

## The Lord's Prayer for the Persecuted Church



### **Our Father in heaven**

Thank you that we can approach you as Father.

### **Hallowed be your name**

May your name be honoured by our lives, in our suffering and dying for Christ's sake.

### **Your kingdom come**

May this world order pass away and your kingdom come.

### **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

May you build your Church through suffering. Help us to confess your name faithfully and grant that our persecutors may turn to you.

### **Give us today our daily bread**

Supply the needs of your witnesses in prison and their families at home, and the widows and orphans of the persecuted.

### **And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors**

Forgive us when we have been ashamed of your witnesses and when we have forgotten them. Forgive us where we have betrayed you, and lead us back into fellowship with you. Help us to choose to forgive those who hurt or harm us.

### **And lead us not into temptation**

Keep us from trials which we cannot bear and give us patience to remain steadfast and to keep the faith.

### **But deliver us from the evil one**

Deliver us from the adversary who roams around us, and from his helpers.

### **For yours is the kingdom**

You will establish your reign and you will judge in your time.

### **The power**

You are helping us to remain steadfast unto death

### **And the glory, forever**

For in the end all will have to honour you, and every knee will have to bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

### **Amen**

### **Maranatha**

Yes, come Lord Jesus!

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