

- 1 The persecution of Christians has been severe in Communist countries. Karl Marx was the inspiration behind Communism.
- 2 The daughter of Karl Marx explained to a friend that she had never been brought up in any religion, and had never been religious in any way. She said that she had just come across a prayer "*which I really wish could be true*", she said.
- 3 She was asked about the prayer. Then slowly, the daughter of the founder of Marxism began to say: "*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...*"
- 4 Let's remind ourselves for a moment that we are in our Father's presence...

(Pause...)

- 5 Let's pray those same words - "*the Lord's Prayer*" - joining in spirit with those millions of people down the ages who have suffered and been imprisoned and tortured for their faith:

- 6 **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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