

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE SUFFERING AND PERSECUTED CHURCH?

The Church needs you. Join the Holy Father in this journey of Faith.

Pray and keep Faith with those who suffer for Christ. Heal the wounds of persecution.

Be a Voice and take a stand in defense of persecuted Christians. You can share this brochure with friends and family. You can ask your elected officials to protect religious freedom.

Support Aid to the Church in Need.

With your generosity we can:

- Meet the spiritual and material needs of the persecuted Church.
- Provide pastoral care for souls and assist refugees, the poor and the marginalized.
- Sustain our courageous missionary priests and nuns as they risk their lives for Christ.
- Rebuild and repair damaged and desecrated churches.
- Support vocations so that there will always be someone in God's house to serve.



Under the guidance of the Holy Father, Aid to the Church in Need provides pastoral and humanitarian assistance to the persecuted Church around the world.

For almost 80 years, our donors have reached out to the suffering, the distressed and the poorest of the poor.

Through Aid to the Church in Need, you can make a difference! You can support our suffering brothers and sisters.

Will you stand up for your Faith? And accompany our brothers and sisters on their spiritual journey?

“Let us share both in the sorrow and the gladness of the persecuted Church so that pain may be divided and joy doubled and this darkness would become a little easier to live in.”

*— Father Werenfried van Straaten (1913-2003)
Founder, Aid to the Church in Need*



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KEEPING THE FAITH ALIVE

HELPING THE PERSECUTED CHURCH



“Their martyrdom continues to spread the Gospel in a world marked by hatred, violence and war. No one can silence their voice or erase the love they have shown.”

— Pope Leo XIV



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THE TEST OF FAITH

“Blessed are they who are persecuted...
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:10

Would I risk everything to
profess my Faith?

Would I risk my family, my home,
my job, to proclaim the Faith?

We hope you are never put to this test.
But, unfortunately, these are questions
confronting our brothers and sisters
around the world each day.

Today, persecution of Christians is as
brutal and vicious as that experienced by
Christians in the early Church. Many of our
brothers and sisters in the Middle
East and other regions are
coming face to face
with evil.

How would you feel if
St. Patrick's Cathedral
in New York City was
captured and desecrated
by jihadists? Or if the
Basilica of St. Peter
in Rome was seized
and turned into a
mosque? This is what
has happened to many
churches in Iraq
and Syria.



THE FACE OF SUFFERING



Some of the wounds of persecution are visible
- machete scars to a young Christian's neck in
Sudan or the burn marks to a young girl's face
in Orissa, India (pictured here).

Some attacks result in modern-day martyrs,
like Father Daniel in eastern Congo, shot in
the head and killed inside his rectory. And
Jesuit priest Frans van der Lugt, shot twice and
murdered in Syria, while protecting Christians
trapped in an old monastery.

Our Faith is targeted in many ways:

- In North Korea, atrocities against Christians include enforced starvation and abortions.
- In China, priests are regularly placed under surveillance and house arrest, even abducted, never to be seen again.
- In Nigeria, young Christian girls (under the age of 18) are kidnapped, abused and forced to convert to Islam.

Christian practice and symbols are
threatened in places like Pakistan, Iraq,
Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria.



Persecution around the world has
manifested itself through the centuries,
but it is worse today than ever before.
Aid to the Church in Need and its donors
have been there to help since 1947,
never abandoning the Church or her most
vulnerable children.

With our donors, we stand on the frontlines
supporting the courageous priests, nuns,
and lay people as they endure
public humiliation, daily
harassment, violence,
torture, forced
labor and brutal
assassinations.

Can we count
on you?

Will you stand
united in Faith?

