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## Grassroots Prayer Conference Call for IDOP

8 am – 8 pm (EDT)

**Dial: (559) 726.1300**

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### International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) on November 3rd is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide. Its primary focus is to encourage intercessory prayer on behalf of persecuted communities of the Christian faith.

#### Place and power of prayer:

- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 - Prayer is desired and required for persecuted believers.
- Romans 15:30-33 - Our prayers help struggling believers.
- 2 Corinthians 1:10-11 - God works as we pray.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-18 - Spiritual battle requires spiritual weapons.
- James 5:16b-18 - The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

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### Devotional

*By Elizabeth Kendal International Religious Liberty Analyst and Advocate*

Every Christian who has ever suffered persecution knows what it is to be tempted to doubt God's faithfulness. The wicked scoff and boast, prosper and advance. God's children suffer and die under the blows of tyrants and terrorist who have no conscience and no fear of God (Psalm 10:2-11). We cannot help but cry: "Why Lord?" (Psalm 10:1).

Yet Jesus warned us that persecution would come (John 15:18-16:33), indeed, that tribulation/pressure would be inevitable in this world (John 16:33a). "But," he added, "take heart! I have overcome the world" (v33b).

Our omnipotent (all-powerful) eternal God *Yēhovah* is omnipresent (ever-present). He does not hide himself and is never far off, having promised: "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). (See also: Deuteronomy 31:8; Hebrews 13:5-6). And all his interventions are defined and motivated by righteousness, justice and everlasting love (*Hebrew: hesed*).

When trouble rolled in, threatening life and liberty, King David exercised radical faith in his faithful God. He petitioned *Yēhovah* (Psalm 10:12-18), confident that *Yēhovah* would hear and not ignore the cry of the afflicted/humble (*'anav*) (Psalm 9:12).

*You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry. (Psalm 10:17 NIV)*

Our English translation is very soft compared to what this verse is actually saying, which is: Our eternal God (*Yēhovah*) hears the desire / longings (*ta'avah*) of the afflicted / helpless / humble (*'anav*); he strengthens / makes firm / establishes (*kuwn*) their hearts, and always remains keenly, sharply attentive with ears pricked (*qashab*) to hear (Psalm 10:17).

It is in arrogance, folly and faithlessness that we invest our hopes in human beings (that are mortal), human institutions (that cannot save), human works (that are insufficient), political power (that is self-interested), military might (that is unprofitable and useless).

If we will but petition our faithful God, then even if our cry is but a whispered prayer, delivered with heavy heart and failing breath from a dark and lonely place, our faithful *Yēhovah* will hear because he has inclined / extended (*natah*) his ear toward us (Psalm 116:1-2). Sometimes, in wisdom and providence, God waits<sup>1</sup> / tarries (*chakah*) to show grace and mercy (Isaiah 30:18a). That does not mean he has not heard. "Blessed are all who wait (*chakah*) for him" (Isaiah 30:18b). He has promised salvation. Cry / petition / pray / intercede with confidence to our faithful God who hears, and wait / keep watch (*tsaphah*) in faithful expectation (Psalm 5:1-3).

<sup>1</sup> Wait: as in "remain inactive in expectation (of something)" (Collins Concise Dictionary, Fifth Australian Edition)

**Bible Readings pertaining to persecuted:**  
<http://idop.org/pages/resources/bible-readings.php>

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