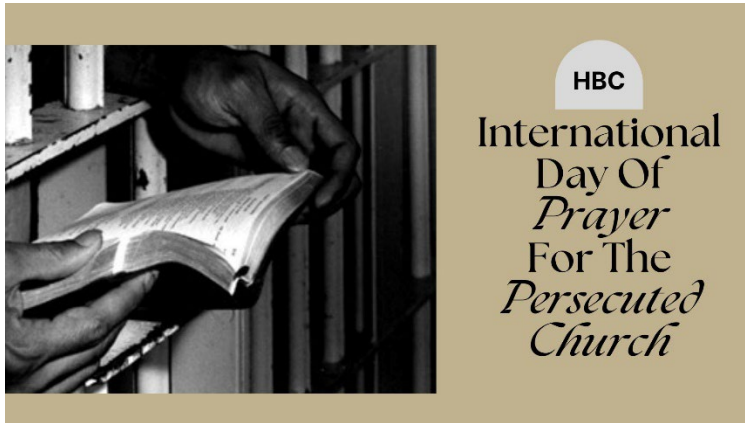




INTRODUCTION

We remember the persecuted church. Praying for their relief, endurance, and joy. Paul writes of how God has given him provision and the secret to enduring in suffering.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Philippians 4:10-14**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- What is it that makes Paul rejoice?
- How has Paul been brought low?
- What is that Paul has learned? What is his secret?
- What does it mean to have the strength of Christ?
- Why does Paul find kind fellowship with the church of Philippi?

APPLICATION

- How can we show concern for our brothers and sisters (both here and abroad)?
- Do you have contentment in all things?
- How have you been brought low?
- How are our brothers and sisters around the world been brought low? (Consider your IDOP prayer guide for this question.)
- How does the strength of Christ help those who suffer persecution?
- How has Christ shared in your troubles? What did the sufferings of Christ accomplish for you?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?