



OpenDoors®

Guide To Running Your

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

Stand One With Them. Join thousands of churches worldwide in praying for the persecuted church. Your participation is more than just an act of solidarity; it is a powerful statement that the global Church is united against violence, seeking peace, protection, and healing for those who risk everything to follow Jesus.

## HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR SERVICE

We understand that every church is unique, so here are some suggestions to help you incorporate International Day of Prayer (IDOP) into your service:

### 1. Feature International Day of Prayer in Your Service:

#### Main Resource - Digital Prayer Cards

- Accessed via a simple QR code, allowing congregation members to engage directly from their mobile devices.
- Central to the IDOP event, providing detailed country information and focused prayers to equip you in your prayer time and beyond.
- Works together with the prayer points slide deck, guiding your congregation in lifting up our persecuted brothers and sisters to God.
- Consider leading prayer from the front or inviting the congregation to break into groups of 4, each praying for different regions/countries featured in the digital prayer resources.

#### Complementary Resources

- Use our IDOP video to bring the difficult reality of global persecution into your service.
- The slide deck serves as a helpful visual guide during prayer time.

### 2. Dedicate Your Entire Service to International Day of Prayer:

#### Create a Themed Service

- If you feel led to dedicate your entire service to IDOP, our preaching guide is available as a tool to assist you.
- The guide offers support and inspiration, while leaving you the freedom to develop your message as you see fit.

#### Utilise Multiple Resources:

- Incorporate the digital prayer cards, IDOP video, and slide deck throughout your service.
- This creates a unified and impactful experience, helping your congregation engage with the stories and faith of the persecuted church.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO ENGAGE:

### Stop the Violence. Start the Healing.

Take your place among thousands of other believers and sign the global petition to stop violence against Christians. Add your prayer to the prayer tree by visiting [opendoors.org.au/petition](https://opendoors.org.au/petition) | [opendoors.org.nz/petition](https://opendoors.org.nz/petition)

### Social Media:

Utilise our social media pack to promote your IDOP event, with ready-made content to help spread awareness and build engagement within your community.

## THANK YOU FOR STANDING ONE WITH THEM

Thank you for praying for the global body of Christ. Your dedication to pray for our persecuted family and your local church makes a real difference.

For any questions, please reach out to your Relationship Manager or contact us at [churchteam@od.org.au](mailto:churchteam@od.org.au)