

# PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED

Remembering the Persecuted Church in Egypt

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“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-10, NLT

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Last Palm Sunday, dozens of Christians were killed when two Coptic churches were bombed in Egypt. In the aftermath of the bombings, a widow of one of the murdered men offered forgiveness to his killers in a televised interview. “Egyptian Christians are made of steel!” exclaimed the Muslim TV host. “If your enemy knew how much forgiveness you have for him, he would not believe it.” Attacks on Coptic Christians like the Palm Sunday bombings have become all too frequent in Egypt.

### Join us in praying for the persecuted Church in Egypt:

- Thank God for the witness of the Christian community in Egypt and pray that they would be strengthened and that the Church would continue to grow because of their witness.
- Pray for strengthened relationships between Christians and Muslims in Egypt.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones in attacks on Coptic churches in Egypt, and for those who are working to help them.
- Pray for other religious leaders in Egypt, that they would stand up for religious freedom for Christian Egyptians.
- Pray that the Egyptian state would administer justice fairly—that everyone would receive a fair trial, that offenses against religious minorities would be dealt with swiftly, and that judges would be unbiased.

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