



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.

Ethiopia: 81,388,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Denominational Protectionism, Islamic Oppression, Clan Oppression
Dictatorial Paranoia

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Federal Parliamentary Republic

Leader: Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali

How You Can Pray for Ethiopia

- Christians who leave Islam or the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and join evangelical communities face rejection and persecution from their families and communities. Ask God to keep these believers safe and to unify His people in Ethiopia.
- Believers who live in areas where Islamic extremists are active can be targeted. Pray for their protection.
- Pray for Open Doors' work through our partners in Ethiopia, including trauma care and school projects. Pray this work would lead to better treatment for God's people.

Cameroon: 17,443,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: President Republic

Leader: President Paul Biya

How You Can Pray for Cameroon

- Pray for stability to spread throughout Cameroon. Pray for Cameroon's leaders to work to provide safety for every citizen.
- The far north of Cameroon remains an incredibly dangerous place for Christians. Ask God to keep His people safe and protect them from Boko Haram raids.
- Pray for the economic empowerment projects led by Open Doors partners in Cameroon. Pray that God would bless these efforts and use them to strengthen believers to follow Him, no matter what.

Oman: 191,000 Christians

Persecution Type: Islamic Oppression, Dictatorial Paranoia, Clan Oppression

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Absolute Monarchy

Leader: Sultan and Prime Minister Haitham bin Tarik Al Said

How You Can Pray for Oman

- While foreign Christians living in Oman are mostly able to practise their faith with little interference, native Omanis can face severe restrictions if they convert from Islam. Pray that God will protect these believers and help them to safely find a Christian community.
- Pray that Christians, especially new believers, will remain trusting and hopeful, even as authorities try to squash their faith via different methods of persecution, such as summoning converts for interrogation.
- Thank God for the Omani monarchy's tolerance for foreign Christians. Pray these believers would be salt and light in their communities within Oman.
- Any Christian who shares their faith can face consequences. Ask God to sustain believers and to help them to wisely and courageously live out the gospel.

Mozambique: 95,000 Christians

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

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Presidential Republic

Leader: President Daniel Francisco Chapo

How You Can Pray for Mozambique

- More attacks took place in Mozambique in 2025. Christians were among those targeted by Islamic extremists. Pray for victims' loved ones and for those who are displaced.
- Ask God to protect Christians from violent attacks and to encourage them in their faith.
- Pray that stability will return throughout Mozambique.