



Prayer for the Persecuted Church

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.” Isaiah 40:1

“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.” Hebrews 13:3

Global Watchdog Open Doors reports that in just the last year...

- Over 365 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination.
- 4,998 Christians were killed for their faith.
- 14,766 churches and other Christian buildings were attacked.
- 295,120 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced, or imprisoned.

These numbers are heart-breaking. And sadly, they do not tell the whole story.

General Pray:

- Whatever their circumstances, God will give persecuted Christians the right words. (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- That persecuted Christians will understand and find peace in the sufficiency of God’s grace, even in their weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- That Christians facing hardship will draw from a source of power larger than themselves. (2 Corinthians 1:7-9)
- God be present in their hardship, protecting them according to His will.
- That their witness would inspire those who seek to harm them.

Eritrea

Persecution Type: Dictatorial paranoia, Christian denominational protectionism, Organized corruption and crime.

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Presidential Republic

Leader: President Isaias Afwerki

How You Can Pray for Eritrea

- The Eritrean government only recognizes three Christian denominations. Ask that God would intervene to bring about freedom for all of His people.
- Christians are at risk of arrest and forced military service. Pray for grace for prisoners and those forced into the military against their will.
- Imprisoned Christians in Eritrea's extensive prison network are often tortured, and medical treatment is withheld when they are sick. Pray that God's Spirit will be their comfort and companion in prison.

Yemen

Persecution Type: Clan oppression, Islamic oppression, and Dictatorial paranoia.

Main Religion: Islam

Government: In transition

Leader: Chairperson, Presidential Council Dr Rashad Muhammad al-Alimi

How You Can Pray for Yemen

- Please pray for strength and protection for believers living in areas where they are at risk from Islamic militant groups.
- Ask that converts from Islam would have wisdom and courage to share their faith, and that the underground church will grow.
- Pray for a breakthrough in Yemen—that peace will come to this nation that has faced years of brutal war and humanitarian crisis.

Nigeria

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression, Ethno-religious hostility, Dictatorial paranoia and crime

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Federal Presidential Republic

Leader: President Bola Ahmed Adekunle Tinubu

How You Can Pray for Nigeria

- Please pray that victims of violence and their families will find healing and hope in Jesus.
- Pray for peace, stability and safety in the areas where militants seem to attack with impunity.
- Pray for Open Doors partners helping displaced Christians with practical aid and spiritual care.

Pakistan

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression, Clan oppression, Clan oppression, and Organized corruption and crime

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader: Interim Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

How You Can Pray for Pakistan

- Please pray that Christians will be protected from spurious allegations of blasphemy.
- Pray that believers will hold onto their identity as children of God as they live in a society that often demeans them.
- Ask for the protection and welfare of Christian women and girls, and for the release of all those taken from their families.