



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.

India: 72,326,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Religious Nationalism, Ethno-Religious Hostility, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Hinduism

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader: Prime Minister Narendra Modi

How You Can Pray for India

Thousands of Christians in Manipur state remain displaced after the 2023 violence. Ask God to help these believers find permanent homes – and to give them hope.

Extremists continue to target Christians in India. Pray that believers would be spared violence and ask God to comfort those who have suffered attacks.

Pray that anti-conversion laws wouldn't be used to oppress Christians who are open to sharing their faith.

Saudi Arabia: 2,295,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Absolute Monarchy

Leader: Crown Prince and Prime Minister Muhammad Bin Salman bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

How You Can Pray for Saudi Arabia

Even though there are more than two million Christians in Saudi Arabia, there are no legal public churches. Ask God to make a way for believers to find fellowship with one another. Pray for expatriate believers who meet in secret, that they can continue to worship without hindrance.

Ask God to reach people in Saudi Arabia through dreams and visions – and that they would find opportunities for discipleship.

Myanmar: 4,632,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Dictatorial Paranoia, Religious Nationalism, Ethno-Religious Hostility, Organized Corruption & Crime,

Main Religion: Buddhism

Government: Military Regime

Leader: Acting President Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

How You Can Pray for Myanmar

The devastating 2025 earthquake left more than 3,600 people dead and hundreds of thousands displaced – Christians among them. Pray for these believers and all people in Myanmar as they rebuild.

Christians are targeted and discriminated against by the ruling military junta. Pray for a change of heart in the authorities.

Ask God to protect church leaders and evangelists in Myanmar who risk their lives to bring God's Word and discipleship training to Christians in remote areas.

Mali: 867,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Semi-Presidential Republic

Leader: Transition President Assimi Goita

How You Can Pray for Afghanistan

In 2025, Mali's political instability continued. Pray that God will make a way for peace to come, and that security will be established.

Christians face violence and displacement at the hands of groups associated with Islamic State and al-Qaeda. Pray for believers who risk everything because of their faith in Christ.

Ask God to strengthen Open Doors partners in Mali who help displaced believers by meeting their basic needs.