

Prayer service for the persecuted Christians

Everyone is welcome to join this year's prayer service for the persecuted Christians. It will take place in Viborg Cathedral on 17 November 2024 at 4:30 p.m.



In many parts of the world, religious freedom is under serious pressure. People are persecuted, discriminated and harassed every day because of their faith. The prayer service is an occasion to pray for these people and show solidarity with them.

Service in an international atmosphere

Bishop Henrik Stubkjær leads the service, which has a more international and ecumenical atmosphere than an ordinary "folkekirke" service. Some of the hymns will be sung in English, and the asylum choir from "Udrejsecenter Kærshovedgård" will also sing a few songs in Farsi. Usually, the participants in the service come from many different ethnic and church backgrounds. If you are not familiar with Danish, simultaneous translation into both English and Farsi is possible.

Guest preacher with Iranian roots

Golriz Ghozati (see photo) will deliver the sermon at the service. She was born and raised in Iran, but fled to Denmark with her family when she was only ten, and here she converted to Christianity. Now she is the national leader of the organization Mission Without Borders. After the service, Golriz Ghozati will tell a little more about her engagement in the cause of the persecuted Christians. This session takes place in the parish hall, where a sandwich is also served.

Candle lighting and prayer

The service begins with a procession where children carry candles through the church. During the service, there will also be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle as a prayer for the world's persecuted Christians.

It is a working group under the Diocesan Committee for the Church in the World, Viborg Diocese, which has taken initiative to the service and the event afterwards. The service is organized in collaboration between Folkekirken (Viborg Stift), the Catholic church in Viborg (Skt. Kjelds Kirke) and the free church Åbenkirke in Herning.

Additional information

If you have questions about the service or need additional information, photos etc., please contact Rev. Peter Fischer-Nielsen at pfn@km.dk or phone: 2399 8840.