

Father, we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. We declare that you are their light and their salvation, and that they will not fear what men may do to them. As they stand strong in the faith, your powerful protection and mighty deliverance will be demonstrated, even as a testimony to their persecutors.

Lord, you promised your people that when we pass through the waters, you will be with us; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow us. When we walk through the fire, we shall not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon us. We believe that you will deliver your people from the fiery furnace of oppression.

Not a single hair on their head will be singed. They will not even smell like smoke, as they emerge unscathed.

You also said in your Word, "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We release the protecting power of your Word today in the lives of those who are being abused, oppressed, and tormented for their faith in Jesus.

We know you will not leave them nor forsake them. We declare that those who have promoted and participated in acts of oppression and violence against the Church in those hostile lands will be ashamed and disgraced. They shall perish and be as a non-existent thing.

Father, you are faithful. You are a source of courage and strength to the poor, a stronghold for the needy in their distress, a refuge from the storm, and a shade from the heat. You will deliver the persecuted from the mouth of the lions. They shall not be given into the hands of the cruel and wicked who afflict them.

We have the assurance from your Word of miraculous protection for our oppressed brothers and sisters, Lord, for you said, "I will surely deliver you, and

you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in me."

Right now, we release ministering spirits with special orders, to protect the persecuted, defending them from all harm. If they are lured into a trap, the angels will be there for them, and will keep them from stumbling or becoming ensnared. They will even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath their feet!

Lord, because they have loved you, delighted in you, and have been loyal to your name, you will greatly protect them. You will answer their cry for help every time they pray, and they will feel your presence in their time of trouble. You will deliver them and bring them honor. You will satisfy them with a full life and with all that you do for them. For they will enjoy the fullness of your salvation!

Father, we also believe that you will not only protect your down-trodden people but also deliver them. Jesus, when describing your ministry, you said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor; He has sent me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed, who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down."

We thank you, Lord, that your chain-breaking, prison-shaking anointing, the Spirit of liberty, is setting captives free all over this world, and the nations of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ! And you shall reign forever and ever!

In Jesus' name, Amen!

