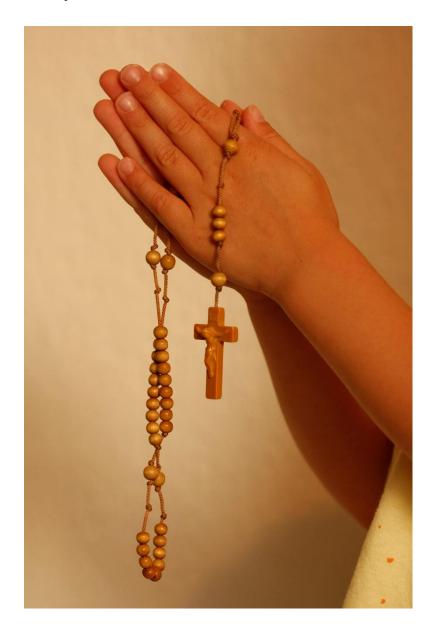


## **Rosary for Persecuted Christians**





PONTIFICAL CHARITY



## Introduction

Let us entrust to Mary, our Mother, all those who are suffering precisely because they are Christians. May she intercede on their behalf with our Saviour, Jesus-Christ.

1. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will be put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. Lk 21: 16-19

For all those who suffer persecution because of Your Name so they remain patient and may their struggles be shortened. Mary intercede for them.

2. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. Acts 16: 23-24

For imprisoned or kidnapped Christians that they may remain strong in their faith in these difficult times and gain their freedom. Mary intercede for them.

3. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Mt 5: 11

For past and present martyrs, may their witness be kept alive and nourish the faith of thousands. Mary intercede for them.







4. Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him. And he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" And he said "Who are you, Lord?" And he said "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Acts 9: 3-5

For the hearts of persecutors and jailers, may they be touched by your love as was the case for Saint Paul on the road to Damascus. Mary intercede for them.

5. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." Lk 23: 33-34

So that the persecuted may be able to forgive their tormentors for what they have endured and that, seeing their example, tormentors may welcome the forgiveness of God and change their lives. Mary intercede for them.

