

*November 8, has been designated "International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church". The following prayer is offered for your use on that day or any other.*

*Gracious Father in heaven, through the atoning merits of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the regenerating work of your Holy Spirit, you have gathered together men, women and children of every race, tongue and nation and adopted them into your family. All the while, Satan and those who serve him, continue to harass your people, seek to stifle the good news of salvation, and sow lies and dissension in order to overthrow the truth. You have promised, Lord, that even the gates of hell will collapse before the gracious onslaught of the Gospel. We implore you, therefore, protect those whose lives are endangered because of their faith, frustrate the plans of those who do Satan's bidding, and open new doors for the further spread of your precious Gospel. Work repentance in those who are driven by hatred for the truth, and bring them to the knowledge of salvation, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*