**A Prayer for the preservation and victory of the persecuted church in Manipur, India**

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Almighty and merciful God,

We pray for all our children who suffer persecution for the sake of your Name and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Comfort them with your Holy Spirit and deliver them from the hands of their enemies.

Do not permit the memory of your Name to be removed from the earth.

Do not let the enemies of your truth have occasion to dishonour and blaspheme your Name.

*(Prayer for the needs of all Christendom)*

Still, O Lord, the enemy and the avenger.

*(Psalm 8:3)*

We pray that your kingdom come.

Preserve your church, your people, especially in Manipur, India.

Destroy, O Lord, the works of the devil

And every power that raises itself against you.

And every conspiracy against your holy Word.

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 48)*

And where your church is under physical attack

We pray that you would give physical outcomes,

You who are our Saviour, both body and soul.

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 1)*

We beseech you, O Lord,

For fathers and brothers,

Those whom you task to protect wives and children

*(Form for the solemnization of Marriage)*

To promote their neighbour’s good

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 42)*

And to protect them from harm as much as we can

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 40)*

That you would teach their hands to make war

So that their arms van bend a bow of bronze

*(Psalm 18:34)*

So that they will triumph over your and your people’s enemies

And that they may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

*(1 Timothy 2:2)*

And that You, O Lord,

For the victory which you alone work,

Will be praised.

But if it is your divine will

That they must flee to remain alive,

Like our own forbearers, the Huguenots, had to flee France,

To find a safe haven elsewhere,

We pray that you would keep your hand over them

As you of old kept your hand over Joseph and his family when they had to flee to Egypt.

*(Matthew 2:13-15)*

But if it is your divine will

that persecuted Christians

by their death bear witness to the truth

and glorify your Name,

comfort them in their sufferings.

May they accept their trials as from your fatherly hand

and remain faithful in life and death

to the honour of your Name, to the edification of the church, and to their salvation.

*(Prayer for the needs of all Christendom)*

This we pray of You

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ,

Our Mediator

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 6)*

And our eternal King,

Who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

*(H.C. Lord’s Day 12)*

Amen

**Afrikaans:**

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Almagtige, Barmhartige God,

Ons bid U

vir al ons medebroeders

wat ter wille van die Naam en evangelie van ons Here Jesus Christus vervolging ly.

Wil hulle met u Heilige Gees troos

en genadig daaruit verlos;

En laat nie toe dat die gedagtenis van u Naam op die aarde uitgeroei word nie,

Sodat die vyande van u waarheid hulle nie beroem tot oneer en lastering van u Naam nie.

(𝘎𝘦𝘣𝘦𝘥 𝘷𝘪𝘳 𝘣𝘦𝘩𝘰𝘦𝘧𝘵𝘦𝘴 𝘷𝘢𝘯 𝘢𝘭 𝘥𝘪𝘦 𝘨𝘦𝘭𝘰𝘸𝘪𝘨𝘦𝘴)

Bring, o Here, u vyande en die wraakgieriges tot swye.

(𝘗𝘴. 8:3)

Ons bid U

Dat u Koninkryk sal kom.

Bewaar u kerk, u volk, insonderlik in Manipur, Indië.

Vernietig, o Here, die werke van die duiwel

en almal wat teen U opstaan

en alle kwaadwillige planne teen U bedink.

(𝘏𝘒 𝘚𝘰𝘯. 48)

Waar u kerkvolk onder fisiese aanslag is,

bid ons dat U ook fisiese uitkoms sal gee,

U wat na liggaam en siel ons Verlosser is.

(𝘏𝘒 𝘚𝘰𝘯. 1)

Ons bid U, o Here,

Dat U vir vaders en broers

Diegene wat u taak om vrou en kinders te bewaar;

(𝘰𝘱𝘥𝘳𝘢𝘨 𝘢𝘢𝘯 𝘥𝘪𝘦 𝘮𝘢𝘯 𝘪𝘯 𝘥𝘪𝘦 𝘍𝘰𝘳𝘮𝘶𝘭𝘪𝘦𝘳 𝘷𝘪𝘳 𝘥𝘪𝘦 𝘏𝘶𝘸𝘦𝘭𝘪𝘬𝘴𝘣𝘦𝘷𝘦𝘴𝘵𝘪𝘨𝘪𝘯𝘨)

Om die belange van hul naaste te bevorder;

(𝘏𝘒 𝘚𝘰𝘯. 42)

En alles wat die naaste leed kan doen te voorkom;

(𝘏𝘒 𝘴𝘰𝘯. 40)

Dat U hul hande sal leer om oorlog te maak

Hul arms om selfs die stramste boog te span.

(𝘗𝘴. 18:35).

Sodat hulle oor U en u volk se vyande sal triomfeer

En gevolglik ‘n stil en rustige lewe in alle eerbied voor U sal lei.

(1 𝘛𝘪𝘮. 2:2)

En dat U, o Here,

vir die oorwinning wat U alleen skenk,

verheerlik sal word.

Maar as dit u goddelike wil is

dat hulle moet vlug om in die lewe te bly

soos ons eie voorsate, die Hugenote,

uit Frankryk moes vlug om elders ‘n heenkome te vind

bid ons dat U, u hand oor hulle sal hou

soos U ook van ouds u hand oor Josef en sy gesin gehou het

toe hulle na Egipte moes vlug.

(Matt. 2:13-15)

En as dit u goddelike wil is

dat die gevange Christene

met die dood vir die waarheid getuienis moet gee

en u Naam moet prys,

Gee dan troos aan hulle in hul lyde,

Dat hulle dit uit u vaderlike hand mag aanneem en,

Deurdat hulle daarin u wil volg,

standvastig mag bly in lewe en sterwe,

Tot u eer, tot stigting van u gemeente en tot hulle eie saligheid.

(𝘎𝘦𝘣𝘦𝘥 𝘷𝘪𝘳 𝘣𝘦𝘩𝘰𝘦𝘧𝘵𝘦𝘴 𝘷𝘢𝘯 𝘢𝘭 𝘥𝘪𝘦 𝘨𝘦𝘭𝘰𝘸𝘪𝘨𝘦𝘴)

Ons bid dit tot U,

Deur U Seun Jesus Christus,

ons Middelaar

(𝘏𝘒 𝘚𝘰𝘯. 6)

En ewige Koning

Hy wat ons by die verlossing wat Hy verwerf het, beskerm en bewaar.

(𝘏𝘒 𝘚𝘰𝘯. 12)

Amen.