



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.

Laos: 219,000 Christians

Persecution Type: (Post)Communist Oppression, Clan Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Buddhism

Government: Communist Party-led State

Leader: President Thongloun Sisoulith

How You Can Pray for Laos

House churches in Laos are largely unregistered and often must meet secretly. Pray that God will protect these followers of Jesus.

Some Christian converts in rural Laos are expelled from their homes and villages after their faith is discovered. Pray that God will help them find shelter and give them the knowledge that they can take comfort under the shadow of God's wings (Psalm 17:8).

Ask God to soften the hearts of the Communist leaders in Laos, that they would allow the freedom to follow Jesus.

Congo DR (DRC): 104,159,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Semi - Presidential Republic

Leader: President Felix Tshisekedi

How You Can Pray for Congo DR (DRC)

Believers in the DRC face violence and displacement for their faith in Jesus. Ask God to give them courage and hope, even when life seems impossible.

Pray that the hearts of Islamic militants would be turned to Jesus and their crusade of hatred would be replaced by the peace and joy of the Lord.

Ask God to make His people peacemakers among the different warring factions in the DRC.

Mexico: 124,066,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Secular Intolerance, Clan Oppression, Organized Corruption & Crime

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Federal President Republic

Leader: President Claudio Sheinbaum Padro

How You Can Pray for Mexico

Christians living in some areas of southern Mexico encounter heavy persecution when they share the good news of Jesus. Pray that God will protect and encourage these brave believers.

Cartels are an ever-present danger in many parts of Mexico. Pray that God will thwart any plans for evil.

Pray for Open Doors local partners as they seek to encourage and walk alongside Mexican believers.

Tunisia: 23,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Leader: President Kais Saied

How You Can Pray for Tunisia

As protests continue against one-party rule, pray that God would bring about freedom for His people in Tunisia to practise their faith.

Converts from Islam can face substantial persecution. Ask God to protect these believers.

While foreign Christians are often allowed to worship freely, Tunisian Christians don't share that same freedom. Pray that followers of Jesus would find fellowship and grow in discipleship.