

**A Call to Prayer for Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters
in Anticipation of the Feast of the Holy Redeemer, October 23rd**

Dear Fathers, Brothers, and beloved Members of the Trinitarian Laity,

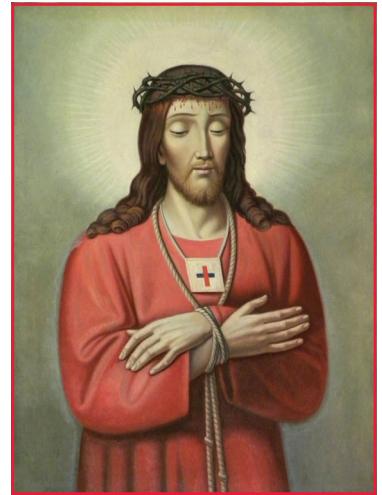
Blessed be the Most Holy Trinity.

As members of the Trinitarian Family, our charism calls us to the work of redemption and liberation. Today, the chains are often invisible, yet the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ who endure persecution is a poignant reality that demands our response.

In a spirit of unity and fidelity to our holy fathers, St. John de Matha and St. Felix of Valois, we issue this call to observe a dedicated Week of Prayer for Persecuted Christians, beginning tomorrow, October 17th, and concluding on the Feast of the Holy Redeemer, October 23rd.

Uniting Our Hearts in Redemption

This week is a vital period of spiritual preparation, leading us to the solemn celebration of the Feast of the Holy Redeemer on October 23rd. Let us make this year's preparation truly meaningful by spiritually liberating those who are captive to fear, violence, and oppression.



I invite every member of our Trinitarian Family to:

1. **Dedicate the Holy Mass:** Communities are encouraged to offer one Mass during this week for the intention of the persecuted Church. Special prayer intentions for persecuted Christians should be included in the prayers of the faithful. Homilies, when appropriate, may address the situation of persecuted Christians around the world, the importance of religious freedom, the works of the Trinitarian Family on behalf of persecuted Christians in history and in our own time. A special effort should be made to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Redeemer on October 23rd with greater solemnity.
2. **Pray the Divine Office:** Incorporate a specific intention during the intercessions of Morning and Evening Prayer for the safety and perseverance of Christians suffering for their faith. Pray Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Monday (10/20), Tuesday (10/21) or Wednesday (10/22) when there are no obligatory Solemnities, Feasts or Memorials. Pray the Office which is proper to the Feast of the Holy Redeemer on October 23rd.
3. **Observe a Holy Hour:** Commit to spending an hour in Adoration or reflective prayer, meditating on the passion of Christ and the suffering of the martyrs.
4. **Recite the Trisagion:** Offer this special devotion for the protection of those facing tribulation because of their faith in Christ and for the conversion of their oppressors.
5. **Share Information:** Provide others with information about the global persecution of Christians, including the soft persecution which is increasingly experienced in the West.
6. **Make a Sacrifice to Assist Persecuted Christians:** Make a sacrifice to provide support (time, expertise, money) to a project which assists persecuted Christians.

May the deep well of our Trinitarian spirituality—love for the Father, redemption through the Son, and unity in the Holy Spirit—flow out this week to comfort and strengthen the entire body of Christ.

During this Week of Prayer for Persecuted Christians, may our prayers and actions demonstrate our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith.

Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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