

In Russia today if you stand for Christ your children may be taken away from you and put into a place to be raised as atheists. It is against the law to tell anyone under 21 years of age that there is a God. Yet the Word of God is being silently, quietly being disseminated and there are many who are suffering for His sake.

In this day of prayer let us think of the workers for Christ all over the world. One group of people I feel particularly sorry for right now are young men who are Christians in Russia, so many of whom have been seized by the Govt. and put into the army, trained and sent to Afghanistan. There in Afghanistan these Christian men are ordered to commit terrible atrocities against the people. Naturally the people react and many of them when they get a hold of one of these Russians men it is terrible the way they treat them. So I understand they are purposely selecting young Christians to be part of the soldiers who are being sent to be their instruments in Afghanistan.

The way things are going in the world we just wonder how much longer Christ will wait. He may come very soon and how wonderful if He would! But it may be a long time. He may want us to suffer for His sake. How important it is to be prepared now that we utilize every opportunity to prepare and fit ourselves to stand truly for Him no matter what we may have to face.

May God enable us in preparation for the day of prayer to look to God and become more conscious of Him than ever before. May He enable us to look to Jesus Christ, the very embodiment of love, the Second Person of the Trinity, the representative to us of the love of God. Oh that we may live with Christ so that we may say, To me to live is Christ. Oh let us look at ourselves and think of what needs to be changed, what needs to be developed and what needs to be crushed, what needs to be changed within ourselves that we may at this time praise God== pray God to work it out. Let us look at others at this time. Let us think of people we know, people who don't perhaps think amount to anything and yet are perhaps are the ones who will use in a great way, if we back them up with prayer and give them the help we can. Think of our families and how we can keep from failing God in this important area of our lives. Think of the great fields of the world and the need in every state of this union, in every country in this hemisphere, in every section of the world. How important our prayers can be.

When Dr. Goforth was carrying on his great missionary work in China he would have times of great effectiveness and he would have times of when it seemed as if he was just pushing, pushing, pushing and accomplishing little. Then when he would get home occasionally someone would come to him and would show how they had been praying for his work. At times they had neglected it and at times they had prayed particularly for him. Often they were the very times when God poured out His blessings and power on the great work in China.