



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.

Mauritania

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression, Ethno-Religious Hostility

Main Religion: Islam

Government: President Republic

Leader: President Mohamed Ould Cheikh el GHAZOUANI

How You Can Pray for Mauritania

- Please pray that believers will be able to find ways to meet together and grow in faith with a Christian community.
- Pray that God will overturn laws that forbid conversion from Islam, that all people will be able to follow the religion of their choosing.
- Ask God to protect His people from extremist groups and maintain political stability in Mauritania.

Bangladesh

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Religious Nationalism, Ethno-Religious Hostility

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Leader: President Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppi

How You Can Pray for Bangladesh

- Last year's riots and the breakdown of law and order led to many believers being attacked. Ask God to protect every Christian in Bangladesh, give them strength to stand firm in their faith, and to bring healing and comfort to the victims of attacks.
- Many believers in Bangladesh were impacted by a cyclone in May 2024. Pray for hope and restoration even as they deal with persecution and recovery from a natural disaster.
- Praise God for the Bangladeshi believers who continue to live as salt and light even though it puts them at risk.

Uzbekistan

Persecution Type: Islamic oppression, Dictatorial paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Presidential Republic (Highly authoritarian)

Leader: President Shavkat Mirziyoyev

How You Can Pray for Uzbekistan

- As the government continues to target Christians and churches for abuse, ask God to help them to persevere and be witnesses to Christ's love.
- Pray that unregistered churches will not be targeted or harassed by authorities.
- Ask God to be with converts from Islam, who can experience pressure from their families and communities.

Cuba

Persecution Type: (Post) Communist Oppression, Dictatorial paranoia, Secular Intolerance

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Communist State

Leader: President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez

How You Can Pray for Cuba

- Pray for church leaders in Cuba who can be targeted for surveillance and abuse from state authorities. Ask God to provide strength and wisdom.
- Pray that all churches – both registered and unregistered – will be allowed to remain open. Pray that authorities who monitor these churches will be touched by the message they hear.
- Ask God to provide strength and encouragement to Cuban believers as they walk with Him despite the pressure.