



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.

Kyrgyzstan

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Leader: President Sadyr Japarov

How You Can Pray for Kyrgyzstan

- Pray for all persecuted Christians in Kyrgyzstan. Some have had to flee from their villages and homes. Pray for their safety and that they will continue to grow in their relationships with Jesus.
- Ask God to change the hearts of the Kyrgyz people toward Christians. Pray they will be accepted by their friends, families, neighbours and government officials.
- In some places, Christians – especially converts from Islam – are unable to bury their loved ones in local cemeteries, as they are forbidden by the local Muslim leaders. Pray that this practice will cease, and believers can mourn properly.

Brunei

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Absolute Monarchy or Sultanate

Leader: Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah

How You Can Pray for Brunei

- Pray for believers who have limited access to Bibles. Pray they would be able to read and study God's Word freely.
- Thank God that some churches are able to gather for worship, even though they exist in a murky legal reality. Pray they would continue to be able to stay open and disciple Christians in Brunei.
- Pray the monarchy in Brunei would be open to the truth of Jesus.

Chad

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression, Organized Corruption & Crime

Main Religion: Islam

Government: President Republic

Leader: President Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno

How You Can Pray for Chad

- Ask God to protect Christians who live in areas where they are vulnerable to attacks from Boko Haram or other Islamist militant groups.
- Pray that God's presence will encourage Christians in Chad, particularly converts from Islam. Pray that believers in Chad will be safe as they meet, and will be strengthened to live out their faith.
- As Chad faces displacement crises both internally and externally, ask God to help refugees and to equip His people to serve the displaced and the poor, particularly those who are followers of Jesus.

Jordan

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Denominational Protectionism

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

Leader: King Abdullah II

How You Can Pray for Jordan

- Thank God that many Christians in Jordan are free to worship. Ask the Lord to make their worship a sign of light and hope for the whole region.
- Pray for converts from Islam in Jordan. Their faith in Jesus can make them a target for abuse and even attack.
- Ask God to bless the monarchy of Jordan and help them to see the hope of Jesus in the lives of Jordanian believers.