

Prayer service for the persecuted Christians

Everyone is welcome when, for the tenth year in a row, a prayer service is held for the world's persecuted Christians. It will take place in Viborg Cathedral on 19 November 2023 at 4:30 p.m.



In many countries, religious freedom is under serious pressure. People are persecuted, discriminated, and harassed every day because of their faith. At this year's prayer service, we will pray for all the persecuted Christians and express our solidarity with them.

Focus on Eritrea

Bishop Henrik Stubkjær leads the prayer service, while the sermon is given by the Eritrean gospel singer Helen Berhane. She was subjected to imprisonment and torture because of her Christian faith before she came to Denmark as a refugee. Helen Berhane will also sing a song during the service, and after the service - where everyone is invited to the Parish Church for a sandwich - she will tell us more from her life.

Candle lighting and music

The service begins with a procession. Here, children from different countries will carry candles through the church. During the service, there will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle as a prayer for the world's persecuted. The Asylum Choir from "Udrejsecenter Kærshovedgård" will also participate in the service, which will be simultaneously interpreted into both English and Farsi.

It is a working group under the Diocesan Committee for the Church in the World, Viborg Diocese, which has organized the service and the event afterwards. This year, the service is organized together with the Catholic church in Viborg, St. Kjelds Church and the free church Åbenkirke in Herning.

More info

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