

"PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN"
2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-3; ACTS 12:1-17, EPHESIANS 6:18-20

I. THE PRAYER IS REQUESTED

-2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

NOTE: The Apostle Paul knew what it was to be persecuted for his faith (2 Corinthians 11:20-27) and in this passage is requesting the Thessalonians, who themselves had been persecuted for their faith (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16), to pray that he might be protected from those who would persecute him and the missionary team.

- A. Prayer for the Freedom the Effect of the Word of God - Vs. 1
 - B. Prayer for the Freedom from those who would Persecute Him - Vs. 2
- Paul found a lot of resistance to the Word of God where he traveled.

WE MUST ACCEPT THIS REQUEST AND PRAY IT REGULARLY!

II. THE PRAYER IS RENDERED

-Acts 12:1-17

- A. Peter in Prison for Preaching the Gospel - Vss. 1-5a
- B. Prayer for Peter in Prison Offered - Vs. 5b
- C. Prayer for Peter's Imprisonment Answered - Vss. 6-17

WE MUST PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AND TRUST GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS.

III. THE PRAYER IS REQUIRED

-Ephesians 6:18-20

- A. Prayer for Believers in General - Vs. 18
- B. Prayer for Believers facing Persecution - Vs. 19,20

WE MUST CONSISTENTLY APPLY AND PRAY AS PAUL REQUESTED FOR OTHERS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHERS WHO FACE PERSECUTION.

LESSON AND APPLICATION

1. Praying for the persecuted Christian is not an option but a certainty for free believers in Christ.
2. Praying for the freedom to proclaim the Word of God should be a regular exercise for all believers.