## WHAT DOES THE LOGO MEAN?

The letter 'N' in Arabic (Nun - pronounced noon) at the centre of the CNSPC logo stands for Nazarene — as Christians are referred to in the Middle East. IS painted 'N' on the doors of Christians' homes so they could be targeted. The 'Nun' sign has been adopted by Christians as representing their persecution — much as the yellow star, forced on the Jews by Nazis, represented theirs.

# **USEFUL LINKS**

**Aid to the Church in Need :** <u>acnuk.org/</u>
an international pastoral aid organization of the Catholic Church

Barnabas Aid: <u>www.barnabasaid.org/gb/</u>
Hope and aid for suffering Christians

Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of FCO Support for Persecuted Christians: christianpersecutionreview.org.uk

**Caucus for the Persecuted Church:** 

contact Dr Russell Blacker c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com

**CSW:** Christian Solidarity Worldwide: <u>www.csw.org.uk</u>
As Christians, we stand with everyone facing injustice because of their religion or belief

Fiona Bruce MP, UK FoRB Envoy: twitter.com/UK FoRBEnvoy

UK PM's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

**International Christian Consulate:** 

internationalchristianconsulate.com/

Protecting the growing needs and interests of Christians in the Middle East

#### International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church:

idop.org a global event that unites millions of Christians in prayer for the persecuted Church

IRFBA: International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance: www.state.gov/international-religious-freedom-or-belief-alliance/

A multinational effort to protect and advance freedom of religion or belief around the world

Mosaic Middle East: mosaicmiddleeast.org

Christian charity working across ethnic and religious divides

Open Doors: www.opendoorsuk.org/

Open Doors' World Watch List ranks the 50 countries where Christians face the most persecution

Release International: releaseinternational.org

Helping persecuted Christians, prayerfully, pastorally and practically.

**SAT-7**: <u>sat7.org/</u>

Broadcaster supporting the Christians of the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives

Supporting persecuted Christians: Government policy: House of Lords Library, March 2024: lordslibrary.parliament.uk/supporting-persecuted-christians-government-policy/

UK Freedom of Religion or Belief Forum : www.ukforbforum.org/

advancing the cause of freedom of religion or belief around the world

The UK and Global Freedom of Religion or Belief: Research Briefing, House of Commons Library Sept 2023:

commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9849/

International commitments on freedom of religion or belief, reports of discrimination, and UK international work on the issue

Visit <a href="https://www.ctcinfohub.org/persecution/">www.ctcinfohub.org/persecution/</a>
for more links, events, news and information

# SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHAT CAN I DO?

PRAY LEARN WITNESS





# **PRAY**

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#### **Privately** –

include persecuted Christians and those working to relieve their suffering in your personal prayers. Many organisations offer guidelines or prayer diaries to help you focus.

#### With others -

encourage any groups you attend that pray together to include the persecuted. Check if there are groups dedicated to praying for the persecuted near you – if not, perhaps you could start one?

#### In church -

encourage those leading intercessions to pray regularly for the persecuted church, and provide materials for others to use in their prayers. Maybe prayers could be included in church magazines/news sheets?

#### Join -

most of the organisations working in the field have mailing lists and produce regular newsletters. The Caucus for the Persecuted Church produces a monthly digest: to receive it e-mail Dr Russell Blacker at <a href="mailto:c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com">c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com</a>.

#### Read, listen and watch -

There is much material available on the background, history and reasons for persecution. Browse online, look out for films and broadcasts, explore your local library and bookshop. Perhaps start a book or watch group with others interested?

## Study -

the Bible has much to say about persecution. Why not encourage your church to make study materials available and perhaps run courses?

#### Remember -

wear a badge or wristband as a reminder to you to keep the persecuted in your thoughts and prayers, and to encourage others to ask questions. Support Red Wednesday and the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church in November each year.

## Lobby -

ensure you MP understands the importance of UK support for persecuted Christians. Write to papers, join social media groups, attend local events discussing the issues, and raise awareness in your church congregation.

### Support -

join letter writing campaigns to support individual Christians. Financial support is always needed by organisations working in the field.



JOIN THE CORNWALL NETWORK FOR SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS (CNSPC)

and meet others who share your concern - sign up for the mailing list at bit.ly/CNSPC or scan the QR code:

EVERYONE WELCOME!

