



Aid to the  
Church in Need

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## Prayers of the faithful

(From the Mass)

### ***R/* Lord hear our prayer**

Merciful Lord, support our Christian brothers and sisters who are afflicted by discrimination and religious persecution. Give them the strength to respond to hatred with love. We pray to the Lord. ***R/***

Merciful Lord, give strength to all persecuted Christians, especially those called to build a civilization of love amidst the sufferings in society. We pray to the Lord. ***R/***

Merciful Lord, keep our hands and our hearts open as much as possible to help assuage the torment of Christian communities, in particular those who have nowhere to celebrate the Eucharist. We pray to the Lord. ***R/***

Merciful Lord, for the people who are martyred and killed every day because of their faith in Jesus Christ. May they be united with You in your Glory. We pray to the Lord. ***R/***

Merciful Lord, protect all families that are in exile in our world. May your Holy Spirit be present and alive through all the people they meet and the challenges they encounter on the perilous and unpredictable roads ahead of them. We pray to the Lord. ***R/***





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Merciful Lord, keep your Church, its pastors and our Pope Francis in constant solicitude for all the children of the earth (and bless the work of Aid to the Church in Need). We pray to the Lord. *R/*

**Or:**

(From the Vigil)

For all those who suffer persecution because of Your Name so they remain patient and may their struggles be shortened. We pray to the lord. *R/*

For imprisoned or kidnapped Christians that they may remain strong in their faith in these difficult times and gain their freedom. We pray to the Lord. *R/*

For past and present martyrs, may their witness be kept alive and nourish the faith of thousands. We pray to the Lord. *R/*

For the hearts of persecutors and jailers, may they be touched by your love as was the case for Saint Paul on the road to Damascus. We pray to the Lord. *R/*

So that the persecuted may be able to forgive their tormentors for what they have endured and that, seeing their example, tormentors may welcome the forgiveness of God and change their lives. We pray to the Lord. *R/*

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