



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 388 million Christians live in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination.
- 4,849 Christians were killed for their faith.
- 3,623 churches and other Christian buildings were attacked.
- 224,129 Christians forced to leave their homes, go into hiding in-country or leave the country.

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.

Pakistan: 4,785,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Federal parliamentary republic

Leader: President Asif Ali Zardari

How You Can Pray for Pakistan

Pakistan's blasphemy laws continue to impact Christians. Pray for those accused unjustly of blasphemy and ask that God will help them avoid imprisonment or vigilante 'justice'.

Many Pakistani Christians are forced into menial jobs because of their identities as followers of Christ. Pray these believers will be sustained and know their value.

Pakistan's recent conflict with India left believers in both places filled with fear. Thank God that a ceasefire has held and pray that God's perfect peace will reign.

Libya: 36,300 Christians

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: In transition

Leader: Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh

How You Can Pray for Libya

Violence in May 2025 rocked Libya's capital, Tripoli, serving as a stark reminder of the country's instability. Ask God to make a breakthrough – that the rule of law could come to this nation that has been mired in chaos.

There are very few Christians in Libya, and if they're discovered, they could be targets. Pray that these believers could follow Jesus in safety and find fellowship.

Migrant Christians can be targeted both for their faith and their work status. Ask God to protect them.

Iran: 800,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Shia Islam

Government: Theocratic Republic

Leader: Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

How You Can Pray for Iran

In the aftermath of the conflict with Israel, many Iranian Christians report even harsher treatment at the hands of the authorities. Pray that God will ease these tensions.

Secret churches are growing, but they are always at risk. Pray for believers who put everything on the line to gather and worship.

The number of church leaders imprisoned in Iran skyrocketed this year. Pray for their release and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Afghanistan: Thousands Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Sunni Islam

Government: Theocratic

Leader: Taliban Leader Haybatullah Akhundzada

How You Can Pray for Afghanistan

Pray for Christians in Afghanistan who still endure after four-and-a-half years of Taliban rule. Ask God to protect His people and give them a spirit of hope and peace.

Several neighbouring nations have deported Afghan refugees. Pray for any Afghan Christian refugees who may be among this group; pray they will be protected from harm and be comforted.

Pray that God will change the hearts of the Taliban leaders. Ask God to soften their stance toward Christians and other religious minorities, and bring them the hope and joy of Christ.