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# **Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2019**

Let us pray that Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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Today, our modern society, which is so advanced, continues to persecute people because of their faith. There are people who die and who are persecuted for following Jesus Christ,

not to mention the discrimination against Christians in so many countries where they are not acknowledged, or where their existence is subtly rejected through insults and unjust demands.

Let us defend their rights!

“It might be hard for us to believe, but there are more martyrs today than in the first centuries.

They are persecuted because they speak the truth and proclaim Jesus Christ to this society.

This happens particularly where religious freedom is not yet guaranteed.

However, it also happens in countries where, in theory and on paper, they protect freedom and human rights.

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