



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.

Algeria: 156,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Presidential Republic

Leader: President Abdelmadjid Tebboune

How You Can Pray for Algeria

Pray that the Christians who have lost their places of worship will be able to find fellowship. Nearly every Protestant church in Algeria has been forced to close or has suspended services.

Ask God to protect Christians who have converted from Islam. Conversion can be risky both for the person who changes their faith and for anyone perceived to have shared the gospel with them.

Pray for church leaders who are facing court cases for their commitment to the gospel. Pray they will be acquitted and able to continue to minister without harassment.

Mauritania: 11,100 Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression, Ethno-Religious Hostility, Organized Corruption & Crime

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Presidential Republic

Leader: President Mohamed Ould Cheikh el Ghazouani

How You Can Pray for Mauritania

Radical Islamic leaders have called Christians 'infidels' and 'apostates' – inciting public demonstrations against believers. Pray for the followers of Jesus who feel this pressure.

It is illegal for Muslims in Mauritania to convert to Christianity. Pray this law will be overturned.

The church in Mauritania is small but resilient. Ask God to encourage believers there and help them to grow in their faith and live out the Great Commission.

Central African Republic: 4,470,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: President Republic

Leader: President Faustin-Archange Touadera

How You Can Pray for Central African Republic

Ask God to bring about peace – trusting that the Prince of Peace can accomplish the miraculous. For more than ten years, the Central African Republic has been embroiled in conflict.

Pray for the victims of sexual violence in CAR. It's an all-too-common occurrence. Ask God to bind up the wounds of the sisters who suffer this horrific crime, and pray for their healing, in both body and soul.

Ask God to comfort those who mourn. So many Christians in CAR have endured the loss of loved ones.

Morocco: 37,400 Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

Leader: King Mohammed VI

How You Can Pray for Morocco

Moroccan church leaders have expressed the need for leadership training and growth. Pray for God to answer these needs.

Women who convert to Christianity can face severe persecution from their families and community. Pray these sisters would find fellowship.

Pray that Christians will be wise and courageous as they live out their faith in Morocco.

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