

Prayer Points

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God,
We thank you for our brothers and sisters in Christ
who have been faithful to you, even unto death.

Their testimony continues to resound in our world.
Thank you for the eternal victory that our Lord Jesus has secured,
which gives their sacrifice purpose and meaning. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the families of Christian martyrs

Father God, we pray for the families of those
who have been martyred for Christ and the gospel.
Wives and husbands, sons and daughters,
mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters.
They also have paid a high cost.

Comfort, protect and provide for them, we pray.
Grant them the grace to forgive and to pray
for those who would persecute them.
May they continue to know your peace
and the assurance of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the ministry of Release International

Heavenly Father,
As we remember those who have paid the ultimate price
for their faithfulness to Christ,
we pray for the ministry of Release International
and the partners it supports.
Grant them the grace and the resources
to strengthen, to encourage, and to care for
families who have lost loved ones
and for churches who have lost pastors.
Continue to build your church in these difficult places;
and we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**