



*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.

**Central African Republic**

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

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Government:** President Republic

**Leader:** President Faustin-Archange Touadéra

### **How You Can Pray for Central African Republic**

- The civil war in CAR has lasted more than a decade – and there are no signs of it ending. Pray that God will bring peace.
- The political unrest in CAR has led to Christians being targeted by extremists. Pray that God would protect His people from harm.
- Pray for Christians who have survived sexual assault in CAR. Rebel groups often use sexual violence to persecute Christian women and girls. Pray that God would bring emotional, spiritual and physical healing to these survivors.

### **Niger**

**Persecution Type:** Islamic Oppression, Organized Corruption & Crime, Clan Oppression.

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Government:** Semi-Presidential Republic (prior to military coup in July 2023)

**Leader:** Gen. Abdourahmane Tiani

### **How You Can Pray for Niger**

- Please pray that God will bring order to the political chaos and prevent extremists from taking power or territory.
- Pray that God will protect Christians from Islamist attacks.
- Pray for converts from Islam, especially young people, who face rejection and oppression from their families and communities.

## **Turkmenistan**

**Persecution Type:** Islamic oppression, Dictatorial paranoia, Clan Oppression.

**Main Religion:** Islam

**Government:** Authoritarian Presidential Republic

**Leader:** President Serdar Berdimuhamedov

### **How You Can Pray for Turkmenistan**

- The church in Turkmenistan lacks unity. Pray for unity among Christians and their leaders.
- Ask God to make a way for His Word and other Christian materials to reach believers hungry for Scripture.
- Many church leaders in Turkmenistan are monitored by the authorities. Pray they will be protected and that they will lead with grace and peace.

## **Nicaragua**

**Persecution Type:** (Post) Communist Oppression, Dictatorial paranoia, Organized Corruption & Crime.

**Main Religion:** Christianity

**Government:** Presidential Republic

**Leader:** President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez

### **How You Can Pray for Nicaragua**

- 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.

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