

THE ORDER OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY AND OF THE CAPTIVES

October 16, 2023

Dear Brothers and Members of the Trinitarian Family,

Monday, October 23rd is the Feast of the Holy Redeemer. In anticipation of the Feast, the entire Trinitarian Family is encouraged to pray in a special way for persecuted Christians from Tuesday, October 16th through October 23rd. This Week of Prayer for Persecuted Christians will help create awareness in our communities and ministries about the plight of persecuted Christians, emphasize the importance of prayer, and inspire action to assist our brothers and sisters who suffer for fidelity to Jesus Christ. On page two of this letter, you will find suggested intercessions and activities for the Week of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.

As you are aware, S.I.T. USA in collaboration with the Sisters of Bon Secours had planned a day of events focusing on Interreligious Dialogue in the Holy Land for October 23rd. Regretfully, the two speakers who planned to travel from Israel as part of a speaking tour, including our event, have cancelled their plans due to the outbreak of war. Please pray for peace and long-term stability in the Holy Land.

Due to this change of events, the local community at Holy Trinity Monastery, Sykesville, Maryland will host a Holy Hour with Evening Prayer for the Persecuted Church. At the end of the Holy Hour, we will accept Mr. Erichson Masih into Postulancy.

**The Trinitarian Community at Holy Trinity Monastery
1400 Underwood Road
Sykesville, MD 21784**

**Invites you to join us for
A celebration of the Feast of the Holy Redeemer
October 16, 2023**

**Holy Hour with Evening Prayer for the Persecuted Church
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Acceptance into Postulancy
Erichson Masih**

**Dinner with the Holy Trinity Monastery Community
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Please r.s.v.p. by Saturday, October 21 to: treasurer.provincial@gmail.com

Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Fr. Kurt J. Klismet, O.S.S.T.
President, SIT USA

Suggested Activities, Prayers and Intercessions for
The Week of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

- 1.) Celebrate the Mass for the Feast of the Holy Redeemer on Monday, October 23rd. The Mass Prayers may be found in the Trinitarian Mass Propers.
- 2.) Celebrate the Mass for Persecuted Christians found in the Roman Missal on Friday, October 20th
- 3.) Pray Morning and Evening Prayer for persecuted Christians on a ferial day. (Copies are available)
- 4.) Encourage contributions to SIT or other organizations assisting persecuted Christians.
- 4.) Include the following Intercession in all Community, Parish and School Masses from Tuesday, October 17 through Monday, October 23rd.

Lord Jesus Christ, our holy Redeemer, You have called us to be your witnesses in the world, to proclaim Your love and truth to all nations. You have also warned us that we will face persecution, hatred, and violence for Your sake. Grant that those who suffer for their faith in You may be encouraged by Your promise to be with us always, even to the end of the age. We pray to the Lord...

Christ our Redeemer, we pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for Your name in many places around the world. We ask you to strengthen their faith, comfort their hearts, and protect their lives. We pray that You would grant them grace to endure hardship, courage to resist evil, and hope to overcome despair. We ask that You use their testimony to draw many to Yourself, and to advance Your kingdom on earth. We pray to the Lord...

Lord Jesus, we also pray for those who persecute Your sons and daughters, and for those who do not know You or Your love. We ask You to open their eyes, soften their hearts, and transform their minds. We pray that You would reveal yourself to them in power and mercy, and that You would grant them repentance and forgiveness and draw them into Your family. We pray to the Lord...

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of our faith, and for the privilege of sharing in Your sufferings. We ask You to unite us in your Spirit, and to fill us with your peace and joy. We ask You to bless your Church throughout the world and unite all Christians in your love. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for all members of the Trinitarian Family, that we may continue to create awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians, pray for those who suffer for the Faith, and collaborate on projects with alleviate the suffering of our persecuted brothers and sisters. We pray to the Lord...