



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.

North Korea

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia, (Post)Communist Oppression

Main Religion: Agnosticism

Government: Dictatorship, Single-party communist state

Leader: Supreme leader Kim Jong-un

How You Can Pray for North Korea

- Please pray that God will give Christians – both in and outside North Korea – eyes to see His light amid the darkness.
- Pray for the estimated 400,000 secret believers in North Korea, that God will make a way for them to worship with other Christians.
- Pray that God will refresh courageous believers with His peace.

Somalia

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader: Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre

How You Can Pray for Somalia

- Ask God to help secret Christians know they aren't alone.
- Pray that God will protect anyone in danger of attacks from Islamist extremists al-Shabab.
- Pray for secret believers who have children. These parents need wisdom as they teach their children about Jesus and how to follow Him.

Yemen

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Islam

Government: In Transition (as reported in 2025 list)

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

How You Can Pray for Yemen

- Pray that God will bring peace and justice to Yemen, and that the cries of His people will not be forgotten.
- Ask God to protect Yemeni Christians living in places where they could be attacked by Islamic extremists.
- Pray that God would help the underground church in Yemen flourish, and believers would be able to live as salt and light in an incredibly dark place.

Libya

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: In Transition (as reported in 2025 list)

Leader: President, Presidential Council, Mohammed Al MENFI

How You Can Pray for Libya

- Libya remains a country divided, with two groups grappling for control. Pray this tension will not boil into civil war that would further endanger believers.
- Christian migrant workers in Libya are at risk from extremist groups. Ask God to protect these believers, particularly in areas where there is no real rule of law.
- There are few churches in Libya, and converts from Islam are forced to follow Jesus in secret. Ask God to open doors for believers to find community so they can grow in their walk with Christ.