



Leader: In the name of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Leader: You came and taught me to read. We are learning to write. Understanding better the Word will make it easier to translate faith to the many that persecute us. We live in Turkey, a country where half the people believe that Christians should not be able to express their views in print or public meetings. Christians should not be able to serve in the military, on police forces, or have anything to do with political parties. Yet the few Christians that are in this country have a strong desire to learn more about the Word. They want a better understanding of the Bible and the Rules of Concord. This, despite the fact they have freedom of worship, they remain without legal status.

Response: We are afflicted in every way, but not perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body, the death of Jesus; so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always been given over to death for Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (2 Corinthians 1: 8-11)

Leader: The many missionaries that have died so that we Christians might receive the Holy Spirit cannot be in vain. The Word must continue to grow with understanding; testimony of the word of God can be spread among the many unbelievers. As Christians that have many freedoms we need to understand the hardship that many Christians over the world have daily. We take for granted being able to pick up the study Bible and read every page. In Turkey they need the translation so they can read it all. They crave the understanding. They want more.

Response: If they persecuted Me they will persecute you...for they do not know the One who sent Me. (John 15; 19-21)

Leader: Every little Mite we put into the mite box is a sign to the commitment that we must help spread the gospel where ever it is needed. Christians around the world are risking life for the joy of sharing the Word of God. In filling the Mite boxes, we affirm that these people will not be persecuted and killed in vain. We work and donate with joy, so that maybe one day the persecutor will hear the Word of God and turn his life around.

Response: “Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted, prophets were before you. (Matthew 5:10-12)

All: Lord we ask in your name that the Holy Spirit come to those in need of your Word. Help us stand firm in the persecutors sight. Give us the means to spread your gospel over the world like honey on toast. Let your word stick to the hearts, minds and souls of multitudes, despite man’s effort to extinguish your love. Give us strength of armies to stand against the devil’s attempts to harden our hearts against people in need. Let our service show your love and caring for all that receive the benefits. In your name we pray, Amen.