

20th October 2024

INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH 3rd and 10th NOVEMBER 2024

"If one member suffers, we all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together." – 1 Corinthians 12:26

Greetings from the Evangelical Fellowship of India,

You are invited to join the International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), an initiative of the World Evangelical Alliance promoted in India by the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI). IDOP is an opportunity to unite with churches worldwide in praying for persecuted Christians.

Persecution is a harsh reality. Last year, nearly 5,000 Christians were killed for their faith, over 14,000 properties were attacked, and 4,000 believers were detained. Around 316 million Christians globally live under severe persecution, facing threats to their lives and freedoms.

In India alone, EFI's Religious Liberty Commission has documented nearly 570 incidents of violence and hate crimes against Christians in the first nine months of 2024.

Despite these challenges, the Word of God gives us hope. Deuteronomy 31:6 encourages us to be strong and courageous, reminding us that God will never leave nor forsake us. IDOP is a time to remember and intercede for our persecuted brothers and sisters, while also praying for the souls of their oppressors.

EFI urges churches, organizations, and individuals to hold special IDOP services on 3rd and 10th November 2024. Resources, including posters, pamphlets, and prayer calendars, are available on www.idop.org.

We hope you will participate in this vital event. If you'd like an EFI representative to join your IDOP observance or wish to share your experience, please contact us at mail@efionline.org. To support EFI's work financially, donation details are provided below.

Warm Regards,

Rev. Vijayesh Lal, General Secretary

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