



## A Prayer for Freedom

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Lord, thank You for the freedom we have.  
To sing Your praise. To read Your Word. To pray in Your name.  
Whether it's a Sunday morning church service or a mid-week Bible study,  
we are free to worship You.

Forgive us when we take this freedom for granted.  
We know our sisters and brothers — in many parts of the world —  
are not free to express their faith without persecution.

We pray, right now, for the families so deeply affected by this oppression.  
We pray that You will bring a comfort and a peace that exceeds human understanding.  
We pray that Your presence will surround them. That they will know You are near.

You see what they are enduring.  
You see. You know. You care. And we care too.  
We will not stop interceding for them.  
For freedom to reign.

We pray that our own hearts would be strengthened, too,  
that our faith in You will not be moved.  
Because You, Jesus, are the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior who redeems.  
We hold fast to You. No matter what may come our way.  
For a life in You is more precious than power or prestige or privilege.  
May we remember, with every breath, that a life in You is always the best life worth living.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen.