

10 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE **PERSECUTED CHURCH** LIVING IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES

Pray for Persecuted Women

- 1.** In Islamic countries, it is unacceptable for women to live alone. Pray that God will provide rent for safe houses to allow groups of believing women to live together. (About \$80 per month typically covers this need for one woman.)
- 2.** Traditionally, single women live at home with their parents. When parents discover a daughter has converted to Christianity, they believe it poses a threat to the entire family. Pray that God will give converted women wisdom to respond to their family, and strength to not deny their commitment to Jesus.

Pray for Persecuted Children

- 3.** Children from a Muslim background whose families convert to Christianity cannot obtain a new ID card, which identifies them as Muslim for life. As a result, they must still attend Islamic run schools in their country. Children are often confused when what they learn at home and what they learn in school are different. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment to clearly understand the differences between Christianity and Islam.
- 4.** Pray that converted children will keep their faith in God even when they witness persecution and abuse.
- 5.** Pray that God will comfort and encourage believing children from Muslim backgrounds. They are often very lonely – with broken hearts. They cannot be open and honest with Muslims. Even Christians reject them out of fear that befriending them will cause problems. They are isolated in either environment.

Pray for Persecuted Men

- 6.** When men, married or single, are forced out of their family home, they must travel to another city for security reasons. Pray that God will open doors for them to get jobs and work among secular people, because religious people will expect them to pray and practice Islam.
- 7.** Pray that God will protect men when they are beaten by radical Muslims. The goal of the beating is not to kill them, but to inflict suffering and cause a handicap so that the victim will return to Islam.
- 8.** Pray that persecuted men will stay in their countries so that God can use them as guides and teachers to lead others to Christ.

Pray for Persecuted Families

- 9.** Pray that God gives converted Muslim parents the wisdom to know how to teach their children to live out their secret faith in public.
- 10.** Pray that God will protect each home and each family. Satan desires to tear families apart – pray that God will prevent that.