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PRAYER FOR SUFFERING CHRISTIANS

[The following guidelines as to how we should pray for Christians under persecution because of their faith is believed to have come from Richard Wurmbrandt. Ed.]

Pray for God's suffering children, that they may be *"living epistles, known and read of all men,"* even though the written Word has been destroyed. Pray for them to be kept *"faithful unto death."* Claim the promise, *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."*

Let us pray for them, that the awesome sense of God's presence shall be revealed all around them, as in revival times elsewhere, and that He will perform those wonders which man cannot imitate, and come down to earth in the power of the Holy Spirit, the conviction of sin, the forgiveness of sin at the cross of Christ with tears of joy, the overwhelming sense of gratitude to Jesus for being *"wounded for me."*

Let us ask Him to give them deep in their hearts the glowing love of Jesus that nothing can quench, to give them dreams and visions of Himself in all His beauty and loveliness, to give them songs of joy in the Holy Spirit.

Let us ask Him to work for them miracles of deliverance and miracles of conversion and salvation for those who hate them.

Let us ask Him to enable them to have fellowship one with another, and to retain their printed Scriptures and hymn books, . . . pray for the way to be opened for visits and letters from God's servants.

Ask for them grace to see the hand of Jesus outstretched, protecting them, so that nothing can touch them except through His nail-pierced hand. Thus they may, by faith, kiss that lovely hand of His, until they realize it is His hand that wounds them, in order to bring them into the fellowship of His sufferings.

Then ask the Lord to reveal to them the eternal glories shining afar. Beyond that, may they see Jesus returning to earth to reign . . . We can never know the real inner heart of God except by suffering, as we follow in His footsteps. Pray that they may believe this and be patient.

Pray that they may know that *"to live is Christ and to die is gain."* Pray that none may be lost, but that all may be present at that Day when *"His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face."* And may they look forward to the day when *"they shall hunger no more . . ."*