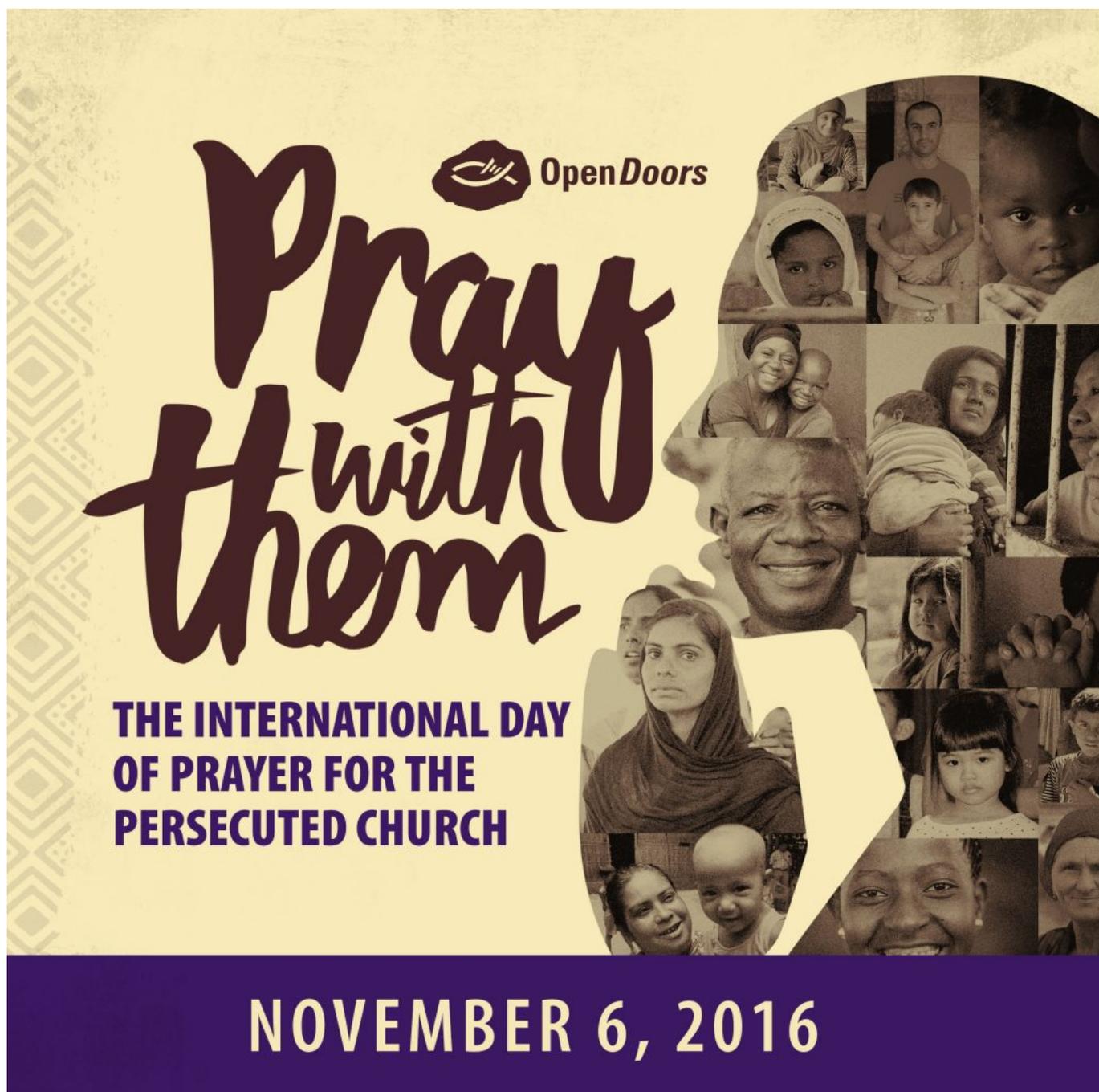


International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church with Guest William Stark



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**THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER FOR THE
PERSECUTED CHURCH**

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

The simple act of living out their Christian faith is dangerous for so many Christians around the world. Because of extremism, many are part of underground churches that worship in secret. Other have no community support at all and worship

on their own.

Let's consider some facts on persecution. According to [Open Doors](#), every month around the world the following occurs:

- 322 Christians are killed for their faith
- 214 churches and Christian properties are destroyed
- 772 forms of violence are committed against Christians (this includes beatings, abductions, rapes, arrests, and forced marriages)

According to the [Pew Research Center](#), among the world's 25 most populous countries, these five countries have the highest religious restrictions: Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Russia, and Turkey.

2016 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

This Sunday, November 6, 2016, is the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**. Please take some time to pray for those who are suffering for their faith. I have listed resources here that will help you to pray in an informed way. These resources also highlight other ways you can help if you desire. For example, through VOM I have purchased [Action Packs](#) and filled them with blankets, clothing, etc. for displaced Christians. You'll find numerous opportunities to make a difference. But remember, we need to start with prayer, as that is the most powerful way to affect change.

Update to 2013 Podcast

In 2013 I interviewed [Todd Daniels from International Christian Concern](#). This year Only By Prayer welcomes William Stark From ICC as he gives us an important update on what we can learn from the persecuted church and how we can support

them. Listen below or you can also [subscribe on iTunes](#).

Resources for the Persecuted Church

- [IDOP](#)
- [Open Doors](#)
- [Voice of the Martyrs](#)
- [International Christian Concern](#)
- [International Justice Mission](#)

There are other organizations as well. These will get your started as you seek to become informed and to help. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ, and feel free to post your prayers in the comment section.

Pray on!

A stylized, cursive signature in a light blue color that reads "Jane".

Voice of the Martyrs Interview with Todd Nettleton



For over 40 years, [Voice of the Martyrs](#) has worked tirelessly to help the cause of **persecuted Christians** around the world. Sunday, November 3, is recognized as IDOP, the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church. While it is important to pray everyday for those suffering for their faith, VOM is hoping to unite many churches and people to pray in unity.

In this videocast, Jane VanOsdol of OnlyByPrayer.com and Todd Nettleton, director of media development at Voice of the Martyrs (Persecution.com), discuss how VOM's resources can help you pray for the persecuted church on **IDOP** as well as all through the year. This short, 20-minute discussion is available in both video and as an MP3 so that you can download and listen to it at your convenience. Todd outlines several resources that will help you pray effectively and take action on behalf of those who are **suffering for their faith**.

Prayer and Action Resources:

- [Persecution.com](#)
- [Persecution.com/IDOP](#)
- [Icommittopray.com](#)
- [Facebook page](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Here is the videocast of the interview:

Here is the podcast of the IDOP interview:

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