution, we pray to the Lord.

## **Petition for Christians Fleeing Persecution**

For all our brothers and sisters fleeing persecution and war in the Middle East, that they may find safe haven and protection, and that they may rebuild their lives in dignity, we pray to the Lord.

### **Petition for Those Assisting Refugees**

For those who provide assistance to refugees fleeing persecution and violence, that they may continue to see the face of Christ in the most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

### **Petition for Their Persecutors**

For those who persecute Christians and other religious minorities, that the light of God's truth and mercy may penetrate their hearts, and that they may come to recognize the common humanity of all peoples and cease committing acts of hatred, we pray to the Lord.

### **Petition for World Leaders**

For government leaders worldwide, that they may recognize the grave responsibility that comes with power, and may protect the persecuted and work for an end to violence and war, we pray to the Lord.