

Ways to Share on IDOP Sunday

November 2

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Sharing about persecuted Christians on IDOP Sunday can be easy! Here are some ideas:

- **Take five minutes to pray** for persecuted Christians during your service. ICR can supply information on a country that is connected to your congregation.
- **Show a brief video** explaining the importance of praying for persecuted Christians.
- **Display a banner** with prayer points. This could also be a poster or bulletin insert.
- **Host a resource table** after a service to raise awareness and mobilize prayer. ICR can provide items for the table.
- **Request a speaker:**
 - An ICR staff member can share an update on persecuted Christians.
 - A persecuted believer can share their story.
 - A speaker can share a biblically-based sermon about persecution.
- Invite your congregation to **give to a specific project** that would support and equip persecuted Christians.

We want to help you make the most of the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted** this year.

Approaching your church to include an IDOP focus:

- Pray, follow, and obey Jesus, and then be on the lookout for opportunities that He may give you to help our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- A key role of an ambassador is very much to act as a liaison, or conduit, between ICR and your church. Who are the key decision makers at your church that you can introduce ICR to, and what meetings (in person or online) can you facilitate to make these introductions?
- Do you need a 1:1 meeting with your pastor to see if there is buy-in before proceeding? Do you need permission from the elders or board before running an official event?
- Don't hesitate to ask ICR for materials to bring to these meetings so you can advocate for supporting persecuted Christians and help your church leaders be familiarized with ICR's organizational vision and mission and answer questions. If you need help, ICR staff are ready to assist you in this, too.
- Presenting a specific project could be a way to help the church focus their assistance and feel a sense of ownership over helping persecuted Christians. Choose a project that fits with your church and that church leadership desires to help. For example, helping Nigerian widows and orphans, or sending Bibles to Iran. ICR has several one-page project descriptions that can help with this.