

# **Leaving A Gift to Voice of the Martyrs in Your Will**



Thank you for considering leaving a charitable gift to Voice of the Martyrs in your will. Drafting a will is a very personal matter, and a way to provide for those you love and ensure the assets of your estate are handled appropriately after you are gone.

This information is provided as general information only, and is not legal advice. Wills are important legal documents, and you should consult your lawyer or trust organisation (such as The Public Trust Office) to draft your will or ensure that any changes you want made in your will are legally valid.

## What is a Will?

A will is your opportunity to provide instructions as to how you want your possessions to be administered in the event of death.

## Why do I Need a Will?

- A will gives you the security of knowing that those who depend on you will be provided for.
- A will may prevent conflict and anxiety amongst family and loved ones.
- A will precisely states your instructions and wishes, so your trustees are better equipped to administer your estate the way you intend.
- A will is also an opportunity to make any final charitable gifts you desire, that will continue to bless others long after you have gone.

## How Do I Make a Gift to Voice of the Martyrs in My Will?

It is relatively simple to make a bequest for Voice of the Martyrs in your will; however there are a few points that have to be included in the wording of the bequest to ensure that your wishes for the gift are correctly carried out. These include:

- Stating the name of the ministry clearly and accurately - "Voice of the Martyrs" and if possible using our Charities Services registration number CC50771
- Correctly stating which aspect of the ministry you want your gift to be allotted to. For example; Families of Martyrs fund, General fund, Front line ministry fund, or any other project on our projects webpage. There are many aspects of VOM's ministry to give to, and the staff at the VOM office can assist with your decision on how you want your bequest allocated.

## If You Are Planning on Drafting a Will

If you are planning to draft a will and you would like to include a gift for Voice of the Martyrs NZ, we have included a sample of draft wording below which you can copy and use in your will. Please consult with your lawyer or Trust organisation if you have any questions about the wording.

The correct wording for inclusion of Voice of the Martyrs in your will is as follows:

"I give free of all duties to Voice of the Martyrs (CC50771) the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, (or) \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate (or) the residue of my estate (or) property or assets as follows:

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**If you already have a will consult your legal advisor regarding adding a "codicil" or amending the will to reflect your desire to gift to Voice of the Martyrs.**

## **If You Choose to Make a Bequest to Voice of the Martyrs**

If you choose to make a bequest to Voice of the Martyrs in your will, it would be very helpful to us if you or your lawyer could notify us of your intentions. This would give us the opportunity to thank you personally and help you with any aspects of making the bequest. Please contact us using the details below:

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