

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2011



PRAY FOR NORTH KOREA

(Information for leading prayers)

OUTLINE FOR 5 MINUTES if more time available, use suggestions at bottom.

PREPARATION Download the PowerPoint presentation from www.churchinchains.ie and familiarise yourself with its content. Read through the Prayer Card.

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER Distribute Prayer Cards to people as they arrive.

INTRODUCTION Introduce the subject (*Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*) and mention that churches all over Britain and Ireland will be taking time in their worship services today to spend some time praying together for the persecuted church. State that Christians face persecution (including restrictions, attacks and imprisonment) in over 50 countries around the world. Go on to say that North Korea is the hardest place in the world to live as a Christian and that North Koreans are commanded to venerate the dictator, Kim Jong-il, known as "The Dear Leader".

Read Daniel 3 v 4-6: *"Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "This is what you are commanded to do, O peoples, nations and men of every language: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."*

Make the point that, just as in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, God's servants in North Korea are not permitted to worship the one true God but forced to bow down to idols – as shown in the following PowerPoint.

PRESENTATION Run the PowerPoint slideshow (25 slides - approximately 2 minutes long).

PRAYER Depending on the time available, choose one or more of the three themes (Government, People, Church) and pray using the points on the Prayer Card.

OUTLINE FOR MORE THAN 5 MINUTES

PREPARATION – as above

INTRODUCTION – as above, but read the full chapter of Daniel 3

PRESENTATION and PRAYER Run the PowerPoint slideshow and pause as follows:

PAUSE at SLIDE 10 (Army on display) – Pray for the North Korean government

PAUSE at SLIDE 17 (Refugee children) – Pray for the North Korean people

PAUSE at SLIDE 23 (MP3 Player in hand) – Pray for the church in North Korea



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