

Dear Father,

We humbly request your support and prayers for Courage in Faith Week, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide. In 2026, our week will be March 22nd-March 29th.

We encourage you to celebrate a special Mass at your parish for the persecuted and suffering on March 22nd, or any day during this special week, to join us in solidarity with the Church in Need.

Additionally, we would be grateful if you would distribute our materials and resources to your parishioners, helping to inform your faithful about the urgent needs of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Church and your compassion for the persecuted.



**George J. Marlin, Chairman**  
Aid to the Church in Need - USA



Funeral mass of seminarian in Nigeria. © ACN

## **PERSECUTION AT A GLANCE**

### **SYRIA**

The once-vibrant Christian communities of Syria have been ravaged by years of conflict and persecution. Much-reduced Christian communities are plagued by extreme Islamist oppression and attacks on Christian-majority towns and villages.

### **NIGERIA**

According to Father Remigius Ihyula, a local project partner, 67 attacks have occurred since the beginning of 2024, resulting in 239 confirmed dead, 60 injured, and 65 kidnapped. Young Christian women continue to be abducted and forced to convert to Islam.

### **INDIA**

In recent years, there has been a rapid increase in violence against Christians. Christian books burned, churches destroyed, pastors killed and beaten, faithful “detained” while at services. Even in death, Christians cannot find peace, as burial rights are being denied in one India state.



# Answering the Call

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Father, here are three actions  
you can take to support **Courage in Faith Week:**



Archbishop Kulbokas in Ukraine answering the call and consoling a priest freed from captivity, 2024. © ACN



Father Remigius consoles victim of Boko Haram in Nigeria. © ACN

## 1. Be a Voice of Faith

You can be a voice of faith and religious freedom on social media and your website. Use your platforms to show support for those suffering or those who have lost their lives for their faith. Share our QR Code below with your parishioners for ways they can join Courage in Faith Week.

## 2. Get Students Involved

Invite your school or children's faith formation to participate by having them pray for the persecuted during Courage in Faith Week. Students can wear an item of red clothing, symbolizing solidarity with those who suffer because of their faith. Ask those who are involved to donate \$1 each as a school fundraiser.

## 3. Engage Your Parishes

Ask your neighboring parishes to embrace Courage in Faith week and stand strong with our suffering faithful around the world.

We will supply you and your brother priests with materials to distribute in their churches, including fliers, brochures and prayer cards. If you'd like, we can also offer special prayers that you can say during the week for the persecuted faithful in different regions of the world.

  
Please share this  
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your brother  
priests



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