



*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.

## **Mexico**

**Persecution Type:** Secular Intolerance, Clan Oppression, Organized Corruption and Crime.

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Government:** Federal Presidential Republic

**Leader:** President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo

### **How You Can Pray for Mexico**

- Pray that God will protect His people living in areas where drug cartels and criminal gangs are present.
- Pray that God will continue to draw to Himself and care for believers from indigenous communities.
- Pray for God to strengthen Open Doors local partners, that they would be ambassadors who help to build Jesus's kingdom of hope and peace.

## **Oman**

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression, and Dictatorial Paranoia

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Government:** Absolute Monarchy

**Leader:** Sultan and Prime Minister Haitham bin Tarik Al Said

### **How You Can Pray for Oman**

- Please pray for church communities, that God will protect them.
- Ask that immigrant believers will have wisdom and boldness in living out their faith.
- Pray for Open Doors partners on the Arabian Peninsula to shine the light of Christ.

## **Ethiopia**

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression, and Denominational Protectionism.

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Government:** Federal Parliamentary Republic

**Leader:** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

### **How You Can Pray for Ethiopia**

- When believers leave Islam or the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and join evangelical communities, they can experience heavy pressure. Pray for them.
- Pray for believers living in unstable parts of Ethiopia where they may be targeted for following Jesus. Ask God to protect them.
- Pray for unity among all Christians in Ethiopia, that they will all remain dedicated to Jesus.

## **Tunisia**

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression and Dictatorial Paranoia.

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Government:** Parliamentary Republic

**Leader:** President Kais Saied

### **How You Can Pray for Tunisia**

- Please pray for God's protection for church leaders who courageously continue to speak out against government injustice.
- Pray that Open Doors persecution preparedness training and discipleship seminars will help believers live as salt and light.
- Pray that believers who are monitored by the government will not be deterred from sharing the gospel.