Top 5 Prayer Requests

1. Courage

- Threats to freedom, securities, safety – genuine fears rise. Pray for Holy Spirit boldness
- Pray for believers to be spurred on to pray for those struggling
- Pray for courageous faithfulness to stand firm in the face of opposition – without cowardice – demonstrating fervent zeal when witnessing for the Gospel

2. Contentment

- Finding Joy in the Lord, apart from all else, is KEY to discipleship and belonging to God
- Gov. restrict citizens, intimidate them, remove freedom – discontentment rises
- Prayer to experience Godly contentment – overriding JOY found in Christ alone
- For believers to lose sight of ALL earthly things & gain a closer relationship with Jesus

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3. Consolation

- While misguided pursuit of earthly comfort may take place in the West – a pursuit of intimacy with God, peace, strength, etc. is prevalent in the persecuted Church
- The human spirit breaks after hard persecution leaving people feeling abandoned…
- Pray for the ever present love and nearness of Jesus to be felt by those left destitute

4. Compassion

- Key distinction of Christ followers is capacity to LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
- Prayer for ability to forgive… loss, rape, torture, insult, theft, harm to self, harm to family
- Prayer for feelings for retribution to be replaced with Christian charity for those afflicting
- Pray for testimony of Jesus to be strong to captors as they experience LOVE from Christians

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5. Composure

- Patience to endure suffering, wisdom during suffering
- Ability to stay focused on the still small voice of the Holy Spirit
- Believers would remain in line with God's Word, grounded faith, reliant of His Goodness
- Intercessors to be raised up to continue praying for the persecuted believers

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