

SCRIPTURES ON PERSECUTION

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MATTHEW 5:10-12

Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

MATTHEW 10:16-18

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

1 PETER 4:12-14

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

REVELATION 2:10-11

Resources to Learn More

New Wineskins Missionary Network | newwineskins.org/apcn

Because of New Wineskins long history of Anglican mission initiatives, it is now the communication hub for the Anglican Persecuted Church Network (APCN). APCN is a network within the Anglican Church in North America's Global Mission Initiative. Their purpose is to mobilize Anglicans to pray and advocate for the Persecuted Church globally and to live out the reality that we are all one body in Christ.

Open Doors International | www.opendoorsusa.org

A community of Christians who come together to support persecuted believers in more than 60 countries. Open Doors maintains, researches, and updates a yearly, country specific World Watch List that focuses on the persecution of Christians worldwide. Among other opportunities and services, they can provide free email updates that inform about persecution incidents around the world.

Voice of the Martyrs | www.persecution.com

A nonprofit interdenominational missions organization that serves persecuted Christians around the world. It provides help for those who have suffered persecution themselves or to the families of Christians imprisoned or killed because of their witness. They provide a variety of opportunities and ways to stay updated on specific prayer needs of our persecuted family. www.vomradio.net is a weekly radio outreach of the ministry featuring interviews with courageous Christians in countries where the Gospel is opposed or banned altogether.

Doors of Hope International | www.dohi.org

Their focus is to strengthen and rebuild the suffering church in countries where persecution and intolerance exists.

Barnabas Aid | www.barnabasfund.org

Works to stand alongside our Christian brothers and sisters where they suffer persecution and suffering by providing aid through partners on the ground. Website describes opportunities to help and updated reports.

